

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED US RECOGNIZE REMEMBRANCE DAY

LARGER-THAN-EXPECTED GATHERING WAS HAD THIS YEAR, WRITES DAVID MALONEY

On Nov. 6, we marched with pride along Mill Street to the cenotaph, masked up and with COVID-19 pandemic protocols all around.

We were not expecting a lot of people to turn up but were pleasantly surprised to find so many people in attendance, especially at the luncheon, where COVID protocols were even tighter.

We missed having the Acton Citizen Band, though several individual members were able to join us, including the bugler, young Alex McBurney, who did us the honour of playing the Last Post and Reveille.

On Nov. 11, our Navy League and Air Cadets were able to join us, along with a contingent from two schools who all read poems. Once again, the gathering was larger than expected.

Our first crack at a



DAVID MALONEY
Column

Christmas Bazaar on Nov. 13 was a huge success, as we saw a steady flow of bargain hunters go through the main hall, and one lucky lady took home \$880 from a 50/50 raffle.

On Nov. 20, we offered a Christmas with Santa breakfast and teamed up with local IT "Titan Tek" to offer photos with Santa. This provided us with some COVID protocol challenges, but we managed to produce a unique solution devised by the photographer, who delivered pictures of the kids in a frame held by Santa.

Cathy was super



Kaitlyn Knight photo
Jake Knight gets his photo taken with Santa Claus.

pleased with the entries that came from local schools for the Remembrance Day poster and literary contest. Judging the winners was a difficult task. Finalists will be contacted and invited to a special evening at the Legion.

All the above events have only been possible with the hard work of a small number of volunteers, enough to continue providing quality events. You know who you are, and the executive thanks you for your efforts. To all other members, please step up and help by volunteering.

The Turkey Roll is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 11. Lynda is hoping to have a pub night on Dec. 17.

Please check the webpage at legion197.com, and in addition, we will be posting information on social media.

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