

Celebrating the 135th Anniversary OF THE LORNE SCOTS



The Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment) recently celebrated its 135th anniversary in Georgetown with His Royal Highness Prince Edward, The Duke of Kent, in attendance.

Prince Edward, served his regiment in a military career that spanned 21 years before he retired from the army in 1976 with the rank of Lt.-Col.

While in Georgetown, the Duke placed a wreath on the cenotaph in the newly refurbished Remembrance Park. The wreath was presented by Halton Hills veteran Tom Given who was a member of the Highland Light Infantry during the Second World War. The Duke also unveiled a plaque commemorating his visit, signed a scroll and strolled down Veteran's Walk despite driving rain.

Mayor Kathy Gastle, who made a formal request to Buckingham Palace for the Duke to visit, presented the Duke with a gift on behalf of the town while five students from Park Public School gave the Duke a hand-made card to honour his recent birthday.

Several Lorne Scots, area politicians and members from both local branches of the Royal Canadian Legion were among those invited to the ceremony along with the general public.



His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent posed with Halton Hills mayor Kathy Gastle (above) following his visit to the newly refurbished Remembrance Park. Clockwise, The Duke chats with Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120 colour party Sergeant-at-Arms Eddie Plackett while Colour Party member Bruce Hope watches. Veteran Tom Given (bottom, at right) presented HRH with the wreath to place at the Cenotaph, while former Lorne Scots CO Lt. Col. Doug Johnson and Gastle watch. Below, HRH places the wreath and endures a downpour during the singing of the national Anthem. Bottom left, students from Park School presented HRH with an assortment of truly Canadian treats, like maple syrup, while at left, Gastle officially welcomes HRH as he arrives at the park.

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