

A TRIBUTE TO TOWN CRIER BILL PAUL

Bill Paul was a very good friend of the London Santa Claus Parade. He had been a part of the parade for longer than any committee member could remember "Bill has always been a part of the parade!" one said.

The Parade Executive Director Shaun Merton, along with the entire committee, wanted to do something special this year to honour Bill and his long association with the parade.

A tri-cornered hat and a large handbell were purchased and committee member Don Clayton fashioned a stand that would go on the hood of a car holding both items. The plan was the car would take Bill's normal position in the parade and travel along the parade route.

On parade day that item, as well as two fabulous signs with pictures of Bill, created by Kwik Kopy Printing, were placed on the tribute car that would take the same position at the front of the parade as Bill did. It was a fitting tribute to a man who was an institution in London and especially the Original London Santa Claus Parade.



Bill Paul, London's Town Crier for many, many years was a major part of each year's parade. Right after the police car that led the parade, there was Bill ringing his bell and declaring the parade open. Unfortunately Bill passed away suddenly just before this year's parade. Bill will be missed but he will not be replaced!

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