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**CRIER**  
**COMPETITION**



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It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of our visiting Town Criers and their guests to our island paradise shores!!

This is the inaugural year of what I hope is the first of many Town Crier Competitions to be hosted by the City of Hamilton in our three ports of call - Dockyard, St. George and Hamilton.

With over forty-three contestants from Canada and the United Kingdom traveling to Bermuda and twenty-five in competition, this is a wonderful event to add to our calendar during the City's Bi-centennial celebrations.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the local participants of the Junior Town Crier Competition. Perhaps one day in the not too distant future one of you will be ringing your bell through the streets of Hamilton.

On behalf of my council and staff here in the City of Hamilton, thank you for coming and participating in this festive event. 'Cry' your hearts out and I hope you all have a very enjoyable stay and explore all that Bermuda has to offer. We love having you!

Yours sincerely,



Rt. Wor. Graeme P. Outerbridge, JP  
Mayor of Hamilton



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



## **Wednesday, April 22, 2015**

10am Peppercorn Ceremony in St. George's Square

1:30pm St. George's Cry in King's Square

## **Thursday, April 23, 2015**

11am Dockyard Cry in the Great Lawn

## **Friday, April 24, 2015**

11am Finals/Hamilton Cry at City Hall

# TOWN CRIER PROFILES



## **KEN KNOWLES**

Town Crier of City of Lichfield

Country: United Kingdom

Escort: Marilyn Masters



## **LES WHITING**

Town Crier for the Town of Petrolia,  
Ontario & County of Lambton

Country: Canada

Escort: Karen A. Whiting



## **MARK WYLIE**

Calne Town Crier

Country: United Kingdom



## **CHRISTOPHER SMIRTHWAITE**

Liskeard Town Crier

Country: United Kingdom

Escort: Jennifer Smirthwaite



## **CHRISTOPHER WHYMAN**

Town Crier of Kingston

Country: Canada



### DEVLIN HOBSON

Town Crier of Middlewich UK  
Country: United Kingdom  
Escort: Jenny Hobson



### BRENDA WILLISON

Town Crier of Newmarket, Sufflok England  
Country: United Kingdom  
Escort: Peter Willison



### DENIS PATRY

Town Crier for Town of Olds  
Country: Canada  
Escort: Judith Ellen Patry



### JAMES (JIM) STEWART

Town Crier for New Glasgow Nova Scotia  
Country: Canada  
Escort: Cynthia Stewart



### DAVID TURNER

Tavistock Town Crier  
Country: United Kingdom  
Escort: Rosemary Turner



### GARY LONG

Town Crier for Berwick and Canning  
Country: Canada  
Escort: Sara Long



### CLIVE O'SHAUGHNESSY

Town Crier of Millbrook and the Rame Peninsula  
Country: United Kingdom



### BRUCE KRUGER

Town Crier of Bracebridge, Ontario  
& Historic Santa's Village  
Country: Canada  
Escort: Lynn M. Kruger



### STEPHEN TRAVERS

Town Crier for the City of Barrie Ontario  
Country: Canada  
Escort: Linda Travers



### DAVID VOLICK

Town Crier for the City of Burlington,  
Ontario & the Museums of Burlington, Ontario  
Country: Canada  
Escort: Barbara Vollick





**J. ALLAN FREEMAN**

Town Crier for the City of Hamilton, Ontario  
Country: Canada



**TERRY FORD**

Otley Bellman  
Country: United Kingdom  
Escort: Milica Stayman



**ATHOL HART**

Official Town Crier of the A.R.C.H  
Committee of Newmarket  
Country: Canada  
Escort: Barbara (Beth) Sinyard



**PAUL GOUGH**

Town Crier of the Borough of Nuneaton  
and Bedworth, Warwickshire  
Country: United Kingdom



**CAROLE WILLIAMS**

Town Crier of Bishop's Stortford  
Country: United Kingdom



**BILL MCKEE**

Town Crier of Uxbridge and Scugog  
Country: Canada  
Escort: Elizabeth McKee



**DAVID BOYD**

Official Town Crier for the Township  
of Rideau Lakes  
Country: United Kingdom



**LESLIE ELLIS**

Town Crier for Dartmouth, Devon  
Country: United Kingdom  
Escort: Elizabeth Ellis



**ROY GOODWIN**

Town Crier of Ilfracombe  
Country: United Kingdom  
Escort: Beryl Goodwin



**STEPHEN CUNLIFFE**

Town Crier of Dawlish  
Country: England  
Escort: Caroline Cunliffe



## CRY SUBJECTS

### **St. George's Cry**

A Catalyst for a Peppercorn Rent

### **Dockyard Cry**

Open Cry (any cry of the participants choice)

### **Hamilton Cry**

200th Anniversary of Hamilton becoming the Capital of Bermuda

## JUDGES:

Coral Waddell

Charles Gosling

Dwight Robinson

E. Michael Jones

Elizabeth Campbell

Lamont Robinson

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Marica Caisey

Patricia Pogson-Nesbitt

Rene Hill

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# JUDGING GUIDELINES

## Sustained Volume

The judges for this discipline must be situated at least 20 metres from the competing Criers. The Crier should maintain the same tempo and speed for the duration of the Cry.

Although the three 'Oyez's', may be louder than the body of the cry, it is important for the Crier to be heard throughout the entire cry. Consistency of volume must be maintained, except where fluctuations have been purposely used for emphasis or style.

## Clarity

To be understood the content must be clearly heard throughout the complete cry. Signs of strain or over extensions of the voice (cracking) should be reflected in the markings.

## Diction

Diction includes the choice of words, especially with regard to correctness, clearness or effectiveness. Vocal expression, pronunciation and enunciation of words should be looked for. Well placed pauses or breaths help the flow of the cry and thus help to clarify its message.

## Inflection

Inflection includes the change in pitch or loudness of the voice. It also includes the change of form the words undergo to mark such distinctions as those of case, gender, number, tense, person, mood and voice. In general, while a Town Crier is not an actor, a monotone voice would not be as effective as one with emphasis.

The slurring of words or voice affectations such as excessively rolled R's may adversely distort the crier's message and thereby making it difficult to understand the words. Unless the crier is Scottish, in which case all R's are rolled.

## Bearing & Confidence

This pertains to the manner in which the Crier moves. The Crier shall be observed from the time his/her name is being called through the completion of their exit, noting any presentation prior to making the presentation to the manner of preparing to leave the stage. The following criteria shall be considered when marking:

- **Appearance** – An ill-fitting uniform or an ill-suited appearance should be reflected in the marks.
- **Appropriate movement** – A Crier dressed as a soldier should move in a military manner; a Crier dressed as a lady/gentleman should move as a lady/gentleman. Whatever image is to be projected should be reflected in the Crier's movements.

## Content

The message is an important part of the cry, the following criteria should be adhered to:

- **Adherence to the required subject** – The Crier should not digress from the assigned theme of the cry.
- **Effective use of appropriate language** – unless otherwise justified by the content, the language should remain consistent and appropriate to the historical period depicted.
- **Continuity and Flow** - the body of the cry should flow smoothly and logically. There should be a well-defined beginning, middle and end.
- **Overall Literary Effectiveness** – The Crier may be given marks for effectively using literary and oratorical devices to arouse the listeners' interest in the message.
- **Comprehension** – The meaning of a cry that is disjointed or is grammatically incorrect may be lost. The point of the message must be understood and should be marked accordingly.





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## HOST CRIERS



### ED CHRISTOPHER

The first Town Crier for the City of Hamilton for over 20 years as the voice about Hamilton. His first call of duty was to announce the arrival of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh Prince Phillip in March 1994. Voted the Best in Bermuda Character several times, Ed can be seen leading tours throughout Hamilton week days leaving from City Hall 10:30am from April through October.



### DAVID FRITH

Bermuda's Town Crier of St. George's since 2004, David Frith, was awarded the top prize at an international Town Crier competition in England. The Armada Cup, held every year in late July, traditionally consists of two 'cries' in Kingsbridge, Devon, southwest England and then a third cry in the neighbouring town of Paignton.

As Lyme Regis is the twin town of St. George's, David is also the honorary Town Crier of Whitchurch Canonorum, the village where Sir George Somers' body is buried. Possessing the honorary title made David eligible to compete in the European Town Crier Championship, which was held in Almelo, Holland in July 2008. David was adjudged the 'Best Dressed' of 45 competitors.

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HAIR & BEAUTY SHOW

**TUESDAY JULY 7, 2015**

THE RAFT UP

**WEDNESDAY JULY 8, 2015**

LOCAL DESIGNER SHOW

& AFTER PARTY

**THURSDAY JULY 9, 2015**

LOCAL DESIGNER TRUNK SHOW

INTERNATIONAL DESIGNER SHOW

**FRIDAY JULY 10, 2015**

GOMBAY HAPPY HOUR

**SATURDAY JULY 11, 2015**

EVOLUTION RETAIL SHOW

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