

FOURTH ANNUAL KIRKING

John Galt Day Sunday Celebration

Sunday, July 31, 2011

10:30 a.m.

**Norfolk Street United Church
75 Norfolk Street, Guelph**



IN CELEBRATION OF JOHN GALT DAY, the Old Stone Churches, the Guelph Historical Society, and the City of Guelph are hosting the Fourth Annual John Galt Sunday Kirking.

“Kirking” is a Scottish ceremonial parade of dignitaries led by a piper as a prelude to a civic church service. The service recognizes the contribution of local leaders, expresses hope for their wisdom, and shows appreciation for their dedication to the local community. This ceremony was practised in John Galt’s Irvine, Scotland at the time of Guelph’s founding in 1827.

FOLLOW THE PIPER as civic leaders from many faiths, cultures and volunteer organizations are kirked from Knox Presbyterian Church (20 Quebec Street) to Norfolk Street United Church. The parade begins at 10:00 am and will follow the route along Quebec Street to Norfolk Street.

PARTICIPANTS ARE WELCOME TO WEAR TARTAN. For the first time, there will be a “Kirking of the Tartan”. So get out your kilts and sashes and have your tartan blessed.

AS PART OF THE JOHN GALT DAY CELEBRATIONS, we encourage donations of non-perishable food items for distribution to Sister Christine’s Welcome In Drop-in Centre and the Chalmers Community Services Centre. Both charities are supported by the ecumenical group known as CORE (Guelph Churches’ Outreach).

Food barrels are available at Knox Presbyterian Church (20 Quebec Street, Chapel Lane entrance) and Norfolk Street United (75 Norfolk Street, Cork Street entrance) from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm weekdays, and First Baptist Church (255 Woolwich Street) from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Tuesday to Thursday, prior to John Galt Sunday for anyone who would like to contribute to the food drive.

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