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Three Cheers for Kingston, Fort Henry and the Town Crier

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The town of **Kingston** fit us well. We loved its charm and historical feel, but then, that's not news. What made our stay really special was the warmth of the people. People like Chris Whyman, who is the town's Official Crier and yes, he has a bell and he will yell (the world famous town crier is now celebrating more than two decades in the business) for your entertainment.

A jolly character, Chris had dinner with us at the brew pub in town where you go for a brewsky, the Kingston Brew Pub. Before our walk-about, he not only gave us a demo of some mean-and-lean crying in

the middle of a downtown square (after 9:30 pm and while open air movie night was in progress), but he also let us in on a few secrets a la Kingston. Like the fact that some of the storefronts are actually the front doors to apartments above the shops.

The next day before leaving for Prince Edward County, we toured **Fort Henry**. Mounted in glory, Fort Henry invokes patriotism, as students who need a summer gig reenact life circa 1867. The tours of the mess hall and living quarters, and the musical drum demonstrations are the real clinchers. If you can, meet-and-greet the resident mascot, a lovely goat, and visit in October when the largest scare attraction, Fort Fright haunts the cold nights.

Although our time in Kingston was short, we couldn't have spent it in a better way.

Hip, Hip, Hurray for Kingston!

