

July 20

Terry Fox- July 20, 1980

On this day 40 years ago, crowds gathered in Wilmot to cheer on Terry Fox during his Marathon of Hope. Terry, who lost his leg to cancer was inspired and motivated to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research. Starting Newfoundland in April it took him four months to reach Southern Ontario. Although not originally part of his running plan, he included London and Kitchener which meant Wilmot residents would be lucky enough to witness his historic run. In September of 1980, Terry was forced to stop his run and eventually lost his battle to cancer in 1981 his inspiration has lived on through the decades. Today, we honour this true Canadian hero.

To participate in a local Terry Fox Run (this year virtually) visit Wilmot Terry Fox <https://www.facebook.com/WilmotTerryFoxRun/>



RUN, TERRY, RUN. Terry Fox, the young man from British Columbia who is running across Canada raising money for cancer research, was in New Hamburg on Sunday. He spent the night here before moving on Monday for Kitchener. He is pictured above just outside Petersburg. He is followed by a police escort, a van and two sponsor cars.

Terry Fox

Terry Fox, the 21-year-old man, who is courageously crossing Canada in an attempt to raise money for cancer research was in this area over the last few days.

Terry, who lost his leg to cancer almost four years ago has so far raised \$750,000 for his cause.

Both the cities of Stratford and Kitchener have held special do's for Terry, and the little villages along the way Shakespeare, New Hamburg, Baden and Petersburg had spectators lining the streets to catch a glimpse of the runner and offer donations.

Closely following Terry is a police escort, a van and two cars which will stop when they see people who want to make a donation.

Already Terry has run 4,800 kilometres (coming from St. John's Newfoundland) in three and a half months.

Each day he follows the same routine. He gets up at 4 a.m., runs for about 20 kilometres, eats, has a sleep until the early afternoon and then starts running again for another 20 or so kilometres. The Canadian Cancer Society usually has public appearances planned for him at night and he goes to bed around 8 p.m.