

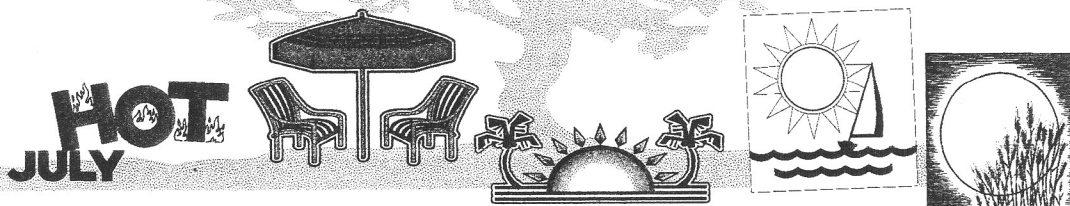
*Victorian Tea*

*Fall Bus Tour  
Garage Sale*

*Meet Hockey  
Celebrities*

# Milton Historical Society

## Summer Update



### From the President's Chaise Lounge

A great deal has happened within the Historical Society in the last six months and it is to the credit of the many volunteers who go out of their way to make things happen. We have enjoyed six Thursday programs ably orchestrated by the Program Convener, John McDonald culminating in a full house Pot Luck Supper. We eagerly anticipate his schedule for the balance of the year. Gloria Brown continues to sell the "Memories of Milton" book that is to support her further project of publishing a 2005 Calendar depicting all the Milton men who have gone on to hockey fame. The Blacksmith Shop Project continues to forge ahead under the able leadership of Mandy Sedgwick, with a new roof, eaves troughs, plumbing heating etc. All the archives and furniture is now located in the MHS headquarters behind the shop leaving Facility Coordinator, Sonia Pacheco the mammoth job of sorting things out. In the planning stage are a few special events and they are the "Victorian Tea" the "Garage Sale" and a

"Remembrance Concert" scheduled for November. We desperately need more volunteer help with all these activities and we need to promote the Milton Historical Society and encourage new members to join. Have a great summer everyone!

Ed Goodall

### The Waldie Steering Committee

led by Tom Logie have worked over the summer hammering out the details necessary for setting up a Waldie Blacksmith Shop Foundation. The executive have passed the recommendations of the committee.

A temporary Board of Directors has been set up until directors can be appointed. This board is made up of:

**Ken Keates** - acting Chair  
**Gail Richardson** - Vice Chair

**Helen Comber** - Treasurer  
**Burce Carlin** - Secretary  
**Gayle Waldie Brown** - Waldie Rep

There will be more information in future communications.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS (Sept. - Dec. 2004)

**Thurs. Sept. 16, 2004**

7:30pm

Waldie Blacksmith Shop  
16 James St.

Milton

**"BURIED TREASURES  
AT 57 VICTORIA  
STREET"**

Vince Picopo and Max Giancola, the proud owners of 57 Victoria St. will provide an overview and update on renovations to this historic home and will tell the story of a time capsule found on their property and what they did about it.

**Thurs. Oct. 21, 2004**

7:30 pm

Waldie Blacksmith Shop  
16 James St. Milton

**"BRITISH HOME  
CHILDREN FAWNE  
STRATFORD-DEVAI**

Between 1868 and the 1930's over 100,000 children were sent to Canada (including the Milton area) from great Britain during the Child Immigration Movement. Acclaimed author Fawne Stratford-Devai will give a

important part of our heritage.

**Thurs. Nov. 18, 2004**

7:30pm

Waldie Blacksmith Shop  
16 James St. Milton

**"LOCAL IMPACT OF  
THE 1918  
INFLUENZA"**

**JOHN MCDONALD**

The influenza of 1918 (sometimes referred to as 'the Spanish flu') is estimated to be responsible for some 40 million deaths worldwide. This presentation will look at the effects in the Milton area and what local citizens had to cope with at this devastating time in our history.

**Thurs. Dec. 16, 2004**

6:00pm

Waldie Blacksmith Shop  
16 James St. Milton

**MHS CHRISTMAS  
POT LUCK DINNER**

Sing your favourite Christmas Carols and enjoy homemade cooking and baking with members of the Milton Historical Society at this

**Milton Historical Society  
Summer Update**

August 2004

**Upcoming  
Fundraising Events**

**Vicotian Tea  
Friday August 27  
16 James St.  
Milton**

See attached  
information

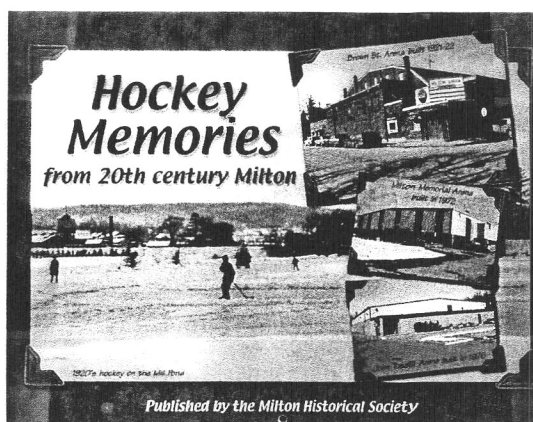
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sponsor a table by  
supplying a place set-  
ting for four please  
contact Sonia at  
905-875-7354

**Garage Sale  
Sept. 18, 2004  
Held at Waldie  
Blacksmith Shop  
16 James St.  
Downtown Milton  
You can bring your  
donations to  
16 James St. on or  
after Aug. 30**

**Bus Tour with Ron  
Brown  
Sat. Oct. 2, 2004  
You won't want to  
miss this fascinating  
tour. See attached  
information for more  
detail - first come first  
serve.**

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**"Hockey Memories  
from the 20th Century Milton"  
2005 Calendar to be launched at the Milton  
Farmers'  
Market - Main St. Milton  
Sat. Aug 21, 2004 10:30 - 11:30am.  
Come meet Enio Scisizzi and Bruce Hood  
We invite anyone that was involved with  
hockey  
to come and join us at the market.  
Calendars are available through MHS  
members  
or local businesses. Cost \$12.00**



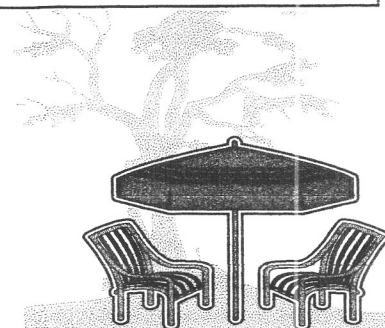
**MHS PHONE #905-875-7354**

**WEBSITE**

[www.miltonhistoricalsociety.ca](http://www.miltonhistoricalsociety.ca)

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

space still available for  
"Horsing Around" - Aug 10  
"Life as an Apprentice" - Aug 24  
Cost \$15/program  
Ages 6-8 9-11:30pm  
9-11 1-3:30pm Call for more





# Victorian Luncheon Tea



*Victorian Tea Times*

*Sarah Priscella Waldie invites the ladies of Milton, and its surroundings, to her End of Summer Victorian Luncheon Tea. The luncheon will include a tour of her husband's Blacksmith Shop, a small talk on the Tea tradition and other light entertainment.*

*All guests are asked to please wear their Sunday best (hats and gloves are recommended)*

Sarah Priscella Waldie was a long standing citizen of the Town of Milton in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Her husband, James Waldie Jr., was a blacksmith and ran the Waldie Blacksmith Shop.

***Date: Friday, August 27, 2004***

***There will be two seatings:  
11:30-1:00 pm and 2:00-3:30 pm***

***Cost: \$15 per person***

***Please contact Sonia Pacheco at  
(905) 875-7354 to purchase tickets***

***There is a limited number of tickets for each sitting.***

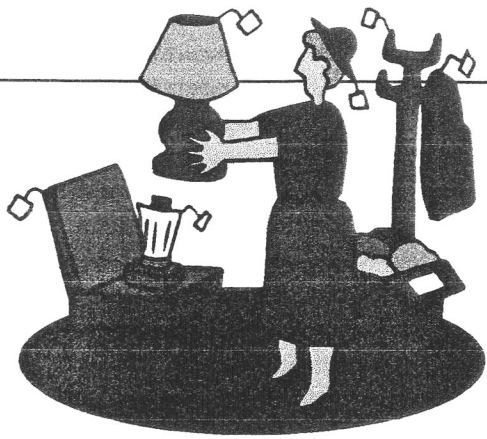
***Please specify which seating you would like when you purchase your ticket(s).***

Waldie Blacksmith Shop  
16 James Street  
Milton, Ontario  
(905) 875-7354  
soniapacheco@sympatico.ca

This event is being  
co-ordinated by the  
Milton Historical  
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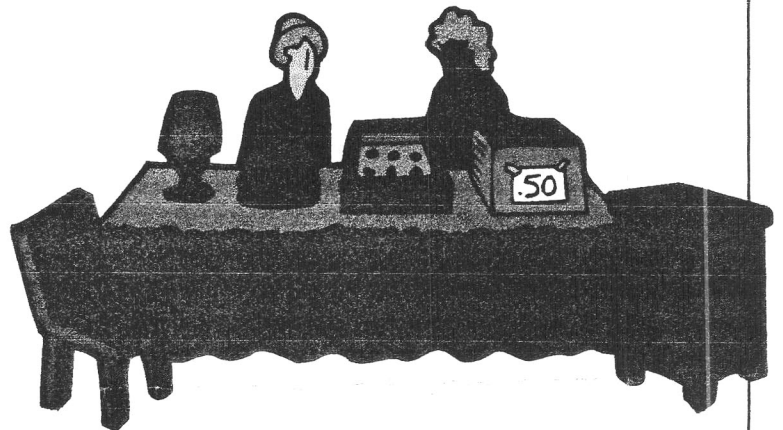


The Milton Historical Society  
is asking for gently used  
items to be donated for our  
Garage Sale. Funds raised  
will go towards the running  
of the Waldie Blacksmith  
Shop.

# GARAGE SALE

Please bring your  
donations in to the Waldie  
Blacksmith Shop on, or  
after, August 30

The Garage Sale will take  
place on September 18 at  
the Waldie Blacksmith  
Shop 8am – 12pm  
No early birds please.



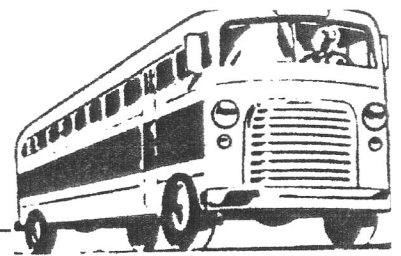
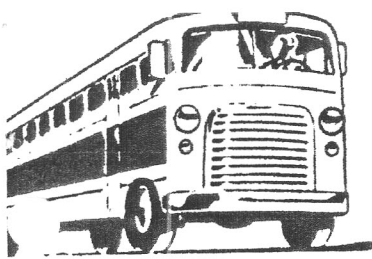
Volunteers required.  
2-3 for pricing  
2-3 set up and take  
down  
working sale  
2 from 7-9:30  
2 from 9:30-12pm  
Thank you!

Questions or Concerns??  
Contact Sonia Pacheco  
at 905-875-7354



Milton  
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# Milton Hist. Society Bus Tour With Ron Brown Sat. Oct. 2, 2004

*Join us for a Tour back in time with Ron Brown author of  
"Ghost Towns of Ontario" and "Ontario's Vanished  
Villages"*

*Radio personality and more*

Tour begins at **Ruthven** - an estate located along the banks of the historic Grand River. The home of 5 generations of the Thompson Family from 1845 to 1993. This fine Greek revival mansion is filled with family furnishings and possessions.

We will then proceed with Mr. Brown as he takes us along the byways of yesteryear. You will experience many historic sites which remain unmarked and uncelebrated yet tell a story of how towns developed and then became shattered "**Ghost Towns**".

Lunch will be at the famous Erie Beach Hotel located in the quaint fishing village of Port Dover. You will have some time to wander around the area. We will then board the bus returning home and continue on the historic route as Ron Brown fascinates us with his stories of Ontario's past.

*Bus leaves 9am sharp from the Town Hall Parking lot on Mary St.*

*Returns approx 5pm*

*Cost: \$35.00 due upon registering - does not include lunch*

*Register Now -limited seating call 905-875-7354 or 905-878-1146*

*NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 24,2004*

Milton Historical Society

16 James Street, Milton

Contact Sonia Pacheco

At (905) 975-7354 for more  
information

## Waldies Blacksmith Shop and the Alex Cooke Memorial Archives present their

### Fall and Winter programmes:

☞ A variety of adult blacksmithing classes (dates and times to be announced)

☞ P.D. Day specials

☞ October 8: Praise the bounty of the Fall Harvest

☞ December 3: Christmas like it used to be

☞ February 4: A little politeness never hurt anyone~

Victorian Manners and Decorum for Children

☞ "Stories my Granny told me"—Drop-in program for children and grandparents, although all caregivers are welcome

☞ Mondays from 9:30-10:15

☞ October 4, 18

☞ November 1, 15, 29

☞ December 13

☞ January 10, 24

☞ February 7, 21

☞ Genealogy Seminars: a series of three classes intended to teach the novice genealogist almost everything he/she needs to know—October 14, 28, November 11

☞ Adult programs:

☞ Language of Flowers—January 27

☞ Victorian Cooking and Household Management—  
February 24





# The Journal



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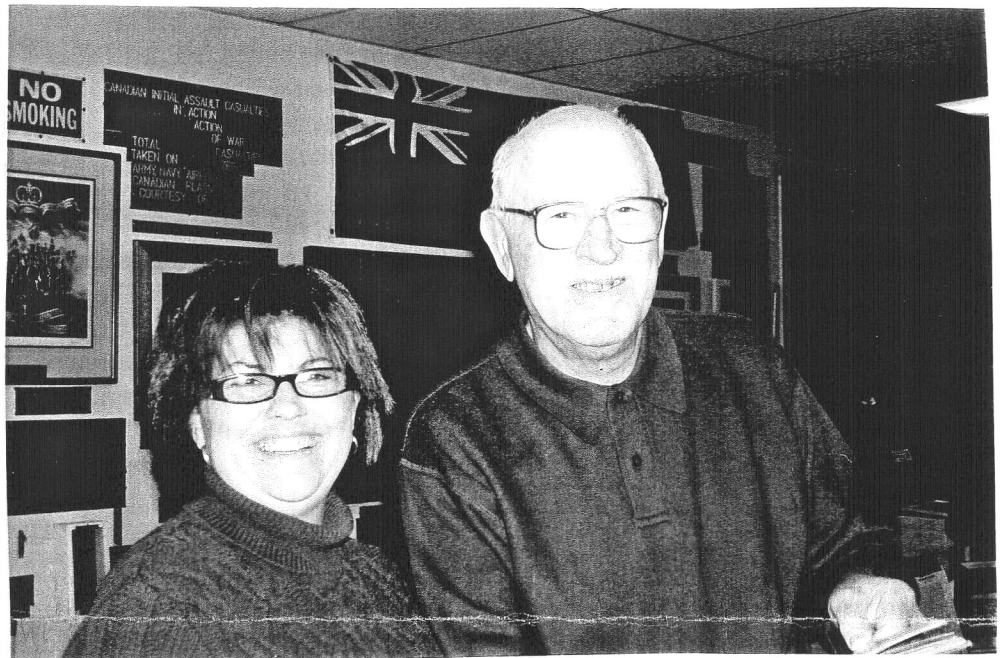
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## President's Message

**T**here might be something significant in the fact that I was elected President of the Milton Historical Society on the stormiest night of the winter. Surprisingly, about 20 people attended the meeting at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall on Charles St. After the meeting we continued with a program to recognize the 75th anniversary of Milton Legion Branch 136, which included a tour of the Remembrance Hall to view the 3000 artifacts collected by two generations of veterans who served in World Wars 1 & 2 and the Korean War. Jim Dills spoke on the work being done to honour the WW1 veterans from Milton who became casualties of that conflict. I would like to thank Past President Mirella Marshall for making the handover painless as possible and to congratulate her for the fine work she has accomplished for the Society. The Program Coordinator, John McDonald, has drawn up an exciting list of programs taking us into 2005. I hope there will be a good turn out for these meetings and will close with a friendly reminder that membership fees were due in January.

Ed Goodall  
President



Jan. 2004 MHS President, Mirella Marshall welcomes incoming President Ed Goodall

## Heritage in Stone

by Marsha Waldie

**A**s the light creeps across the bush to the south of Evergreen Cemetery or south east at the Pioneer Cemetery, one is struck by various hues and shapes, which fades or bounces off trees, marble and granite.

Here we are walking through our past, which provides a history lesson. Today each marker stands like a ledger book for they are all here, "heroes merchants, doctors, housewives" the small and the great. All reposing but once active and vital to our community landscape. For many the only record of their lives are their gravestones.

Jasper and Sarah (Coates) Martin, who came to Milton in 1821, were two of our first settlers. They

must have met with many hardships as they began to carve out a home in what eventually became a community. Just think, dense forest, Indian trails along waterways with wild life friendly or otherwise behind every tree. (Pioneer Cemet.)

George Smith and his wife Martia Van Allen. George was a prominent citizen and active in town operation; Town Clerk and Collector, Councillor and Mayor. George was also a merchant, who undoubtedly greeted customers with the happenings of the day. (Evergreen Cemet.)

Dr. James Cobban, who received his land title on the south boundary of the town in 1837, had the distinction of being one of three doctors between Toronto and Hamilton. Milton residents were lucky to have had such an esteemed doctor so close at hand. (Pioneer Cemet.)



## MHS Executive 2004

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### HOUSE PLAQUING UPDATE BY MARSHA WALDIE

We have recently added another house to our list of Historic Homes Vol. III.  
 356 Broadway, a duplex was built approx. 1914 by David Menzies. Mr. Menzies was born on his family's homestead on Appleby Line near Christie. He was involved in numerous activities during his life: general contractor of D.D. Christie at the Lime kilns, member of the Milton

### Heritage in Stone cont'd from pg.1

Ellen E. Freeman was the first to be interred (1881) in what was known as the new Cemetery. She lies repose in what is today a remote secluded section of the cemetery. Two daughters, Louisa 15, Ellen 21 - victims of "consumption" and her husband are also buried in Lot 1 Block 1. Mrs. Freeman was age 31.

In years past this was a most prominent location among the old stones as many visitors to the cemetery came across the old swing bridge, which use to cross from Commercial St. over the sixteen mile creek. Today, squirrels, chipmunks, and birds have staked their claim to this lower area.

The heritage of the cemeteries is something to be proud of, but there is also an artistic side. Markers have always boasted a sculptural aspect and today is no different as we find etchings on golf, fishing etc.on modern day stones. Once the weather breaks take a walk through one of our local cemeteries and note these elements and fascinating epitaphs. They are gone but not forgotten!

.... many visitors to the cemetery came across the old swing bridge, which use to cross from Commercial St. over the sixteen mile creek.

Fire Brigade, involved in the building of the old theatre on Main St., the goaler's (jailer's) house on Hugh St., travelled to Alaska for gold and much more. He and Dr. C. Martin combined in raising mink and silver foxes on land behind the present Martin St. School. Mr. Menzies had a remarkable memory about Halton's history and was a frequent visitor to our Halton Regional Museum, where he would assist staff. He died in his 90's in 1970.

*Milton Evergreen Cemetery is in the process of developing a web site which will have a search element for all interments. This is goods news for history buffs.*

**website:**

[www.miltonevergreencemetery.ca](http://www.miltonevergreencemetery.ca)

### HISTORY TRIVIA

- In 1796, York (Toronto) becomes Upper Canada's Capital
- In 1853, Halton Agricultural Society was organized
- In 1855, Mechanics Institute (Library) was formed
- In 1857-Milton's 1st Dr. J. Cobban dies
- In 1936, The Gordon Home on the corner of Main and Court St'closed. (It was a shelter for children)

### Mike Ledwith at 80

Scores of friends and relatives recently helped Mike Ledwith celebrate his 80th birthday. His family hosted a party following the Feb. 22 service at St. Paul's United Church; the next day the Rotary Club "surprised" Mike who is a charter member of the group.

Mike, who grew up in Dundas, is one of our worthiest residents. He arrived here right after his World War service in the Canadian Navy. He started with a tiny shop on Main Street and steadily expanded it to become a full-service grocery store that was of great service to residents. The store later was known as "Quality Greens".

His community service included a term as Milton's mayor and countless fundraising campaigns throughout the community.

## Upcoming Programs

**THURSDAY MARCH 18**

**7:30 pm**

Hugh Foster Hall

**Frances Hoffman**

"The Significance of Tea in Our Society"

**THURSDAY, APRIL 15**

**7:30 pm**

Hugh Foster Hall

Researching and recording Family History with **Rick Roberts**

**THURSDAY, MAY 20**

**7:30 pm**

Location to be announced

The Chudleighs of Milton

**Tom Chudleigh**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17**

**6:00 pm**

Waldie Blacksmith Shop

**MHS ANNUAL POT LUCK DINNER**

## Heritage Award Winners

Three prominent Miltonians were recognized at our Feb. 15 Heritage Awards ceremony in Hugh Foster Hall. Town councillor John Challinor was cited for his research project on more than 70 Milton-area servicemen who died in the First World War. Their names are on the cenotaphs in Victoria Park and in Nassagaweya. No decision has been taken on how the research will be published.

Our first posthumous winner is writer Mel Robinson for his series of more than 100 columns-family reminiscences and local history - in The Canadian Champion about 25 years ago. Jim Dills was editor - publisher of The Champion at the

time. These columns, illustrated scores of historic photos, re-appeared last fall in the Society's book "Memories of Milton". Mel's son George, of London, Ont. accepted the award on behalf of himself and his sister, Margaret Wilson of Milton.

Artist Marion Detlor claimed the "visual" award for her series of paintings of Milton's Main St. and historic buildings. (Marion's granddaughter accepted the award: Marion was in Florida) Marion is well known for her community service, including many leading roles in the Horticultural Society. Long-time members of our Society will recall that Marion-elegantly dressed as a "pioneer" - once spoke to us on genealogy.

## SHARED HERITAGE

Heritage Award winner Marion (Roblin) Detlor and her husband, Jim, share a Canadian saga. Both the Roblins (Marion is related to former Manitoba Premier Roblin) and the Detlors came to eastern Ontario as Empire Loyalists more than two centuries ago. Marion and Jim's research has revealed that their marriage is not the first to bring together the Roblin and Detlors families. But there's no record of family feuds.

## PLENTY LEFT

We don't have to worry about running out of the historic limestone that forms part of our Heritage Awards. Brad Clements, a member of the Society for many years - salvaged a lot of the stone when the Bruce Street School was demolished to make way for the present library. Brad has been our donor since we started the Awards program in the 1990's; he says his "pile" will take care of our needs for the foreseeable future.

## Oakville Historical Society Events for 2004

**Wed. Apr. 21 7:30pm**

Fashions of the 1880's - Sarah Walker

**Sunday and Mon. May 23 & 24**

The Thomas House opens for summer season 1-4pm Tues.-Thurs, Sat. Sun & holidays

**May 29** White Elephant & Bake Sale 9am-12noon 110 King St.

**Walking tours commence**

**May 30** Old Oakville Houses

**June 6** Old Oakville Main St.

**June 13** Open House & afternoon tea 1-4pm 110 King St

**June 20** Walking Tour - Houses

**June 27** Walking Tour - Main St.

**For more info call 905-844-8695**

**www.oakvillehistory.org**

## WANT AN AFFORDABLE HOBBY? TRY COLLECTING WOODEN TOOLS

Wallace Gray's talk on wooden tools at our Feb. 19 general meeting was both informative and amusing.

Until the 1700's, he said, carpenters made their own tools. By 1850 London was home to 150 manufacturers. On this continent manufacturing began in the New England states before the Civil War. Later Canadian plants opened in Montreal and Ruxton Pond. All these operations ceased after metal replaced wooden tools about a century ago.

The speaker brought many tools from his collection, which are strictly hobby tools, for all to see. Wallace has paid up to \$200 for a plane but most of his tools have cost much less. Wallace frequents the flea markets looking for bargains. An affordable hobby - tools can be bought starting from \$5.00 - \$50.00.

## WANTED

*Volunteers to assist with our blacksmith shop and society's future endeavours. The society's goals will all be realized by all of us pulling together and assisting where needed. STEP UP TO THE CHALLENGE NOW!*

**WE NEED YOU!**

**NATIONAL  
VOLUNTEER WEEK  
APRIL 18-24**

**WE EXPRESS OUR  
THANKS TO ALL  
OUR HARD WORKING  
SOCIETY  
VOLUNTEERS!**

## Passings

### Vere Ledwith Mourned

Vere Ledwith, a member of the Society for many years, died Dec. 30, 2003. Vere, who came to Milton in 1957 when she married Mike, had a warm interest in the community. She is especially remembered for her role in managing the Thrift Shop at St. Paul's Church; it served the community for many years.

Vere is survived by husband Mike, daughters Ellen Riordon, of Milton and Linda Bitton, Winnipeg and son Peter of Everton.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOW DUE

It is time to renew your membership. Thank you for your support in the past and hope you will continue to support the Society in the future. We urge you to choose an area of interest and volunteer.

## THE MHS SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

If someone you know is in some way involved in heritage or perhaps interested in history, then why not ask them to join our Society! They may be teachers, writers, retiree's or your next door neighbour.

### MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

e mail \_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to volunteer \_\_\_\_\_

Area of interest:   Waldie Shop   \_\_\_\_\_  
                              Archives       \_\_\_\_\_  
                              Research      \_\_\_\_\_  
                              Other           \_\_\_\_\_

Single       \$10.00/yr  
Family       \$15.00/yr  
Lifetime      \$75.00/yr

**Send Cheque to:  
Milton Historical Society  
P.O. Box 85  
Milton, Ont. L9T 2Y3**



Our Members write....



*To The Milton Historical Society*

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**Remember the MHS  
when clearing out old  
papers, photo's etc.  
They just might be of  
value to us! We are  
always looking to scan  
photo's related to  
Milton' s past.**

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*This photo was taken approximately 1918 by Joseph Harrison of Toronto. He was an engineer, employed at Dominion Bridge in Toronto.*

*He supervised the steel construction of the building, "The Kennedy Hotel". (Milton Inn) Perhaps the photo could have appeared in the recent "Memories of Milton", by Mel Robinson.*

*Accept this copy if useful for the future. I was given a copy of the book by son, George Robinson.*

*Mrs. Madeline Sanford  
London, Ont.*

# WALDIE SHOP UPDATE

by Mandy Sedgwick

Although things may appear quiet at the Waldie Shop this winter the Waldie committee has been busy preparing to open this spring.

In December, Howden and Sons completed the trenching and the water hook up, giving us access to town water.

As you may be aware the town has been undergoing zoning changes in the official plan. Audrea Lear-Costigan has been working tirelessly with the Town and we are now zoned as a "living museum".

We are currently in a holding pattern with the Town for our heating and plumbing permits. The Mechanical Engineer will be handing in his drawings for the heat loss calculations and hopefully will be proceeding with the heating and plumbing within the next couple of months. We thank Audria and appreciate all her hard work.

Jack Hardiman Roofing will be putting on the roof this spring. As the weather improves there will be much more activity around the shop.

A big thanks to John McDonald who arranged for the donated office furniture from RBH. Thanks to Marsha for donating the boardroom table which will be great in the meeting room.

Our Archivist, Sonia Pacheco has been hard at work taking inventory of our archival documents. She has also been working on the school curriculum.

## Horse Sense

submitted by Marsha Waldie



*A horse can't pull while kicking  
This fact I merely mention.  
And he can't kick while pulling  
Which is my chief contention.  
Let's imitate the good old horse  
and lead a life that's fitting:  
Just pull an honest load, and then  
There'll be no time for kicking!*

## Tom Logie Heads Steering Committee

The executive and membership thank Tom Logie for stepping forward to assist us with our Business Plan for the Waldie Blacksmith Shop. We also thank the members that have volunteered for this committee.



"He Shoots He Scores!"

Gloria Brown is presently working on the Society's 2nd calendar. The calendar features pictures and information on Milton's past hockey teams. This is a great project and Gloria is doing a fantastic job. "Thank you Gloria!"

If you can assist Gloria in any way I'm sure she would be most grateful.

## Heritage Milton News

The Milton Historical Society is well represented on Heritage Milton (formerly LACAC) by Ken Keates and Mirella Marshall. The committee welcomed some new members this year.

Ken Keates is the newly elected chair, replacing John Challinor and Mirella the vice chair.

Good news for all us "brick huggers"! After two years of negotiation, the Boston Church house is going to be moved. The location will be out of Milton, unfortunately but it will be saved. The house is now located on Boston Church Rd. It is a magnificent, Gothic revival, stone house, built in 1851 by Duncan Stewart (for whom Stewarton was named). Although, the house has been vandalized over the last two years, efforts will be made to salvage as much of the interior as possible.

It will be dismantled carefully and rebuilt to it's original glory. Hats off to Chris Lupis (town staff) Tom Murison, Peter Devine and the current owners of the property, who have worked diligently to make this happen.