

# GRAPEVINE



## Acton remembers

Acton will honour The Glorious Dead in two Remembrance Day ceremonies at the newly refurbished Mill Street Cenotaph. On Saturday morning, the Acton Legion leads a parade from the Hide House parking lot to the Cenotaph for an 11 a.m. service which includes the laying of wreaths.

On Thursday, November 11, at 11 a.m., the Legion again honours those who served during times of war, conflict and peace at a short service at the Cenotaph.

*"They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not worry them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."*

## Job search help

Looking for work? Acton's Employment Resource Centre offers a series of free seminars, covering everything from captivating cover letters to second careers and re-training programs. On November 10, the focus will be on essential strategies for landing a job in the current market. On November 17, in the morning, the seminar will cover Customer Service Certification, and in the afternoon second careers and re-training programs will be discussed. For a complete list of seminar times and dates call 519-853-5014 or visit [www.Links2Care.ca](http://www.Links2Care.ca)

## Welcome newborn

If you are a new mom in the Acton, Rockwood or Milton area – there's a nice bag of swag waiting for you and yours. Twelve area businesses and services have donated baby-related gifts to Welcome Wagon, and its new baby rep., Melanie Hennessey of Acton, is ready to deliver them to new moms. For details call 519-853-0810. New to town? Welcome Wagon has gifts and information for newcomers. Call Betty Ann at 519-853-1944.

## All things Halton

Details about the man Halton was named after will be offered by local author/historian John McDonald at the November 9 meeting of the Esquesing Historical Society, at Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown.

The life and times of Major William Matthew Halton are

revealed in McDonald's new book, *Halton's Heritage*, which delves into the life of Halton, who served as secretary to Francis Gore, the Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada from 1806 to 1811 and 1815 to 1816. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., and all are welcome.

## Limehouse beef

Reservations are now being accepted for both sittings at the annual beef dinner at Limehouse Memorial Hall on Thursday, November 10. The sittings are at 5 and 6:30 p.m., and to reserve a seat call Sandi at 905-877-1704.

## Limehouse Kiln AGM

The public is invited to the annual general meeting of the Limehouse Kiln Society on Sunday, November 13 at the Limehouse Memorial Hall.

The event includes information, conversation, a guided tour of the limekilns and refreshments. For details visit [www.limehousekilns.ca](http://www.limehousekilns.ca)

## Charity bazaar

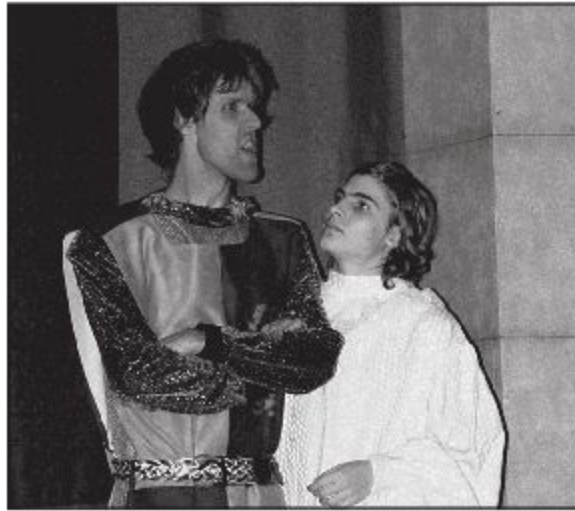
Children in undeveloped countries will sleep easier, thanks in part to the money they will receive as the charity of choice for Campbellville's Hitherfield School. Proceeds raised at the school's November 19 bazaar will be donated to Sleeping Children Around the World, a charity that supplies bed kits – a mattress, pillow, sheets, mosquito netting, school supplies and clothing – to needy children, typically in Third World countries.

The school's sixth annual bazaar runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Best Bread

Congrats to Acton's Dorothy Rognvaldson, whose homemaking skills continue to reap rewards – this time, the Acton Agricultural Society member's 60 per cent whole wheat bread won first place in the District Five convention competition, which included entries from all fairs in this region.

Society entries have done well this year – Miss Acton 2010, Robin Dercatch, captured the Miss Congeniality award at the Ambassadors of the Fair competition at the CNE, and a quilt made by Ann Balanyk earned a third at the District Five competition.



**LION ROARS IN ACTON:** Georgetown Little Theatre's *The Lion in Winter* opened Friday at the Acton Town Hall. The play about middle-aged love is full of drama and comedy. The cast features: Eleanor of Aquitaine, (Anthea Hoare) King Henry II (Ken Smith), Richard the Lionheart (Ian O'Brien), Geoffrey (Stuart Bell) and John (Jeremy Lunn). The play runs for two more weekends at the Acton Town Hall Centre, closing November 12. Tickets are available at Acton Home Hardware and Halton Furniture and Appliances, or visit [www.georgetownlittletheatre.ca](http://www.georgetownlittletheatre.ca). – Submitted photo

# Treats no Tricks from the BIA



By  
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It doesn't matter what the season or what is going on, the downtown always seems to have decorations to reflect what is going on. Our BIA has come a long way from what it was a decade or so ago.

There are a lot of things I participate in that the BIA sponsors – some grumble that the Farmers' Market is small, however, I disagree. We try to go weekly. One day we counted how many vendors were there, and were surprised to find there were 22.

We actually have quite a few events downtown, like the Old Fashion Christmas coming up next month. Through each season there are events, and whether it is Christmas lights throughout the main core, colourful planters of flowers or the little wooden "children" dressed in their back to school outfits, the efforts of the BIA are noticeable.

One of the things I like the best since becoming a mom is the ghost walk that the downtown merchants hold for younger children. Last year and this year, although the troop isn't old enough to trick or treat beyond the grandparents and close friends, we still like to walk the ghost walk and see

all the children, and sometimes even their parents, dressed up for Hallowe'en.

This year, Little J graduated from riding in the stroller to walking and I was surprised at the distance she walked. Along the route we saw a little girl in a wagon dressed as a bumblebee. Her entire costume was knitted, including the hat. Wow! Someone has a really talented grandmother. We saw princesses and hockey players, and firefighters seemed to be a popular choice this year.

The crowds moved orderly up and down the street, weaving in and out of participating merchants – it is really quite a sight. Apparently for the last two years there were more than 600 children parading throughout the downtown core to safely trick or treat. How great is that? Even one of the funeral homes participates, which some might think is a little different; however, I think it's great. I can't think of too many times I actually want to go to the funeral home, let alone instruct my kid

to go up to the front door.

On Halloween, many people I talked to said that the number of children that were coming to their doors was down from years before, even though in town there were a lot of houses done up for Halloween along with a couple of haunted houses for charity.

When we were at my folk's house, we hung out for a bit and I was watching as some of the kids came to their door. This is one thing I really miss since going rural. I've watched my folks for years telling the kids to "come on in..." to get their treat, and show of their costumes. Years ago, the kids would come in and almost make themselves at home. I remember a couple times the kids would wander right into the kitchen. Now, they stand closely guarding the door they entered.

Is it a sign of the times, as they say? Maybe trick or treating is something that will end up being something the kids in the future read about online, and think how weird we were dressing up in costumes and going to complete strangers' houses, in the dark, asking for candy. Come to think of it, it does sound a bit strange...