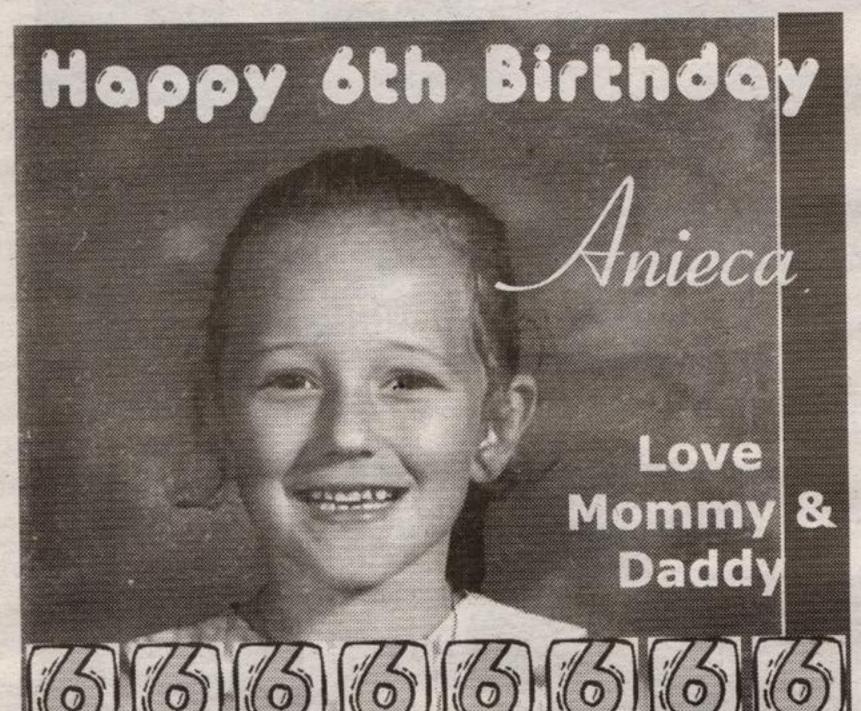
LAUGHING OUT LOUD: Entertainer Ben Burland delighted students at Robert Little school on Friday, February 6, with magic and acrobatic performances. Students donated money and the school's Parents Group matched the donations, proceeds of which went to support the Off The Wall Youth Centre. Photos by Michael Nicholson.







Murder, mayhem at old Town Hall

If you're fed up with the winter, the weather and are starting to develop cabin fever, the cure may be in your own back yard. Not literally but at

Acton's old Town Hall on Willow St., just north of Mill St.

On Saturday, Feb. 21 the Acton Old Town Hall Dinner Theatre is staging a murder mystery dinner in support of Heritage Acton and the theatre group.

"It's a perfect venue for dinner theatre," says Rev. Mark Tiller, who is anxious to get a live theatre company going in Acton.

Emerys Jenkins and I talked about it three or four years ago but it wasn't until I saw the upper room of the old Town Hall that I realized it was a perfect venue for dinner theatre. It will be the second time the fledgling theatre group has performed. The successful "The Knight's Feast", a medieval play was its first venture in November 2003.

Rev. Tiller, rector of St. Alban's Anglican Church, has enjoyed participating in live theatre for many years. He has performed several times in starring roles with the

Georgetown Little Theatre. When he saw Heritage Acton was trying to bring back the old Town Hall to its once popular venue for concerts and theatre he felt it would also be a good opportunity to start a theatre group in Acton which could assist them in their project as well as form a local theatre company.

Rev. Mark says the lack of a full stage in the hall prohibits conventional theatre but makes it an excellent venue for dinner theatre. He has several people to help him with their latest murder mystery dinner including locals Kathy Sanford and Shiona Watson as well as Margaret Brady from Milton, the latter two who've been involved with Georgetown Little Theatre. (GLT).

"I hope to be pulling in some more GLT people "to help with the murder mystery dinner on Saturday, Feb. 21, and get more local people interested in taking part in live theatre,

Rev. Tiller said.

The dinner theatre starts at 6:30 p.m. and a roast beef dinner will be served at 7 p.m. with the evening revolving around a drama of murder mystery at St. Cakes' School Founder's Day Celebration.

Bishop Cakes founded St. Cakes School in 930 AD as an "educational establishment for those miraculously cured of leprosy." After the Bishop's death, admission policies were changed, to admit children from every kind of background. The highlight of the day is the dinner when students and staff get together to enjoy a meal and each other's company. At this time they can relax in the knowledge that all is well at their beloved St. Cakes School. Or is

Tickets for the dinner are \$40 each and available at Acton Home Hardware, Halton Hills Furniture and the Acton BIA office. Ticket deadline is this Saturday, Feb. 14.



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