

# New blood pumped into Milton Choristers group

The excitement is building for the Milton Choristers' 30th anniversary season, group officials say.

The call for new members from the community was a "resounding success," said Choristers president Hazel Carlin.

"Add 14 returning members to the equation as well as one new accompanist, Elaine Rusk, and one new conductor, Glenda Crawford, and that equals 30 performers for our 30th anniversary season."

Ms Crawford described the choir's sound as "amazing."

"The blend of voices of experienced Choristers and new members combined with great music is sure to make each concert a success," she said.

After a solid month of rehearsals, the Choristers invite the community to experience the inspiration that choral music has to offer by becoming subscribers for the 1998-99 series.

A full season of entertainment includes three concerts at a subscription series price of \$30 (\$25 for senior citizens and adults).

"This is a substantial saving over the combined individual ticket prices of \$40 for the season," Ms Carlin said.

A Christmas Celebration will be held November 29 at 3 p.m. at Milton Alliance Church. The concert will feature time-honoured Christmas classics, traditional carols, lively songs by contemporary Canadian com-



posers and a performance of the musical fable Brother Heinrich's Christmas by John Rutter.

The Choristers will be joined by special guests the Dancing Hands, a signing choir from the Ernest C. Drury School for the Deaf.

Glory of Romance, a 30th anniversary gala, will be held February 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Milton Alliance Church. Choir alumni will join voices with the Choristers to perform a selection of classical and contemporary love songs. The celebration will conclude with a special reception and dessert buffet.

A British Isles Pub Night on May 15 at 7:30 p.m. will be a memorable musical event at the Farm Museum's Gambrel Barn, Ms Carlin said.

Concert-goers will hear British, Welsh, Scottish and Irish favourites played by a live band and sung by the Choristers.

"Dancers from the Graham School of Irish Dancing and authentic snacks will make this an evening not to be missed," Ms Carlin said. For tickets, call 875-4588.

# Kid cops lead role

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was pretty cool. You can be really expressive with it."

Musicals soon followed. Chris made his stage debut at age eight in the Georgetown Globe Productions' performance of Music Man.

At age 10 he went on to play in Secret Garden. That led to his trying out at the bigger Royal City troupe. Make that the much bigger Royal City.

"I went and tried out. It was kind of scary," said Chris. "There were 180 kids trying out for the roles of Oliver and Dodger."

Chris returned to Guelph for a second callback, with his competition whittled down to 10. It was immediately after the callback that he learned he had the part.

Since then he has been busily trying to infuse his own style into the character.

"In the movies, they show him as sad. I try to show that he can be happy," said Chris. "I try to smile a lot and stuff."

Chris smiles in real life over the more rough and tumble aspects of the part.

"I kind of like getting beat up," he said. "I jump on a guy's back a few times and I get stuffed in a coffin."

When the play fighting stops, at least Chris has acquired a role model for future dealings. "My favorite character is Fagan," he said gleefully. "I think he's a slippery, sly kind of character."

Oliver! runs November 19-21 at 8 p.m., and November 21-22 at 2 p.m. at the River Run Centre in Guelph.

For tickets call 519-763-3000.

# Wreath-making day in country on next weekend

Mountsberg will host a wreath-making event Saturday, Nov. 21.

The workshop — called Enchanted Circles — will offer visitors the opportunity to make their own grapevine wreath will all natural herbs, dried flowers, teasel and acorns gathered from the conservation area's trails and gardens.

All materials and refreshments for the afternoon event are included in a \$25 fee. Pre-registered is required and can be done by calling 854-2276.

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Artists are invited to develop their own winter mural

to be displayed at this month long event. The competition is open to all artists, art classes and schools. The deadline for submissions is Monday, Nov. 23. For more information, contact Mandy Bidwell at 827-6911, ext. 228, at Bronte Creek Provincial Park



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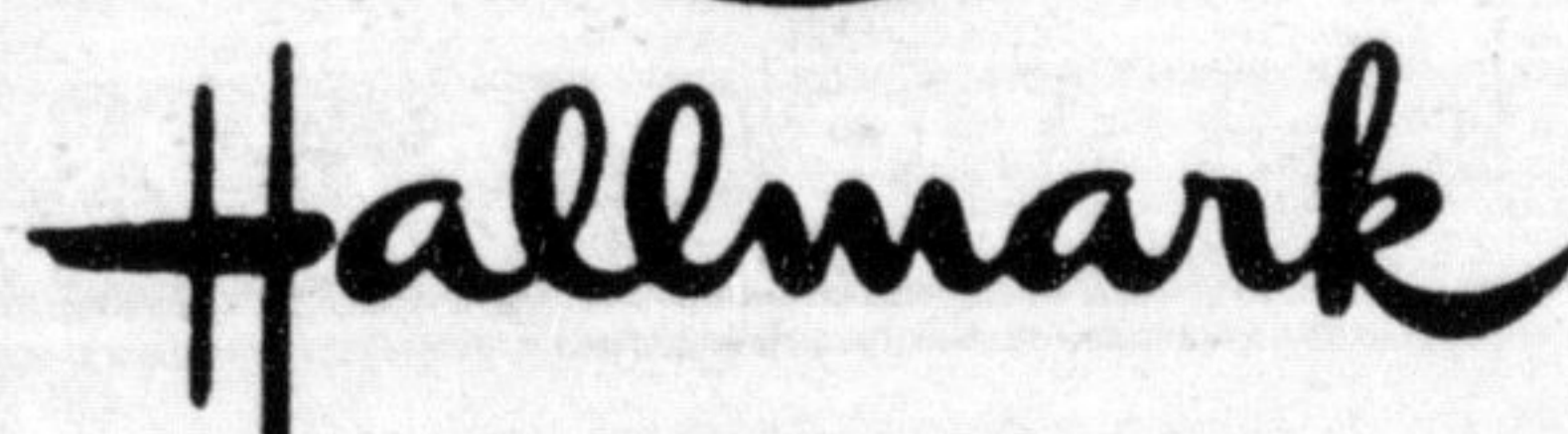
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