



**Lillian Lunn gives neighbor Dessie Cook a gentle push at the park in Dutton. Lunn and Cook are members of the Dutton and Dunwich Adult Club, a local senior citizens club that wants to rent space for a seniors drop-in centre. Seniors in small rural communities in Ontario are going to have to become more aggressive when it comes to getting the services they need and want, says a report by the Ontario Advisory Council on Senior Citizens.**





**DAFFODIL TEA** -- Wallacetown Women's Institute hosted this year's Daffodil Tea at the Wallacetown Hall on Sept. 9 - to raise funds for cancer research. Participating at the tea were Dorothy Lamb (rear left), Wallacetown; Kay Waite (second left), Wallacetown; Louie Lackey (third left), Wallacetown; Lillian Lunn (fourth left), Dutton; Gertrude Sloan (middle left), Wallacetown; Jean Morrison (middle right), Dutton; Mae Graham (fourth right), Dutton; Dorothy Robson (third right), Wallacetown; Elsa Lunde

(second right), Wallacetown; Ann Dietrich (right), Wallacetown. Serving tea were Dorothy Jewell (front left), secretary-treasurer from Wallacetown and Sally McIntyre (front right), president. About 155 people attended the annual event. Ralph Wilson of London won the quilt donated by the Fingal Ladies Institute. Alma McIntosh of Dutton won the small afghan made by Effie Post of Shedden and Kay Begg of RR 5, St. Thomas, won the large afghan made by Rosina Becker of Dutton. (Staff Photo - Heather Buchanan)





# Talbot Settlement Bi-Centennial 2003

A Centurys old story of colonialism conflict and creativity.

With the advent of the 200th anniversary of the settlements founding approaching in the year 2003 we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to rediscover the dramatic impact this settlement had on our provinces' - rich cultural heritage: past, present, and future.

<http://home.golden.net/~talbot2003>



March 20, 2002

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Worshipful Master to request your attendance at the regular meeting of Cameron Lodge, No. 232, A.F. & A.M. to be held on:

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd, 2002  
at 8:00 p.m.**

Welcome & Introductions  
Reading & Confirming Minutes  
Communications  
Accounts  
Report from the Treasurer  
Reports of Standing Committees  
Reports of Special Committees  
Proposals for Membership  
Inquiry re: Brethren ill or in distress  
General Business  
Masonic Education  
Good and Welfare of Masonry

Yours Fraternally,

W. Bro. John McIntyre, Secretary

#### **DUES**

Please check your dues card and if it does not read 2002, your dues are past due.

#### **BY-LAW UPDATE**

The By-Law committee has updated the Cameron Lodge By-laws and the changes are included with your summons for your perusal. These by-laws have been previously approved in Open Lodge with the exception of Article V Sec. 1 and Article V. Sec. 2 and will be voted on in Open Lodge.

#### **AWAITING DEGREES**

3rd Degree  
Bro. Peter Furby

#### **MASONIC WEBSITE**

St. Thomas District on the internet  
Website address is:

<http://www.stthomasfreemasonry.com>

Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario

<http://www.grandlodge.on.ca/>

#### **D.D.G.M. OFFICIAL VISITS**

St. Mark's, #94, Port Stanley  
Tuesday, April 9th, 2002, 8:00 p.m.

Malahide, #140, Aylmer  
Wednesday, April 17th, 2002, 8:00 p.m.

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

W. Bro. Craig Armstrong will move or cause to be moved that the revised By-Laws be accepted as printed and that a new By-Law book be printed for distribution to the Brethren.

#### **50 YEAR PIN PRESENTATION**

R. W. Bro. Alistair Littlejohn will be presented with his 50 year pin on Saturday, March 30th, 2002 at the W.E.D.S. Theatre at a reception from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. All Brethren and families are invited to attend this reception.

#### **GRAND LODGE**

The 147th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in the Province of Ontario will be held at the Royal York Hotel on Wednesday, July 17th, 2002.

A bus will leave Elgin Mall for this event at 7:30 a.m. The cost is \$20.00 in advance on a first come basis. Payment can be made to W. Bro. Ned Hall or the Cameron Lodge secretary.

#### **UPCOMING MASONIC EVENTS**

Ladies' Night, Saturday, April 13th, 2002

Dinner Theatre at Appin. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Bring your lady to this special event and laugh the night away. Only 100 tickets are available.

#### **ILLNESS**

If you know of any Brothers or his family confined to home or hospital by illness, please advise the Worshipful Master or the Sick and Visitation Committee.

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE EAST**

March 20<sup>th</sup> 2002.

Dear Brethren:

A slice of history. "Cameron Lodge 232 came into being in 1870. The lodge was to be known as "Cameron Lodge No. 232 AF & AM" and was named after Bro. John H. Cameron, one of its founders, who presented the Lodge with its first leather upholstered Master's Chair. The Lodge held its meetings on "the Wednesday on or before the full moon" in several locations in the Village of Wallacetown, one location being the Cameron Store, from which two of the wood pillars for the lesser lights at the altar were obtained.

The unique Tracing Board used in the Lodge today is the beautiful antique hand painted Board dedicated to the memory of "Bro. John McKay". The name of the artist is one "Bro P. McGregor, Lodge Ethel Gowan 716, Scotand". During the 1930's depression, Bro. McGregor, an itinerant, was a resident at the old "McIntyre Hotel". In return for his lodging, he painted a complete set of Tracing Boards for Cameron Lodge which are beautifully preserved and still in use today."

Brethren, at our next lodge meeting, R. W. Bro. Russ Barber will present an interesting theme on Masonic Education.

March 30th, 2-3 p.m. at the WEDS Hall in Dutton, a reception of families and friends for the presentation of a fifty year jewel to Alistair B. Littlejohn.

May you enjoy an Easter of happiness, surrounded with the love of family and friends.

Fraternally yours,  
Don Page, Worshipful Master

WALLACETOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. OFFICERS. 2003-2004

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TWEEDSMUIR AND ANNUAL REPORT MEETING.

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DISTRICT. ----- ELGIN COUNTY.

CURATOR ----- HELEN VAN BRENK,  
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1. HAVE SEVEN BOOKS ON TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY.
2. SIX BOOKS HAVE BEEN MICROFILMED.
3. ROLL CALL.----- A PHOTO OF YOUR WEDDING DAY AND WRITE UP.
- 4.

HAVE ADDED 33 PAGES TO NUMBER SEVEN BOOK THIS YEAR.

4. PAGES ON DAYS GONE BUY.
7. PAGES ON WALLACETOWN W.I. ACTIVITIES.
6. PAGES ON WALLACETOWN W.I. 90th ANNIVERSARY.
2. PAGES ON 25th ANNIVERSARY --THE ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SOCCER EXCHANGE BETWEEN WALLACETOWN AND CUYAHOGA FALLS OHIO.
6. PAGES ON LOCAL CHURCHES CELEBRATE THEIR ANNIVERSARYS.
8. PAGES CENTURY FARMS.

HAVE 6 HOUSE LOGS DONE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WE HAVE PUBLISHED A BOOK ON OUR TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY ON WALLACETOWN COMMUNITY.

FUTURE PROJECTS.----- DAYS GONE BUY.



For a number of years the Wallacetown Women's Institutes Christmas meetings have been in the form of a Christmas Dinner and a Guest Speaker at members homes.

At this time, member Sally Mc Intyre had hand knitted and donated each year a beautiful, brightly coloured Christmas Pullover Sweater, which lit up, and was presented to our guest speakers.

The recipients and the hostesses were as follows;  
1996: Rev. Evelyn Mc Lachlan - United Church Minister,  
at the home of Helen VanBrenk.

1997: Mrs Norma Mc Millan } of the Daffodil Society  
and Mrs Lois Carroll }  
at the home of Helen VanBrenk.

1998: Rev. Anne Mills - Anglican Minister  
at the home of Kathy Minnema

1999: Rev. Jane Hallett - United Church Minister  
at the home of Kathy Minnema

2002: Diane Mac Pherson - United Church Minister  
at the home of Helen VanBrenk.

Written by member  
Louie Lackey  
Jan. 30, 2003



Photo taken Dec 2002  
Xmas dinner.  
Taken by Helen VAN BRENK.



Can't Believe You Made It" !

*Given at the U.C.W meeting Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. 2003*

If you lived as a child in the 40's, 50's, 60's or 70's. Looking back, it's hard to believe that we have lived as long as we have.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pickup truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

Our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paint. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors, or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets.

(Not to mention hitchhiking to town as a young kid!)

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. Horrors. We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. No cell phones. Unthinkable.

We played dodgeball and sometimes the ball would really hurt. We got cut and broke bones and broke teeth, and there were no law suits from these accidents. They were accidents. No one was to blame, but us. Remember accidents? We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it.

We ate cupcakes, bread and butter, and drank sugar soda but we were never overweight...we were always outside playing. We shared one grape soda with four friends, from one bottle and no one died from this.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, video games at all, 99 channels on cable, video tape movies, surround sound, personal cell phones, Personal Computers, Internet chat rooms ... we had friends. We went outside and found them. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rung the bell or just walked in and talked to them. Imagine such a thing. Without asking a parent! By ourselves! Out there in the cold cruel world! Without a guardian. How did we do it?

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't, had to learn to deal with disappointment.

Some students weren't as smart as others so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade.....Horrors. Tests were not adjusted for any reason.

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. No one to hide behind. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law, imagine that!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years has been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

And you're one of them.

Congratulations!