



SIFTON, Ellis Wellwood

V.C. Vimy Ridge, April 9th, 1917
(Posthumous)

Born Wallacetown, Ontario, October 12th, 1891

Unit 18th Battalion; C.E.F.

Died April 9th, 1917

[On Vimy Ridge] the first German line was gained and captured. . . . But at the second line, after the barrage had swept over it, the first opposition of importance was met. Here small parties of machine gunners, tucked away in their concrete fortresses, had escaped the terrible shelling and as the Canadians advanced they enfiladed the waves of men as they passed.

One such nest stemmed the advance of 'C' Company. Men began to fall, hit by the unseen enemy. The others peered around in the gloom, trying to discover the nest. Lance-Sergeant Sifton saw it first. The barrel of the gun showed over a parapet.

Sifton did not wait to work out an elaborate attack, for there was no time to lose. He rushed ahead, leaped into the trench, charged into the crew, overthrew the gun and turned on the gunners with his bayonet. Before they had time to resist, every one of the Germans was out of business. With the demolition of the machine gun, the advance of the 18th Battalion moved on.

Sifton's men hurried up to support him, but before they reached the position a party of Germans advanced on him from down the trench. He attacked them with bayonet and clubbed rifle and held them off till his comrades jumped into the trench and ended the unequal fight. But none noticed a dying German, one of Sifton's victims, who rolled over to the edge of the trench, picked up a rifle and took careful aim. . . .

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ONWARD TO CANADA IN 2002

The 24th Annual International Youth Soccer Weekend was brought to a very successful close this weekend. One of the highlights of the closing activities was the presentation of a banner to the Wallacetown Optimist Club, kicking off the 25th Annual International youth Soccer Weekend to be held in Wallacetown, Ontario, Canada, August 2 to 5, 2002. Displaying the banner is Herb Loewlein, President of the Cuyahoga Falls Breakfast Optimist Club (on the left) and Kim Carder of the Wallacetown Optimist Club (on the right). Surrounding them are members of the Cuyahoga Falls Soccer Club and the Parents Soccer Committee.

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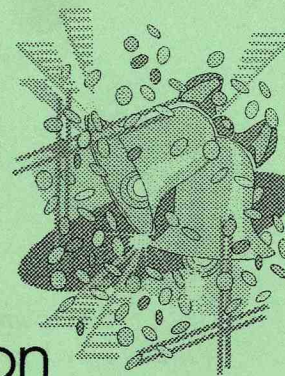
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Christmas Tour of Homes



In Wallacetown & Dutton

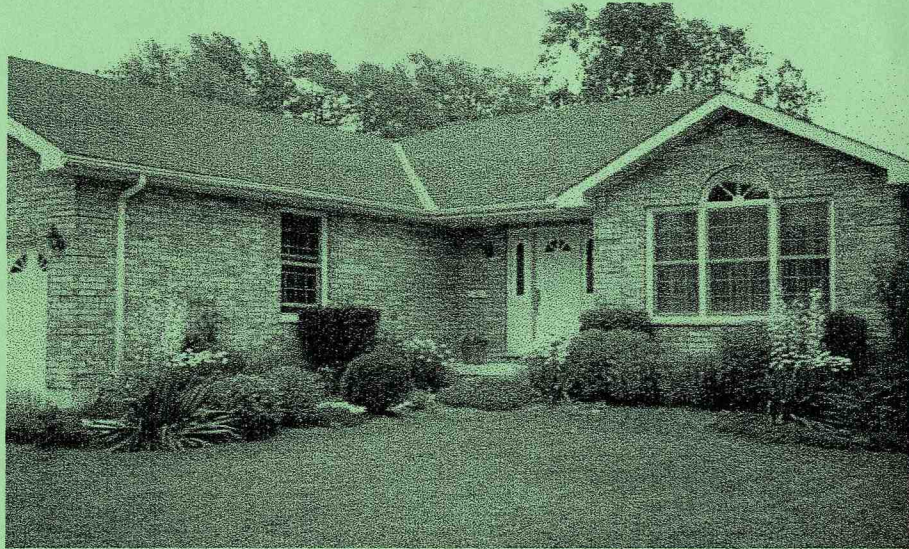
On Saturday, Nov. 3, (10 - 4) and Sunday, Nov. 4, (11 - 4), 2001

This Passport entitles the bearer to
Tour 5 elegant homes, each decorated
for the festive season by local designers of distinction
Visit South Dunwich Community Hall, featuring seasonal
decorations with a Christmas Wedding theme
Enjoy refreshments in the Holly Berry Tea Room
and visit decorating craft boutiques
at Wallacetown United Church
One Draw Prize Entry

Enclosed you will find details about each location
on the tour, maps and important instructions,
together with information about draw prizes,
participating decorators and donors.

Proceeds from the Christmas Home Tour will go to
Wallacetown United Church

Bessie Lyons



This modern ranch style home was custom built for the present owner by Darren Williams in 1996, marking a very significant transition from many years of farm life to the comforts of living in town.

The interesting mix of furnishings in this dwelling reflect memories and treasures from the past alongside newer acquisitions. They all blend perfectly into a warm background of light oak hardwood floors and trim.

This large 3 bedroom home is built to handle large family gatherings, facilitated by the generous family room on the lower level and the open concept used in the living room and kitchen areas.

Not to be missed, as well, are the carefully landscaped gardens around the outside of the home.

Seasonal designers: Evelyn's Silk Floral Creations, Dutton
- by Evelyn - and Mulberry Lane, St. Thomas - by Sharon

John & Barbara Woolley



This interesting cottage style home was built in 1937 by Joe Wilson - for use as an egg grading station!

Don Osborne operated the egg business here until 1945, at which time he sold the building to Clarence & Bealin Taylor, and it was they who began the process of converting it into a house. Modifications continued during the next 20 years as subsequent owners added their own personal touches.

The present owners, John & Barbara Woolley, acquired the house in 1966 and continued the process of renovating and updating to suit changing circumstances. Their last major addition was a sun room, added onto the west end of the house in 1996.

Seasonal designers: Yellow Cottage Garden & Gifts, Wallacetown
- by Susan - and The Village Green, West Lorne - by Helen

Jim & Denise Barber



This beautiful new custom designed three bedroom, two story home was built in 1996 by Oke Woodsmith of Hensall. It is situated at historic Coyne's Corners on the original Braddon homestead, which has been in the family since before Confederation.

The original home of Raymond Braddon remained on this property until 1997, and particular features from it were incorporated into the new home that you will visit today. These include the outside bricks and a beautiful stained glass window. You will find this particular window carefully positioned between the family room and main hallway, where both morning and evening sunlight pass through it at certain times of the year.

We draw your attention to the furnishings as well, because they also reflect an interesting mix of modern with those of an earlier time.

The house was painted and stained by H.D. Decorating of Wallacetown.

Seasonal designers: Village Pantry Boutique, Shedden - by Linda,
Jeannie & Mary - and Mezenberg Dried Flowers, West Lorne
- by Kathy & Brenda

ThorneBrook Farm



This farm has changed ownership only six times in the 180 years since the Crown gave the land to Col. Talbot - on July 25, 1821 - most recently to Charles Lyons in 1920 - to Harold & Bessie Lyons in 1954 - and to Dawn & Emerson Thorne in 1996.

The original clapboard 1-1/2 story farmhouse was built in 1884 and bricked over some 32 years later. Today, after 117 years, the solid oak barn style frame remains intact and original round oak logs continue to support the floor.

A major addition was built in 1997, replacing the original kitchen at the back of the house and an attached mud barn. Care was taken to duplicate exactly the gables, stained glass and roof lines of the original dwelling as seen from the front. At the rear, the slope of the land permitted a full two-story layout. At the same time, because of earlier fire damage and settling over the years, the new owners elected to bring the complete interior, plus the heating, electrical and plumbing systems, up to modern building code.

The original narrow center hall stairway was relocated and doorways widened to create a brighter interior, producing a very cosy and functional layout totaling about 3800 sq. ft. The house's warm interior features solid oak floors on both floors and pine trim throughout. We also draw your attention to cherry wood cabinetry in the study, and custom made chestnut accents overhead and around the fireplace - made from original timbers in the old house.

Seasonal designer: M.P. Designs at Work, Bothwell - by Sherrie