## Past Events Our Stratford Adventure BY LYNNE BALFOUR

Wouldn't you know it? A 90-minute backup on the 401 highway! Thank goodness we don't have to drive it daily! Our Stratford bus had to detour around back roads which gave us a lovely tour of small towns in southern Ontario on a beautiful sunny day.

We were 52 BGCC residents on our way to Stratford to see *Billy Elliott*, a fascinating musical show about a young boy growing up in Britain's coal country as strikes were threatening people's livelihoods. Billy loved to dance, much to the derision of his brother and family, but he was supported by a local dance teacher and offered an opportunity for education and training at a world-famous school. Eleven-year-old Nolen Dubuc, an amazing singer and dancer from Vancouver whose whole family moved to Stratford, played the lead role. With brilliant choreography and music by Elton John, the show was a success for all of us. Many thanks to Anne and Ron Brewing for organizing this event (and the delicious lunch).