

- **Most meetings will be held in person and on Zoom, but could be changed to Zoom meetings only depending on weather. Please check our website for up-to-date information.**

Thursday, September 26, 2024

The Lorenz and Enigma

Tim Speed

Tim first became interested in aviation when he was in Air Scouts. He earned his business degree in the United Kingdom and joined the British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) after graduation. He served as a stations officer in Dubai, Tokyo and Beirut before returning to the UK to join the BOAC's Air Cargo Division. Later Tim began working for an air freight forwarder. He then immigrated to Canada in 1980 with his family. Before retiring, he was the CEO of a large air freight and logistics company.

During WWII, Germany had two uncrackable coding machines used by the army, Navy and Air Force. Tim will explain how the cryptanalysts at Bletchley Park solved their secrets in order to read German codes.

**Thursday, October 24, 2024
(moved up due to Halloween)**

WW I Post Cards – the local connection

Dr. Jonathan Vance

Jonathan is well known to Waterdown audiences, having grown up here. He has written over a dozen books on military history, and teaches military history, Canadian History and social memory at The University of Western Ontario.

During the First World War, postcards sent to and from soldiers numbered in the

billions. Those postcards that survive give us intimate glimpses into the experience of war, and help connect us to the generation that lived through those catastrophic times. Learn more about a Remembrance project that allows local students to work with postcards sent by Waterdown area soldiers over a century ago, and find out more about their community in what might have been its most traumatic time.

Thursday, November 28, 2024

Hamilton & Scourge Historical Site

Christopher Redford

Christopher is the City of Hamilton's Heritage Presentation Co-ordinator. He helps produce many of the plaques and markers across the city; including the one at the Hamilton and Scourge National Historical Site at the Naval Memorial Garden in Confederation Park.

The Hamilton and Scourge were merchant ships that the American Navy brought into service prior to the War of 1812. They capsized in Lake Ontario and are the only complete 1812 war ships to rest under 300 feet of water. Christopher will present the history of the ships as well as how using first-hand accounts and sonar technology, these wrecks have been found and investigated.

Thursday, January 30, 2025

Residential Schools

Nathan Tidridge

Nathan teaches Canadian History, Government and Indigenous Studies at Waterdown District High School. He has written a number of books about the Royal

Family and local history, including *The Extraordinary History of Flamborough*. He is a member of the national advisory council for the Prince's Trust Canada, and vice-president for the Institute of the Study of the Crown in Canada. In 2018, Nathan was awarded Meritorious Service Medal for his work on educating Canadians on the role of the Crown and its relationship with indigenous communities. In 2020, he received the Governor General's award for excellence in teaching history.

Nathan will tell us the stories from some of the survivors from the schools as well as the harsh condition in which they endured.

Thursday, February 27, 2025

Sarah Pooley

Jane Mulkewich

Jane is the legal director for UFCW Locals 175 and 633. She studied law at the University of Western Ontario. She has been involved in politics and has worked for the Hamilton Police Services doing anti-racism work and McMaster University doing equity work.

Jane will retell the story of local slave Sophia Pooley. Pooley was taken from her parents in New York and brought to Upper Canada in 1778, then sold to Joseph Brant who later sold her to Samuel Hatt of Ancaster.

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Women's Institute of Canada

Linda Zelem

Linda is the Public Relations Co-ordinator for the Federal Women's Institute of Canada. Prior to this position, she was the president

for the organization. She is also a member and instructor for the Ontario Hunter Education Program.

The first Women's Institute was founded in 1897 in Stoney Creek by Erland and Janet Lee. They invited a group of women to hear Adelaide Hoodless speak about the importance of women engaging in formal domestic education to the success of family and the nation. Linda will tell us about the women's work towards agricultural improvement, lobbying for women's and children's rights, and their work during WWI as well as their work today.

Thursday, April 24, 2025

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by our guest speaker.

And Now the Field of Battle Was My Home

Daryl Mactavish

Daryl has worked for the city of Hamilton's Historic House Museums for the past 39 years. He enjoys bringing history alive to the visitors by trying to make the lifestyle and choice made by people back then, understandable to people today. He lives in a brick home built in 1887 in the historic Corktown neighborhood of Hamilton that is filled with historic books and antique photographs.

Daryl will share with us the events that let up to the June 6th 1813 battle and some of the key figures from both British and American troops, as well as the Gage family. He will also focus on the family's War Loss Claims and how one of granddaughters succeeded in having a monument built 100 years after the battle.

The Flamborough Archives

Since 1990, the Society has operated a Community Archives in Waterdown devoted to the preservation of material related to the history of the Town of Flamborough and its various historical configurations. The majority of material relates to the former Townships of East and West Flamborough, and the Village of Waterdown, with some Beverly Township records. The Archives had been located in the former Township Hall which was demolished to make room for the new library, and the archives are now located within the new Waterdown Public Library at 163 Dundas Street E. We are open Monday to Friday 10 am-4 pm.

A large card file index allows visitors to access material collected since the 1973 founding of the Society. This material relates to the history of the area, its government, and the people who have lived here, their businesses, their associations, achievements, and activities.

The collection includes original Land Abstract Index Books for East & West Flamborough Townships, local cemetery transcriptions, microfilms for local newspapers and census records, Ontario vital statistics from 1851-1881, Tweedsmuir histories, family histories, thousands of photographs and negatives, a business inventory and general genealogical research material. Digital searching of our photo collection by keyword is available on a public computer in the archives. A small number of artifacts are also held in the collection.



Society Executive 2024-2025

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Membership in the Society is open to all.
Membership runs September to August.

Fee Schedule: Single - \$20.00
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The Flamborough Heritage Society

The Society is one of the largest and most active heritage groups in the former Wentworth County. Founded in April 1973, it is a non-profit charitable organization, affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society.

The Society aims to "record local history, past and present, preserve documents and increase public appreciation of the special character of the Town of Flamborough, so ensuring a worthwhile and interesting heritage for future generations." The Flamborough Archives, administered by the Society, is open to the public five days a week.

Public Meetings are held on the last Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March and April, at Grace Anglican Church, Noble Hall, 157 Mill Street North, Waterdown. Parking is accessed from Main Street. Meetings begin at 8:00 PM.

At each meeting there is a brief period allotted to the business of the Society, followed by a speaker, or presentation on some aspect of local history or heritage. Afterward there are refreshments and conversation which play an important part in keeping alive the Community spirit.

Meetings are Open to the Public.
No Admission Charge.

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Programs 2024-2025

Join us at Grace Anglican Church – Noble Hall, for our monthly meetings on the last Thursday of the month, 8:00 p.m.



Proposed new steps for Memorial Hall, 1967
Archives architectural drawings collection