

- **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 25, 2025
Life as a Special Duties Bombers Pilot
Chris Clackett

Chris is a tour guide at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. He completed a training course at the British Overseas Airway Corporation where he worked for a number of years practising in business system analysis. When he left the airline industry, he worked in IT and management consulting.

Chris will tell us about the training and operations of a Halifax heavy bomber pilot whose role it was to drop supplies and spies during WWII. They would fly out of RAF Brindisi (Italy) alone at night to the resistance fighters of the Balkans and Poland during the spring and summer of 1944.

Thursday, October 30, 2025
A History of Waterdown High School
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 education 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 about how a summer research project of going through yearbooks, archives and artifacts turned into a rich history of a school that has been part of our community since 1857.

Thursday, November 27, 2025
History of the Waterdown Legion
Bob Thomas

Bob is a retired Canadian Forces Veteran. As a long-standing member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Bob dedicates himself to supporting veterans: particularly those of the Canadian Provost Corps. He is a charter member of the Canadian Association of Veterans in the United Nations Peacekeeping and former Vice-President and Secretary of the Canadian Provost Corps Association. In December 2017 Bob received The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers and in 2025 he received the King Charles III Coronation Medal, for his exceptional volunteer achievements.

Bob will explain to us how the Waterdown branch of the Canadian Legion was established in 1954 in order to support veterans and their families. He will also tell us about the history of the legion throughout the years and their community involvement.

Thursday, January 29, 2026
British Home Children of Canada
Lori Oschefski

Lori is the president of Home Children Canada. She is the author of two books on Home Children and is working on her third. She is the recipients of the Ontario Museum Association's Award for Excellence in Exhibition for an exhibit created in partnership with the Black Creek Pioneer Village. She is also a two-time nominee for Historical Awards for her books.

Lori will share with us how over 1000,000 impoverished or orphaned children were brought over to Canada from the UK to work on Canada farms and in Canadian households. We will learn about their loves and how Home Children Canada is preserving their memories.

Thursday, February 26, 2026
Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame
Sandy O'Reilly

Sandy is the President of the Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame. She will share with us how the Hall of Fame was established 13 years ago in order to celebrate local athletes, teams, coaches, builders and referees who have achieved excellence in Hamilton's sports community.

Thursday, March 26, 2026
Evelyn Dick
Sarah Farr

Sarah is a writer and researcher who explores historical true crimes cases. She grew up in the U.K., moved to Australia in her 20s, then in 2005 relocated to Hamilton. It is

here where she became fascinate with the city's history: especially the story of Evelyn Dick.

Sarah will share with us her research about the socialite who is accused of murdering her husband and son in 1945. She has uncovered some very interesting details about this mysterious case!

Thursday, April 30, 2026
 The Annual General Meeting will be followed by our guest speaker.

Street Names in Waterdown
Lyn Lunsted

Lyn has volunteered at the Flamborough Archives since 2009 and has been the Archivist since 2015, after Sylvia Wray retired. Spending several years as the Archivist for Royal Bank, Lyn changed career paths and worked with business banking systems for 30 years. After her retirement she returned to archival work. In 2020 Lyn received The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers for her work with unit finances for Girl Guides of Canada, and in 2025 she received the King Charles III Coronation Medal for exceptional volunteer achievements.

Lyn will be talking about the origin of street names in Waterdown and we are hoping that this will be an interactive session, with members of the community and the audience contributing their knowledge to this subject. It is not easy to track this information down!

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.

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 7:00 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.



Society Executive 2025-2026

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

Fee Schedule: Single - \$25.00
Family - \$35.00
Student - \$15.00 (under 26)
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Programs 2025-2026

Join us at Grace Anglican Church – Noble Hall, for our monthly meetings on the last Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m.



'Working' ? on the Dundas Street bridge in 1910.
Flamborough Archives photo collection