

# OLD NEWS

PELHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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**November 15, 2023**

If you missed our October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting you missed a presentation that would bring back warm and wonderful childhood memories. That is the memory of the Fenwick Fair also known as the Pelham Fair. Carolyn Botari put together past audio recordings of local residents from 1984 – 1985, who had attended the Fenwick Fair as children in the early 1900's. The pictures were of the crowded fairgrounds, the grandstand, people with their horse and buggies, all pictures of days gone by. Along with the agricultural events and the judging there was horse racing, a magician and even a merry go round. The popcorn, peanuts and taffy were always a big treat back in those days for young and old. It was the event of the year for all to come together to show the fruits of their labour and visit with fellow citizens of Pelham. A big thank you to Carolyn for another great experience!

More good things happening, we have had eight new members sign up in the last month. Let's keep growing..... bring a friend to the meetings!

On a sad note I would like to mention the passing of a long time member, George Rooke. He died July 8, 2023 at the age of 100 years. He and his late wife Barbara were great supporters of the Society.

Rosemary Chambers has put together a display at the Maple Acre Library on "The Village of Fenwick 1853 – 1953. If you get a chance, stop in and see it!

Just a heads up there will be some items for sale at our next meeting on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

1. A book titled "Mute Words, Living Voices" The letters of Henry Giles
2. The Life and Works of Ethelwyn Wetherald book with a package of Christmas cards featuring the old Pelham Centre School
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## **Next Month's Meeting**

**Saturday, December 2nd 2:30 p.m. Kirk on the Hill**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Also**

**"Virtual Tour of the Hillside/Dawdy Cemetery"**

**Come to learn about the cemetery's history and hear the life stories of the people that helped build our community**