

flats at the Beachville station were not large enough to accommodate extensive shipping yards, and this gave the impetus for Woodstock to be developed. For many years a watchman was employed to guard the

crossing at Beachville. His duties were, with flag or lantern, to control traffic for every train that passed. The watchman lived in a small house south of the track on the East side.

## Churches

In the spring of 1835, Father Veriotte celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with seven persons (including two children) partaking of the sacrament. For several years Beachville was the centre of Roman

Catholic worship for the people of Woodstock and Ingersoll and the surrounding area. In 1838 a plot for a chapel and burial ground was purchased from R. Martin, on Church St. This chapel, erected by Father Burke,



**Beachville Methodist Church Bible Class  
1915 World War I**

**Donated by Albert Reeves,  
Courtesy Beachville Museum**

**Back row - Don Graham, Tommy Fields (killed in action), Walter Knott.**

**Second row - Fred Fairbanks, Arthur Crawford (missing), Fred Crawford, Russell Crawford.**

**Third row - Albert Reeves, Ed Thornton, Rev. Kays, Mr. Collier, Ernie Lowes.**

**Front row - Fred Knott, Alvin Swartz, Bill Bremner.**