

the result of working with another dedicated local organization, the Rotary Club. Without their members' unstinting dedication and resolve, the project would not be where it is today.

Hand in hand with its mandate of preserving local history for future generations, the society has presented the annual Stirling-Rawdon Genealogy Fair held the last Saturday in August. Well-known guest speakers and an impressive array of genealogical resources from merchants and other organizations has made this an eagerly anticipated yearly event. Through the presentation of this fair, the society has tried to raise citizens' interest in their family histories and by doing so encourage the preservation not only of each person's past but also the rich heritage of the community.

Protecting the architectural elements of the community has also become of paramount importance as heritage structures are slowly being replaced by modern buildings or are relegated to nothing more than large areas of pavement. We lament the destruction in March 2008 of the former grammar school at 69 Front Street, the only surviving school building dating to the middle of the 19th century. The society hopes to eventually persuade property owners to preserve and restore rather than remove from our village streetscape buildings that connect us with our past.

Preserving the past also means taking good care of documents and photographs which are in our collective possession. Family photographs, old pictures of our municipality, letters, deeds and printed material deserve a place where these artifacts will be given the protection they need. The location of a municipal archives is also a fond desire of the society. The reposi-



This was the old grammar school which dated to around 1850; it stood on the south side of Front Street West across from Station Street. It was demolished in March of 2008. The Stirling-Rawdon Historical Society is working to preserve such historic buildings and prevent the destruction of these precious links to our past.

tory would be completely accessible by the public but treasured pieces of our past would be protected from fire, the harmful effects of light, moisture, and excessive handling. Copies of each document, on microfilm or digitally preserved, could be made available to students, teachers, writers, newspapers and researchers. The archives would also be locally owned and dedicated only to Stirling and Rawdon Township. Placing local documents in a regional facility takes our history another step away from its rightful place—our community.

The Stirling-Rawdon Historical Society will continue its endeavours to protect, conserve and promote our local history.

OAK HILLS GOLF CLUB UPDATE

In 1995 Golf Management Corporation purchased Oak Hills Golf Club and remains the present owner (2007). It is now a full 36-hole facility with driving range and putting greens. In 2002 Oak Hills Golf Club began taking on a more manicured look when the greens crew started shaping fairways and cutting at a lower height in order to distinguish fairways from rough.

They continue to make improvements yearly and in 2007 started rebuilding some of the tee boxes beginning with the forward tees on 1 and 10 on the Highland Course and will continue with this over the coming years.

The upstairs of the Club House has been completed and is home to numerous tournament meals throughout the golf season. Over a season Oak Hills plays host to over 100 tournaments.

In recent years Oak Hills Golf Club has hosted sev-

eral Golf Association of Ontario Kingston District golf tournaments. The Oak Hills Golf Club Ladies Invitational remains a popular tournament for all ladies in and around the Quinte and Kingston area. Both men and ladies continue to host Club Championships, held in August played out over two days for a 36-hole event.

Oak Hills Golf Club offers "Play all day for one green fee." In 2007 as Oak Hills Golf Club celebrated its 40th Anniversary, these rates were \$30 Monday to Friday and \$35 on the weekend. In 2007 Oak Hills employed over 40 people throughout the season.

In 2006, two of the members of the Club's Junior Golf Program, Scott Ray and Patrick Shearer, competed in and won the Canadian International Pairs Championship and then competed in Wales for the World International Pairs where they finished a very respectable sixth.