



WELLS LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

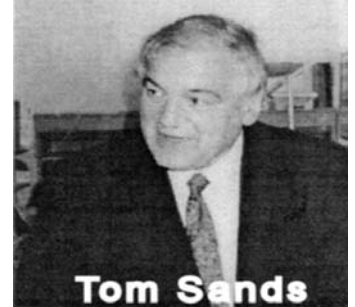
AGM

The new season begins with an apology from your committee for the AGM, called last May, which had to be adjourned.

Unfortunately three members of the committee had to resign at short notice, leaving insufficient time for nominations to elect a full committee - hence the adjournment. Our thanks to all those who attended that meeting. The AGM will be concluded at the October meeting.

SUMMER VISIT

In the meantime the remaining committee members have continued to work for the group. An enjoyable visit was arranged to Stiffkey Hall, where Sir Bernard Fielden gave members a conducted tour of the grounds and much of the building. Our thanks go to Sir Bernard and to Keith Reay who organised the outing.



Tom Sands

The talk will be given by Tom Sands. Tom gave us a fascinating insight into the history of Wells last year. He started with information gleaned from the Enclosure Map of 1813 and from contemporary newspapers, and he talked about the period from 1800 to 1850. This time he proposes to fill in some the gaps in his last talk and continue with more fascinating insights into life in Wells in the period 1850 to 1900.

The AGM will also take place during the evening of October 1st. Business will be kept to a minimum with reports from the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, who will have the audited accounts available for inspection. The remaining committee members are offering to serve again, with further nominations invited from the floor. It is hoped that the meeting will be concluded within half an hour, but it will be necessary to start the evening at 7pm instead of the usual 7.30pm.

THANKS

The surviving committee would particularly like to thank their three colleagues who stood down, for the tremendous effort that they each put into helping set up the group. With a little luck and thanks to their efforts, future committees will have a much easier time. They are Stewart Armour (Chairman), Neil McKechnie (Secretary), and Noel Hoban.

THE NEW SEASON

Welcome to the 1997/8 season. We have now completed our first year, which started with 30 prospective members and finished with 70 paid up members, which means that **we have outgrown our meeting place**. We have had a wide range of speakers address the group, all of whom gave very informative and interesting talks. During the year we started to establish interest groups. This has proven to be a bit slower to develop than hoped, but the interest expressed by members has been most encouraging.

OCTOBER MEETING

The meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 1st October, will be at the new venue of the Raven Room, above the Maltings Hall

1997/8 programme

The committee has organised a programme of speakers for the next season, all to be confirmed. The speakers and dates are as follows :-

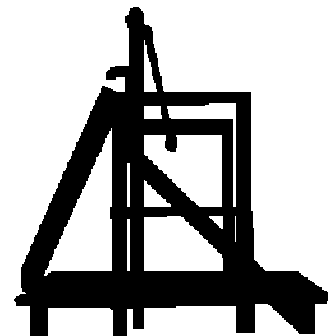
October 1st	Tom Sands	Wells 1850 - 1900
November 5th	Robin Lucas	The Building Materials of Norfolk
December 3rd	Susanna Wade Martins	Holkham Re-visited
January 7th	Joy Lodey	Tracing Your Family History
February 4th	East Anglian Film Archives	Wells and North Norfolk on Film
March 4th	Adrian Vaughan	The Story of Wells Railway
April 1st	Christine Adams	Ware Hall House
May 6th	Martin Warren	A Curator Goes Elephant Hunting

FUNDING

The committee has decided to continue with the same method of funding this year, with a small annual subscription to cover overheads and future development, and a voluntary attendance donation to pay for the hall and speaker. The charges this year will be as follows;

a subscription of £5 per person (£8 for two names at one address); a voluntary payment of £1 per member and a £2 charge for visitors attending a talk.

We sincerely hope you will continue your membership and will be able to attend the first meeting. Subscriptions will be due on that day and members of the committee will be pleased to collect them.



**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW MEETING VENUE
FOR OUR FIRST MEETING ON
1st OCTOBER**