

WELLAND HISTORY GROUP

Newsletter May 2026

Meeting: Friday 29 May, Welland Village Hall, 3:00 pm

All welcome, entry £1 at the door, refreshments after the talk.

The Pheasant Inn

Wendy Jones' previous presentation on The Pheasant covered its history up to 1900. This talk will pick up from that date and take us through subsequent chapters in The Pheasant's turbulent story, including many changes of owners, tenants and breweries, associated sporting teams and even an arson attack. *(Postponed from the February meeting.)*



Google Maps 2009: The Pheasant, the year before it closed (WJ)

Write-up of the 27 February meeting

Our two speakers were Gordon Baylis (**Memories of Old Welland and Richard Drinkwater**) who has spent most of his life in Welland, and John Barley, (**Life on the inside at Welland Remand Home**) whose parents worked for several years at the remand home, now Welland House Care Centre in Lime Grove. Their talks were well received by the audience, some of whom shared memories of the

people and events they mentioned. Their firsthand accounts of what Welland was like in the past were lively, informative and entertaining. Our thanks go to Gordon and John.

John kindly allowed us to publish a summary of his talk on the website:
<https://wellandhistory.uk/2026/03/22/welland-boys-remand-home/>

Sunday 21 June, 12:00 - 15:00

WELLAND SUMMER BASH

WHG will have a table in the village hall with a display of photos, maps, and books.

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Next meeting

Friday 25 September - topic to be decided

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