

For meeting of Archives Committee on 17th October 2013

Report from the Archivist

Heritage Open Day

Wells Town Hall took part in the 2013 Heritage Open Days event. The Wells venues which participated over the four days across which the event ran again cooperated in the production of a joint flyer. This year four additional venues were added in the City.

The Town Hall was open to the public on Sunday 15 September between 11.00 and 4.00. The ballroom, the Parkes Room and the Mayor's Parlour were open, and there were exhibitions and showings of local films (generously loaned by Michael Green). Displays featured the Wells City Police Force, Mace-Bearers, the Court in Wells, the history of the Town Hall, and railways in Wells. Material from the City Archives, along with items from the Museum collection, was included. Three of the City Charters were on display.

The Archivist is extremely grateful to Councillor Price for all his help with the event and also to the other Councillors who kindly helped at the Town Hall (Councillors Briton, Kennedy and Unwin), along with Mace-Bearer Jan Rood and volunteers Andrew Tucker, Bob Love and Peter Trueman. We received very positive feedback, although the numbers of visitors was less than last year, probably partly because of the wet weather.

Draft Retention and Disposal Policy

The Archivist has drafted a Retention and Disposal Policy. The relevant staff have now reviewed this and the Archivist will be producing a second draft.

Talk to Wells Civic Society

The Archivist will be giving a talk about the City Archives to Wells Civic Society at their AGM on 8 January 2014.

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