

# **A story of a novice local history researcher**

## **22nd June 1999 - Roy Underdown Pavilion**

The first meeting of the Society was attended by twenty four people and there are now 32 members. A constitution for the Society was agreed and a Committee formally elected.

Tony Sedgwick gave an interesting talk on employment in Hamble over the years, and the effects on transport and housing. He compared earlier times, when people commuted to Hamble to work in the larger houses and in agriculture, to the arrival of industries such as aviation when houses were built here for some employees. Lively discussion then followed, with many of the audience confirming Tony's points and linking them with relatives.

Ian Underdown then gave an account of how he became involved in local history, an interesting and often amusing story. He recounted how a disputed date for the start of the Hamble-Warsash Ferry led him into research, and the obstacles which had to be overcome, such as having an appropriate library card.