



Gloucestershire Local History Association Summer Afternoon - Sunday 6th July 2025



Stonehouse History Group
welcomes you to Stonehouse for the GLHA Summer Afternoon
at The Community Centre, Laburnum Walk, Stonehouse, Glos. GL10 2NS.

Programme

1:00pm	Doors open Display on the history of Stonehouse Tea and coffee
2:00pm	Welcome by the GLHA Chair (Sally Self) and SHG Chair (Alex Walmsley) An introduction to Stonehouse (Vicki Walker, SHG Secretary)
2:30pm	Start of optional walks and talk
4:00pm – 5:00pm	Afternoon tea to include sandwiches, savouries and cakes, tea, coffee, and cold drinks.

Cost £12 per person, to include afternoon tea.
Options 1- 4 are walks, Option 5 is a talk.

Option 1: High Street

Walk round the outskirts of the town and back down Stonehouse High Street. Your guide, Shirley Dicker, will point out historical features and the stories behind them.

1 mile - Gentle walk (1 hour 30 minutes) on the flat, with opportunities to rest if required.

Option 2: Stonehouse Court, Canal, Church and Railway

Guides Alex Walmsley, Jim Dickson and Andrew Walker. You will drive half a mile to Stonehouse Court and park there. Car share will be organised (offers to drive welcomed). Start with a short talk on the history of the Court and walk through the grounds to St. Cyr's Church, where there will be an opportunity to go up the tower. Walk over the canal bridge and down to the Midland Railway viaduct, passing the River Frome and willow plantation. Return to the Court and drive back to the Community Centre.

1 mile - Moderate walk (1 hour 30 minutes), mainly easy but the road to the viaduct includes a steep, stony slope. The stone, spiral staircase to access the church tower is quite difficult to climb and not recommended for anyone with mobility difficulties. You can decide on the day if you wish to go up.

Option 3: Stonehouse Arboretum

John Parker (CEO of The Arboricultural Association) will explain the town's exciting project to create a "Community Arboretum". John will lead a walk to Stonehouse Court and back through the town and explain the history and significance of various trees.

2 miles - Easy walk (1 hour 45 minutes) on the flat.

Option 4: Ways and Means - How routes and resources have shaped Stonehouse

This walk, led by Janet Hudson, looks at how ancient routeways in the local landscape made Stonehouse an important transit point between the Cotswold Scarp and the Severn Vale, which always promoted trade and industry. Stonehouse had the only vineyard mentioned in Gloucestershire in the Domesday Book, and the route will include a visit to its modern successor on the lower slopes of Doverow Hill.

1.5 miles - Moderate walk (1 hour 30 minutes), mainly roads, some uneven and possibly muddy paths, one stile if a gate is locked. Some uphill slopes, with one steep but short hill. Walking shoes advised.

Option 5: Talk on Stonehouse in World War Two

Vicki Walker will give a presentation on how life in Stonehouse changed during and after WW2. Suitable for those who prefer not to walk. After the talk there will be the opportunity for a very short walk to the Old Chapel Garden for those who wish to go.



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Booking Form

Enquiries about the walks and talk: Vicki Walker walkeravsj@aol.com

To book place(s) on either the talk or one of the walks, please complete the application form below and email to: Kate Quarry kate@allen-white.co.uk

Please pay by bank transfer, using your name as the reference.

Account name: Stonehouse History Group
Bank sort-code: 08-92-99
Account number: 65299241

Or post the completed form, with a cheque payable to 'Stonehouse History Group', to Kate Quarry:

Stonehouse History Group
c/o Allen-White Funeral Directors
Crown Mews, Bath Road
King's Stanley
Stonehouse, Gloucestershire
GL10 3JG

Completed forms must be received by Saturday 31st May 2025.

We will acknowledge your booking by email (or telephone where necessary) and confirm detailed directions to the venue and suitable parking.

Name of your History Group:	
Name of Person Ordering:	
Email Address:	
Telephone:	

Every effort will be made to give visitors their first option, however, if demand is high, it will be necessary to allocate on a first come, first served basis.

Visitors Name(s)	1st Choice (Option No.)	2nd Choice (Option No.)

Cost £12 per person, to include Afternoon Tea

I have transferred £ _____ to Stonehouse History Group bank account OR

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ payable to Stonehouse History Group

Special Dietary Requirements (please note any here):