



Gloucestershire Local History Association

Annual General Meeting and Members' Forum

Monday June 16th 2025 at 2.00 pm at The Heritage Hub



Refreshments from 1.30

Agenda

2.00

Welcome and Apologies.

GLHA business

Minutes of the GLHA AGM held June 17th 2024

Minutes of the GLHA Forum held March 10th 2025

- **Matters arising.**

Chair's Annual Report.

Members will be emailed a written report before the meeting. The Chair will draw attention to main points and answer any questions.

Treasurer's Report.

Members will be emailed a written report and a copy of the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025 before the meeting. The Treasurer will draw attention to the main points and answer any questions.

Agreement of the Accounts

Amendment to GLHA Constitution

At the GLHA Committee meeting on April 2nd, it was agreed to recommend to members a change in the Constitution to include a reference to online banking. Paragraph 13 point (i) of the Constitution is worded as below.

13. Finance and accounting

(i) The funds of the Association, including all donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the Committee in the name of the Association at such bank as the Committee shall from time to time decide. All cheques drawn on the account must be signed by at least two members of the Committee who are authorized signatories.

The Committee recommend the following amended wording at that point:

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(i) The funds of the Association, including all donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the Committee in the name of the Association at such bank as the Committee shall from time to time decide. All cheques drawn on the account or payments made via an online banking service must be signed or authorised by at least two members of the Committee who are authorised signatories.

Report of enquiries received via email to GLHA by Janet Hudson

Election of committee members for 2025 – 26

We would welcome nominations for the committee. Please send nominations to the Secretary before June 13th. Member Groups will be notified of nominations received.

The Committee 2024 – 25 were:

Geoff Bridgman (Charlton Kings Local and Family History Society) until March.

Janet Hudson (Stonehouse History Group)

David Jones (Maisemore LHS)

Sally Self (Cheltenham LHS)

David Scriven (Cheltenham LHS)

Mary Sullivan (Forest of Dean LHS)

Vicki Walker (Stonehouse History Group)

From March – John Putley (Glos Archives) was co-opted

All committee members 2024/25 are willing to stand with the exception of Geoff Bridgman.

Thanks to Geoff for his service on the committee.

Election of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary for 2024 - 25

The Officers 2024 – 25 were:

Chairman – Sally Self (Cheltenham LHS)

Treasurer - David Scriven (Cheltenham LHS)

Secretary - Vicki Walker (Stonehouse History Group)

All officers are willing to stand.

Report from Glos County History Trust. David Aldred (Trustee)

Report from Glos Archives. John Putley (Community Heritage Officer)

Any other business

Short break – followed by

3.00 (approx)

Karen Davidson

Adventures in Archives: explorations and challenges in the archives at Gloucestershire and Berkeley Castle

Karen says:

Over my 25-year career I have encountered all manner of challenges great and small, from squeezing old typescript catalogues into modern online databases, to making sense of collections spanning almost a thousand years, and even finding time along the way for a spot of international rescue. I've encountered personalities as diverse as Edward II, Richard III, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, some safari-going Edwardian ladies and the Town Clerk of Gloucester and learned about everything from canal-building to the education system to the vagaries of local administration across the centuries. What's next? I think I know, but the first rule of archives is 'everything is always more complicated than it at first appears', and the second is probably 'nothing ever goes quite according to plan', so I'm always prepared to be surprised...

Meeting to finish 4.00 (approx)