



**Minutes of the Members' Forum  
held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 2.00 pm  
at the Heritage Hub**

**Those present were:**

Birdlip History Group	Harvey Mattinson
Blockley Heritage Society	Roger Thornburgh
Chalford Parish Local History Group	Roger Carnt
Charlton Kings Local and Family History Society	Geoff Bridgman
Cheltenham Local History Society	Stuart Manton, David Scriven, Russ Self, Sally Self
Churchdown Local History Society	Joan Hughes, Jane Whittaker
Cirencester Archaeological and Historical Society	Anne Buffoni
Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club	Jane Rowe
Forest of Dean Local History Society	Cecile Hunt, Mary Sullivan
Gloucestershire Archaeology	Denise Vizor
Gloucestershire Archives	John Putley
Gloucestershire County History Trust	David Aldred
Gloucestershire Family History Society	Vicky Thorpe
Gloucester Street History Group (Winchcombe)	Rob White
Maisemore Local History Society	David Jones
Nailsworth Society Local History Research Group	Paul Butler
Painswick Local History Society	Carol Maxwell, Peter Jackson
Sherborne Brook Support Group	Roger Davies
Stonehouse History Group	Janet Hudson, Vicki Walker
Stroud and District Learners Circle	John Peters
Stroud Local History Society	Howard Beard, Tony Macer
Swindon Village Society Local History Group	Eileen Allen

**29 attendees**

**Apologies for absence:**

Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society	Steven Blake
Chipping Campden History Society	Judith Ellis
Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club	Peter Cornish
Cranham Local History Society	Jan Whitton
Gloucester Local History Society	Caroline Meller
Gloucestershire Society for Industrial Archaeology	Chas Townley
Leckhampton	Anne Gale, Stephen Gale
Oakridge History Group	John Loosley
Prestbury History Society	Val Porter
Tewkesbury Historical Society	John Dixon
Winchcombe	Sue Hilton

**Minutes of the GLHA AGM held June 17th 2024  
and Minutes of the GLHA Forum held March 10th 2025**

were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**There were no matters arising**

**Chair's Report by Sally Self**

Members were emailed a written report before the meeting. The Chair drew attention to the following additional points.

Banner

The committee had designed a pull-up banner for GLHA which was on view at the meeting. Howard Beard commented that the name of the driver shown in the Stroud car photograph was Tommy Reed and the two policemen were PCs Spicer and Neal. Tony Macer enquired about the car - the car featured was a 1908 Wolseley owned by Mr Godfrey of Lewis and Godfrey (Stroud Area Photos and Cotswold Picture Postcards).

Local History Day 2026

Hartpury University had been provisionally booked for Saturday July 25th 2026. The topic would be Occupations. The Chair requested that any ideas for speakers be sent to the secretary.

Summer Afternoon Meeting

This year's event will be hosted by Stonehouse History Group on Sunday July 6th 2025. Tidenham will be hosting in 2026.

Programme for 2026

Any ideas for Forum topics or speakers welcomed.

Committee members

The Chair appealed for new committee members and officers. A discussion followed concerning the difficulties of all groups to obtain volunteers to take on responsibilities.

Bryan Jerrard Award

David Aldred reported that the judges (himself, Steven Blake and John Chandler) have selected the winners whose names will be announced at the September Forum.

Website

Mary Sullivan would be updating the Speakers List very shortly. Several new speakers had been added.

David Jones had updated the Local Societies Events List. The deadline for submitting your events is August 15<sup>th</sup> for publication in September. Please send to [events@gloshistory.org.uk](mailto:events@gloshistory.org.uk)

**Treasurer's Report by David Scriven**

Members were emailed a written report and a copy of the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2025 before the meeting. Representatives at the meeting unanimously agreed to accept the Accounts and thanked David for his work as treasurer.

The treasurer thanked Sue Brown for acting as Independent Examiner for the Accounts. He proposed that she should be requested to continue as Independent Examiner. Unanimously agreed by representatives at the meeting.

**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 recommended the following amended wording at that point:

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**The proposed amendment was agreed by all. The secretary would make the amendment and email the revised constitution to all.**

#### **Report of enquiries received via email to GLHA by Janet Hudson**

The Enquiries Report had been emailed to all. The Chair thanked Janet for her work on enquiries during the year.

#### **Election of committee members for 2025 – 26**

##### 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.

The Chair thanked Geoff for his service on the committee.

No further nominations had been received.

The secretary proposed that the existing committee members should be elected en bloc. Seconded by Roger Thornburgh (Blockley). Unanimously agreed.

#### **Election of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary for 2025 - 26**

##### The Officers 2024 – 25 were:

Chairman – Sally Self (Cheltenham LHS)

Treasurer - David Scriven (Cheltenham LHS)

Secretary - Vicki Walker (Stonehouse History Group)

All officers were willing to stand. No further nominations had been received.

The secretary proposed that the existing officers should be elected en bloc. Seconded by Eileen Allen (Swindon Village). Unanimously agreed.

The secretary thanked Sally Self for taking on the role of Chair and her work for the Association over the year. A round of applause was given.

## **GLHA committee for 2025- 2026**

Janet Hudson (Stonehouse History Group)

David Jones (Maisemore LHS)

John Putley (Glos Archives)

Sally Self (Cheltenham LHS)

David Scriven (Cheltenham LHS)

Mary Sullivan (Forest of Dean LHS)

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## **Report from Glos County History Trust by David Aldred (Trustee)**

A written report had been sent to all. The July Newsletter will be sent out soon. Please send on to your members. It can be accessed at [vchglos.org.uk](http://vchglos.org.uk)

## **Report from Gloucestershire Archives by John Putley (Community Heritage Officer)**

Members had received a written report before the meeting. John drew attention to the main points particularly the wide range of events being organised at the Heritage Hub.

The Food for Thought project had been particularly successful attracting c.5000 people to take part in activities. Members were relieved to hear that the online booking system has been sorted and should no longer cause problems.

## **Glosdocs**

Ray Wilson (Glosdocs Administrator) had sent a report which had been emailed to all. A large number of images and documents had been added to the Glosdocs site in the past quarter.

## **AOB**

Jane Rowe (Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club) drew attention to a new book written by Chiz Hayward on the history of Holy Trinity Church in Minchinhampton. There will be a talk on this on Friday 27th June 7.30 at the Market House in Minchinhampton.

<https://www.minchinhamptonlocalhistorygroup.org.uk/>

## **Short break followed by:**

**Karen Davidson**

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

Karen outlined her career in Archives and Records management. Her particular interest is in creating efficient and useful administrative systems to record the vast number of documents held at the Archives, thus enabling them to be easily available to researchers. She has been involved in many projects transferring old paper files into online databases. She showed examples of some of the interesting artefacts and people that she has encountered over her 25 year career.

The Chair thanked Karen for her enthusiastic and informative presentation.

The meeting closed just after 4.00 pm

Agreed at a meeting on.....

Signed.....(Chair)