

Gloucestershire Local History Association

Speakers List January 2026

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Speaker's Name	Contact details	Topic	Fee / other notes
Virginia and David Adsett	18 Carisbrooke Drive Cheltenham GL52 6YA 01242 525270 david.adsett@live.com	We call ourselves 'Those were the Days' and have collections of iconic household objects, toys, accessories and costume from different decades that we bring out to groups. Our talks are very much object based and bring back memories of past eras. 1. The Fighting 40s 2. The Fab 50s 3. The Swinging 60s 4. Children's Hour 5. A woman's work is never done	£40 plus 50p per mile
David H Aldred BSc Econ. MA PGCE	98 Malleson Road Gotherington Cheltenham GL52 9EY 01242 672533 Dhaldred@btinternet.com	1. "The Cotswold Health Resort": the history of Cleeve Hill, Cheltenham 2. In search of Winchcombe's lost abbey 3. Deserted medieval settlements in the North Cotswolds 4. Hailes Abbey and the Mystery of the Holy Blood 5. Holy Monks and Holy Blood (25 minutes £30) 6. Lost railway journeys in Gloucestershire 7. Place-names in the North Gloucestershire landscape 8. "Cheltenham's lung" – the long making of Cleeve Common 9. The decline, fall and rise of the Honeybourne railway line All talks illustrated with PowerPoint except (3) which is with slides	£50-£60 including travel within Gloucestershire
Philip Ashford	Severnview Cottage Severnview Road Thornbury BS35 1BA 01454 887767 Philip.ashford@blueyonder.co.uk	1. Gloucestershire and the Berkeley plantation in Virginia 1619-1622 2. The experience of maritime travel in the Bristol Channel 1428-1828 (Ripping yarns) 3. Piracy and war in the Bristol Channel 1400-1700 (Ripping yarns) 4. Ham Green Pottery and Dundry Stone: Medieval maritime trade 1150-1250 5. William Tyndale and his Gloucestershire connection All talks illustrated with PowerPoint Willing to give talks at short notice	£50 plus 40p per mile
Paul Barnett	19 Lea Road Brockworth Gloucester GL3 4JD 078 33143 231 barnadillo@aol.com www.friendsofpurton.org.uk	1. Fore and Aft - A Pictorial Journey through the Purton Ships Graveyard 2. Lydney's Lost Fleet - The Lydney Ships Graveyard 3. Sharpness Scuppered Ships - The Sharpness Ships Graveyard 4. The Severn and Wye Railway Bridge - Disaster Waiting 5. Port to Port - a historical journey along the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal 6. Wrecks to Relics – The Story of Mulberry Harbour 7. Exercise Tiger - The Slapton Sands Disaster 8. A Wrecker Tale - Ship breaking at Sharpness 9. Titanic Effort - the story of RMS Carpathia and her dash to save a stricken liner 10. The Cotswolds Navy - What's in a name! More talks available All talks illustrated with PowerPoint. All talks available by Zoom Willing to give talks at short notice.	£60 plus 45p per mile

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Steven Bassett BA PhD FSA Hon. Senior Research Fellow, Dept of History, University of Birmingham)	3 Bramley Close, Toddington, Cheltenham, GL54 5ED s.r.bassett@bham.ac.uk	1. Fortifying Mercia: the building of public defences in the west midlands in the Anglo-Saxon period [incl. Winchcombe] 2. Winchcombe, Winchcombeshire and the kingdom of the Hwicce 3. Anglo-Saxon and Norman Winchcombe – a virtual tour 4. Hailes church (Gloucs.) – the first 1000 years All talks are illustrated with PowerPoint.	£100, incl. travel (to be donated to the Friends of Hailes Church)
Polly Baynes	35 St John's Road Turnchapel Plymouth PL9 9SR 07807 489625 Polly.baynes.2022@bristol.ac.uk	1. Wayward Girls: A History of the Cheltenham Charity Organisation Society 1893 Illustrated with PowerPoint	£130 to include travel and accommodation
Kirstie Bingham (Heritage Manager at The John Moore Museum)	John Moore Museum 41/42 Church Street, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 5SN 01684 297174 education @johnmooremuseum.org www.johnmooremuseum.org/ talks/	1. Midwife, herbalist, surgeon...witch! Women & medicine in Tudor England 2. Unusual Cures and Blood Galore! Tudor and Stuart Medicine 3. Tudor swearing, sex & loos! The naughty bits not seen in historical dramas 4. Cards on the Table and Jerkins for Goalpost – Tudor and Stuart Entertainment. 5. Hidden Voices: Women in the Tudor and Stuart Eras. 6. Deciphering the Hidden Symbols in Elizabethan Art 7. The Arcane, Bizarre and darn right Witchy! 8. A Tudor Christmas 9. A Portrait of John Moore: His life and Books 10. The Story of the Old Baptist Chapel, A 17th Century Baptist Meeting House Most Talks use PowerPoint All talks available by Zoom Available to give talks at short notice Some talks given in historical clothing	£40 + 45p per mile travelling expenses
Dr Steven Blake FSA FMA	Delton Fairmount Road Cheltenham GL51 7AQ 01242 510926 07790378148 steven.blake@ Deltonglos.plus.com	1. Gloucestershire's Norman churches 2. Medieval wall-paintings in Gloucestershire churches 3. Cheltenham's churches and chapels 4. What the visitors thought: a light-hearted look at Cheltenham since the 1700s 5. Views of Cheltenham 1786-1850: topographical prints of a Regency town 6. Pittville 1824-1890: 'a scene of gorgeous magnificence' 7. The Honourable Miss Monson (1754-1843): an early 19 th C Cheltenham lady builder 8. The artist George Rowe (1796-1864): from Gloucestershire to the Australian goldfields 9. John Bellamy (1808-1893): a Gloucestershire travelling showman 10. The Cotswold Way: 100 miles of history Talks 1, 2, 3, 6 and 10 are illustrated with 35mm slides Talks 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 are illustrated with PowerPoint	£70 plus 40p per mile

Ian Boskett	Western House Abbots Court Drive Twyning Tewkesbury GL20 6JJ 01684 290136 ianboskett@gmail.com	1. Ashchurch to Tewkesbury by Train 2. The Great Train Robbery 1963 3. A walk down memory lane via steam, tram and horse All talks illustrated with PowerPoint Willing to give talks at short notice	£40 including travel within the county
Mike Bottomley	31 Sandfield Road Churchdown GL3 2HD 07833 678862 bottomley@blueyonder.co.uk	1. Katherine Parr Gloucestershire's Queen 2. Nurse Edith Cavell Forgotten Hero All talks illustrated with PowerPoint	£50 plus 40p per mile
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Gail Boyle FMA FSA	4 Cedar Way Pucklechurch Bristol BS16 9RN 07788711863 gboyle123@btinternet.com	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'What makes Treasure , Treasure?' focussing on fantastic archaeological finds in Gloucestershire, as well as demystifying the treasure system process and rewards. 2. 'A Family Mystery Tour' or why was he buried here?: some of the amazing stories revealed through the exploration of a South Gloucestershire family with surprising connections to Darwin, royalty, cold war spies, WWI, the Falklands, big game hunting and much more. 3. Pucelancyr can '946 and all that' – chapters in a South Gloucestershire village history. A whistle stop tour from prehistory to the present day via the murder of a Saxon king. 4. 'Putting the archaeology back into the antiquarian' . An exploration of the Dr HA Fawcett collection of over 7500 incredible objects, their use and relevance today. 5. 'Museum archaeology – the telling of human stories' explores the myriad of ways we use to interpret our archaeological past 6. 'A day on the life of a museum curator' revealing the work done behind the scenes and in-gallery by museum archaeologists 7. 'Unlocking the potential of archaeological archives' an exploration of remarkable sites and finds, how they are used and the challenges they bring. <p>Other talks available on request and several with a Bristol focus</p>	£70 plus mileage @40p per mile (capped at £20)

Stuart Butler	Rydal Coronation Road Rodborough Stroud mailto:stuartbutler743@gmail.com GL5 3SL 01453 752168 07714791554	1. The Radical History of Stroud and the Five Valleys in the 18th and 19th centuries 2. What is 'radical' history? 3. John Thelwall and Gloucestershire: 'the most dangerous man in England' 4. The Elusive Digger Settlement at Slimbridge	£50 plus travel by public transport
Sean Callery	Lyra, Down End, Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, OX15 5LW Offbeatcotswolds.com offbeatcotswolds@gmail.com 07961 090454	1. Cotswolds Cornucopia: a whirlwind tour of landmarks and surprises. 2. Titanic: marvels, myths and the Midlands with surprising connections. 3. Cheltenham's Northern Lights: Tales of a rival and a racecourse. 4. Get your kicks on.... The A40. Stories and sites from London to Wales. 5. Grave matters: stories from memorials in and around Cotswolds 6. Literary Cotswolds: From Chaucer to Jilly Cooper via Tolkein and Thomas the tank engine 7. The Story of the Cotswolds: Wool.warfare, recession and return All talks illustrated with PowerPoint Willing to give talks by Zoom	£80 plus 30p per mile
Chedworth Roman Villa	Chedworth Roman Villa Yanworth GL54 3LJ 01242 890256 chedworth@nationaltrust.org.uk	1. The history of Chedworth Roman Villa 2. Archaeology of Chedworth Roman Villa More talks available which can be of a more specialist nature	£60 plus 45p per mile
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Tony Conder	13 Alexandra Road Gloucester GL1 3DR 01452 556559 07708 660613 ajam.conder@hotmail.com	1. A Gloucestershire Odyssey-the counties history and traditions 2. Battlefield County-castles, battles, and riot over 2000 years 3. Gloucester and the Atlantic slave trade 4. The Secret World of Gloucester Docks stories from the Victorian age 5. Sailing for a Living-a life at sea sailing from Gloucester in 1900-1910 6. Gloucester and its Tall ships from the Home Trade to Hollywood 7. A Tall Ship for Gloucester-a project to restore the schooner Kathleen 8. Becoming the Emporium of the West-building the canal to Gloucester 9. West Gloucestershire and the City in the General Strike 1926 10. A Voices History of Gloucester- a film show about aspects of modern Gloucester All talks illustrated with PowerPoint	£45 including travel in Gloucestershire, negotiable for small groups.
Corinium Museum	Corinium Museum Park Street Cirencester GL7 2BX Collections & Education Team 01285 655611 corinium@freedom-leisure.co.uk Coriniummuseum.org	1. Highlights of the Corinium Museum displays 2. Stone Age to Corinium: Prehistory Displays at Corinium Museum 3. An Introduction to Roman Corinium 4. An Introduction to the Mosaics of Roman Corinium 5. Anglo-Saxon Burials at Butler's Field, Lechlade 6. Medieval Cirencester: Abbey & Town All talks illustrated with PowerPoint Talks delivered in person or via Zoom	£95.50 per talk, plus 45p per mile

Peter Covey-Crump	85 Hales Road Cheltenham GL52 6ST 01242 516856 peter.coveycrump@gmail.com	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A journey from England to Barbados and Demerara and back in 1803 2. Making a Fortune: The biography of an English merchant in Bengal, 1754 to 1763 3. Charles Kingsley and The Water-Babies 4. A Naval Officer's Diary: (1) HMS Drake 1905 5. A Naval Officer's Diary: (2) HMS Agincourt 1914-15 6. A Naval Officer's Diary: (3) China 1929-31 7. 1807 Journal of a Walk from London to Edinburgh 8. The Baltimores and the Creation of Maryland <p>All talks are illustrated with PowerPoint and are largely based on original documents Willing to give talks at short notice</p>	No fee, travel expenses at 40p per mile outside Cheltenham.
Liz Davenport	42, Bradley Street Wotton-under-Edge Glos GL12 7AT 01453 845578 liz.davenport@woodchestermansion.org.uk	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Woodchester Mansion - an Unfinished Masterpiece 2. A visit to the antipodes in 1852-4 and its impact on a unique Gloucestershire house 3. Opening a Treasure Chest – a peek at a Victorian family and their Mansion through surviving letters. <p>All talks illustrated with PowerPoint All talks available by Zoom</p>	£50, No travel expenses
John Dixon (President Tewkesbury Historical Society)	5 Stokes Court Oldbury Road Tewkesbury GL20 5JL 01684 294262 07747727703 john46.jd@gmail.com	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Alien Duties for the Privileged"? Medical Volunteering in Tewkesbury during WW1 2. Forever Bound to Tewkesbury - a Historical Perspective on John Moore 3. Who was responsible for the Death of Tewkesbury's Railways? 4. An insignificant Theatre of War? (WWII & the GIs in the Tewkesbury area) 5. A Stranger in our Midst (Barbara Cartland and Tewkesbury) 6. West Indies: Studying the History of Slavery in a Hostile Climate? 7. "Grist to Healings Mill" – Tewkesbury's Historical Cadaver [new 2024] 8. Poverty, Pestilence and Privies: A Social History 9. Tippling by the Tun (Alcohol trade - and temperance - in Tewkesbury) 10. The Neglected History of Boat Building in Tewkesbury <p>All talks illustrated with PowerPoint. All talks available by Zoom, Willing to give talks at short notice</p>	£50 plus 20p per mile

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Dr Simon Draper Victoria County History of Gloucestershire (County Editor)	42 Meadoway Bishop's Cleeve Cheltenham GL52 8NB 01242 677074 luckdraper@gmail.com	1. The Victoria County History (VCH) in Gloucestershire (or West Oxfordshire) 2. Place-Names in the Gloucestershire Landscape 3. Place-Names and Archaeology in Gloucestershire 4. Making a Living on the River Severn (based on Minsterworth and Elmore) 5. Surnames and Local History. 6. Lines in the Landscape: Decoding Boundaries (with a Gloucestershire/Wiltshire focus) 7. Anglo-Saxon Gloucestershire (or Wiltshire): Life and Landscape 8. Lordship in the Landscape: Medieval Manors in the Cotswolds All talks illustrated with PowerPoint All talks available by Zoom	£60 + 45p per mile. (For no. 1 the fee will be donated to the relevant VCH county trust)
David Elder	92 Naunton Lane Leckhampton Cheltenham GL53 7BG 01242 517281 davidelder.net@gmail.com	1. Cheltenham's iconic buildings 2. Dr Edward Adrian Wilson: 'Cheltenham's Antarctic Hero' 3. 'He went about doing good': the story of Dr Edward Thomas Wilson (1832-1918) 4. Lady writers in Cheltenham 5. Literary Cheltenham 6. Secret Cheltenham 7. Secret Cirencester 8. Secret Tewkesbury 9. Secret Stroud More talks available All talks illustrated with PowerPoint All talks available by Zoom	£50 plus 45p per mile
Pete Evans	54 Farriers End Quedgeley Gloucester 01452 883905 petemon60106@gmail.com	1. Mainly Coasters, Mainly Local Talk is illustrated with slides	£25 inclusive of transport if local to Gloucester plus an optional small donation either to the Severn Area Rescue Association or RNLI
Sarah Ewbank	Byways, Fyfield Lechlade, GL7 3NS. 01367 850465 Sarah@sarahewbank.co.uk	1. Why Stonehenge had a roof Talk is illustrated with PowerPoint and the Stonehenge building model	£50 plus travel at £40p per mile
Patrick Furley	Tramara 160 Hempsted Lane Hempsted Gloucester GL2 5JY 01452 504379 patrick.furley@sky.com	1. The Magic Lantern... Its history and a show as it was given 150 years ago 2. Magic Lantern Christmas Show using original plates and readings 3. The History of Film, 1870-1920 4. History of Recorded Sound with a 1895 Graphophone, wax cylinders & 78 rpm records 5. Titanic - A 1912 magic lantern show and associated commemorative material	£45 inclusive within 10 mile radius of Gloucester then additional mileage at 40p per mile

Richard Goddard	54 Bader Avenue Churchdown Gloucester GL3 2JF 07884 106549 Goddard961@gmail.com	1. Battle of Tewkesbury 1471 2. Tewkesbury Abbey, a armchair guided tour Talk is illustrated with PowerPoint Willing to give talks at short notice	£50.00
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Martin Graebe	59 Roberts Close Cirencester GL7 2RP 01285 651104 martin.graebe@btinternet.com www.martinandshan.net YouTube channel: https://bit.ly/3Acubcf	1. Cotswold Arts and Crafts and Folk Music 2. Alfred Williams and the Folk Songs of the Upper Thames 3. The Enigma of Folk Song. An Expedition in Search of a Tradition 4. A Song for Every Pocket, 19th Century Broadsides and Street Literature 5. The Search for Folk Song in Gloucestershire Other talks are available (see YouTube Channel) All talks are illustrated with PowerPoint, and most include some live music/singing	£70 plus 45p per mile for travel beyond 20 miles from Cirencester
Adrienne Grinyer & Ingrid Walden (From Time to Time)	Stile Cottage Larport Lane Dormington HR1 4EW Hereford 07817 576183 www.fromtimetotime.co.uk info@fromtimetotime.co.uk	1. The Why's and Wherefores of Tudor Everyday Life 2. A Stitch in Time - Tudor clothes and home crafts 3. Let us entertain you - Tudor pastimes 4. The Art of a Merry Marriage - how to find it and keep it! 5. Victorian Entertainments - from the posh to the poor 6. A Day in the Life of a Victorian Lady and her housekeeper 7. Christmas talks - Tudor, Victorian, WW2, Regency, 1920s Talks are given in full costume. Willing to give talks at short notice.	£80 plus 50p per mile travel expenses
Kirsty Hartsiotis	Fire Springs 12, Belle Vue Close Stroud GL5 1ND 01453 840887 07795 381143 khartsiotis@outlook.com www.kirstyhartsiotis.com	1. The Arts and Crafts Movement in Cotswold Churches 2. Arts and Crafts Stained Glass in Cotswold Churches 3. Arts and Crafts Movement First World War Memorials the Cotswolds 4. Ghosts in the Stones: Supernatural Tales in Gloucestershire 5. Christmas Ghosts: the Tradition of Winter Tales in Gloucestershire 6. Folk Tales and Legends of the Cotswolds 7. Out with the Old: a Cotswold ramble through seasonal folklore 8. Stained Glass throughout the Middle Ages in the Cotswolds 9. Stained glass in the 19th Century Cotswolds 10. Stained Glass of the Cotswolds in the 20th Century and Today All talks illustrated with PowerPoint Willing to give talks at short notice. All talks available on zoom. Storytelling performances also available	Talks £70 plus travel at 45p per mile
Margie Hoffnung, BSc, MSc Conservation Officer The Gardens Trust	Netherfields Frog Lane North Nibley Glos GL11 6DJ 07876 196074 margiehoffnung@gmail.com	1. Rosemary Verey - Her Contribution and Legacy to C20th Gardening 2. Garden Visiting - A Very British Tradition 3. Westonbirt School - Historical Introduction to the Gardens & Holford Legacy 4. A Stranger at Blaise Castle All talks illustrated with PowerPoint Willing to give talks via Zoom Willing to do talks at short notice	£150 including all expenses/travel

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Jonathan Holt	7 Grosvenor Bridge Road Bath BA1 6 BB 01225 319333 07948 292628 Jonathanholt3@gmail.com	1. Architectural Follies <i>A good amplification system will be needed</i>	£60 + 30 p per mile travel expenses
Gareth Howell I am a former historical adviser for the BBC. I also acted as a Politics advisor, covering the resignation of Boris Johnson and the first Truss vs Sunak debate. I was a speaker for the Royal Mint Congress in 2025. I have done some TV work for BBC Ulster and for Channel 4. I am also a speaker for a number of Cruise ship lines,	Gareth Howell 8 Ryder Row Innsworth GL3 1HH 07787970421 Garethatwitsen d@hotmail.co m	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medieval Medicine: superstition and science 2. The Gunpowder treason: Terrorist plot or Government Conspiracy? 3. A Medieval Mystery: What is the Fishpool Treasure Hoard, why is it such an important treasure and where might it have come from? 4. The Witch Trials of England: Superstition and Science 5. The Royal British Legion: Who set it up and what does it do? 6. War Heroes to enemies of the State? The life, work and struggles of the Coal Miners 1919-1990 7. D:Day The Day of Destiny - Written as an after dinner talk for the Officers mess, Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, as their commemoration in the important part of their regimental history, it will be of interest to any who want to learn more about the day, and its historical context. 8. The War of the Roses in brief: An introduction to a fascinating period 9. How did Remembrance Day change from the First to the Second World War? 10. Jack the Ripper: The true story of a monster 11. The Wars in Afghanistan, Syria and Iraq in Perspective 12. Was Britain's involvement in the First World War Necessary? 13. What were the Napoleonic Wars, and why should we remember them? 14. From the Romans to the Western Front, a History of Field Artillery 15. WW2, How and why was the war won? 16. Pancake Day: The Linby Pancakes, a Viking Army and the History of Pancakes and their Day. 17. Why did Britain win the First World War? 18. WW1 The War beyond the Western Front <p>About 2 hours:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What were the Wars of the Roses? 2. The Necessarily Victory, the Battle of the Somme 3. The Year of Endurance 1917 4. 1918: The Bloody Road to Victory 5. 1939: Chamberlains War: Fears and Hopes 	<p>£70 including travel within the county, more for the 2 hour talks I can do talks in short notice</p> <p>Daytime talks are restricted to outside of the academic term and weekends, I am happy to do evenings.</p> <p>If you have a particular interest for a history talk that's not on the list, feel free to ask if I'd be able to field a talk on the subject, after all the worst I could say is no!</p>

		6. 1940: Going it alone	
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Heather Hurley	Linhay Cottage Wye Lea Bridstow Ross on Wye HR9 6PZ 01989 566752 heather.hurley@btconnect.com	1. Trade & Transport on the Wye and Lugg 2. Green lanes of Herefordshire 3. Trackway to Turnpike 4. River Wye Crossings 5. Historic Harewood 6. Hidden History of Chase Hill, Ross 7. Horse-Drawn Tramways of the Wye Valley 8. Scudamores of Kentchurch and Holme Lacy All talks illustrated with PowerPoint	£70 plus extra £5-£10 for non local venues
Robert W. Jones PhD, FRHistS	Upper Beaulieu Farm Staunton GL16 8PB 07980 530846 robwjones888@gmail.com historianinharness.co.uk	1. Forbidden Fortress & Pleasure Palace: Goodrich Castle in Context. 2. 'Stuck in the middle with you'. The Marches, Monmouth, and the Forest of Dean in the Middle Ages. 3. William Marshal: His Career and His Legend. 4. Visual Display and Identity in Medieval England. 5. 'A Savage Splendour'. The High Medieval Tournament. 6. Learning the Sword: The Teaching of Medieval Swordsmanship in the Middle Ages and Today. 7. The Medieval Sword: Weapon and Symbol. 8. 'þen hentes he þe healme': The Symbolic Significance of Medieval Armour. 9. Historian in Harness: Recreating Armour from the Clehonger and Hereford Pembridge Effigies. 10. Arming a Fourteenth-Century Knight: a Practical Demonstration. All delivered with powerpoint	£60 plus 50p per mile
Kathryn Keldeen	John Moore Museum 41/42 Church Street Tewkesbury GL20 5SN 01684 197174 admin@johnmooremuseum.org	1. Tasting the Tudors 2. Drinking with the Tudors 3. Birch, Beer and Bibles 4. Work of the John Moore Museum 5. Restoring Tewkesbury's Past All talks illustrated with PowerPoint All talks available by Zoom	£40 plus travel expenses at 45p per mile

Dr Bob King The Magic Circle	Porchester Cottage Westington Chipping Campden, GL55 6EG 01386 840615 07762710277 magicbob7@msn.com	1 The Magic of Glass, from Developing Concorde, Big Jets to Flat Screen TV 2 World of Magic. Egyptian era to today with live magic cabaret. 3 Magic of Bubbles. History, science and art with live cabaret demonstration	£50 to £70 depending on distance within Gloucestershire
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Melanie King	10 Hensington Road Woodstock OX20 1JL 0779 199 8315 melaniekingbooks@gmail.com www.melaniekingbooks.com	1. "Taking the Waters": The Waxing and Waning of the English Spa 2. Richard (Beau) Nash and the making of Bath Spa 3. "Three Weeks in Wet Sheets": Hydrotherapy in 19th century England 4. From Assembly Rooms to Public Toilets: The Uses and Abuses of Spa Architecture 5. Individual talks on the spas of Bath, Bristol Hotwells, Harrogate, Cheltenham, Buxton 6. Tea, Coffee and Chocolate: How we fell in love with Caffeine 7. Food of the Gods: Adventures in Chocolate 8. Can Onions Cure Earache? Medical Advice from the 1700s 9. The English Prophets: Mother Shipton, Joanna Southcott and John Wroe. 10. Not just Napoleon and Jane Austen: Lesser known weird memories from 1815 More talks available All talks illustrated with PowerPoint. All talks available by Zoom Willing to give talks at short notice	£65 plus 42p a mile
Alex Knight BA(hons) MA Medieval Studies	Cinderford Forest of Dean GL14 2EZ 07488242887 alexknight86@googlemail.com	1. Anglo-Saxon Migrations into the Forest of Dean 2. A History of the Iron Industry in the Forest of Dean pre 1700 3. A History of Goodrich Castle 2 & 3 illustrated with powerpoint	£65 including travel within 15 miles of Cinderford, 40p a mile thereafter
Angela M. Lerwill	The Harrows, 132 Hucclecote Road, Hucclecote, Gloucester, GL3 3SD 01452 616237 07413080429 angelal Lerwill@outlook.com	1. Tales of a Sussex Family Farm The talk is illustrated with PowerPoint Willing to give talks at short notice	£50 plus 40p per mile

Ian Mackintosh	6 Castle Villas Stroud GL5 2HP 01453 766273 Imack@btopenworld.com	1. History of Stroud 2. 400 years of Stroudwater Textiles 3. Life and Times at: Longford Mills and Ham Mills [other mills can also be covered] 4. Men Behaving badly - This talk is designed to highlight social & individual discontent 5. Into the Picture - A study of the C18th picture of Wallbridge 6. Parallel Fortunes: the Story of Two Cloth Mills in the 20th Century - More talks available Some talks illustrated with PowerPoint Some talks illustrated with slides Willing to give talks at short notice	£45 plus 25p a mile travel expenses for distant locations
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Jenny Mallin	8 Queens Road Kingsclere Newbury Berkshire RG20 5ES 07854 964886 jennymallin@yahoo.com https://www.facebook.com/jenny.mallin	1. The early days of my British military ancestors 2. The 170 year old family recipe book - owned by great grandmother in Madras in 1884 3. My ancestors professions in the British Raj (railway, telegraph, education and medical) 4. The roles of the Memsahib and her Servants 5. Great Aunt Constance and the civilian trek in 1942 Burma 6. Full Steam ahead - introduction of the railways into India 7. My family history of five generations who grew up during the British Raj 8. Serendipity - the journey to discover my family heritage and writing a book 9. My travels around India - how much India has changed since 1990 10. Walking into Grandmother's kitchen at Christmas - a British Raj lifestyle More details: https://www.facebook.com/jenny.mallin Willing to give talks at short notice	£95 within 50 miles, additional mileage 45p per mile
Andy Meller	1 Trecilla Cottages Llangarron Ross on Wye Herefordshire HR9 6NL 07809 412905 mellerandrew@gmail.com	1. John Nevil Maskelyne - Gloucestershire's Master of Magic and Mystery 2. Cider Making in Gloucestershire - from Foxwhelps to Firkins! 3. The Glosters at Waterloo 4. 'Poppies Amongst the Daffodils - The Lives and Works of the Dymock Poets' 5. Tolkien and the Cotswolds - the shaping of Middle Earth 6. A blue plaque tour of Gloucestershire - poets, pioneers and performers! All talks illustrated with PowerPoint All talks available by Zoom Willing to give talks at short notice	Normally £55 including travel
Dr Anthony Nanson	Fire Springs 12, Belle Vue Close Stroud GL5 1ND 01453 840887 anthony@quintus1.plus.com	1. The Making of a Dymock Poet: Edward Thomas and Edward Garnett 2. King Arthur in the Cotswolds and the Surrounding Region 3. Saints, Snakes, and Spirits: Exploring Local Folktales in the Gloucestershire Landscape 4. John Cabot and the Bristol Legends of Lands across the Western Sea 5. Beasts of Forest and Vale: Cryptozoology and Folklore in Gloucestershire's Wild Places 6. Legends of the Gloucestershire Wilds 7. Ghostly Tales of Gloucestershire 8. Medieval Tales of Gloucestershire 9. Tudor Tales of Gloucestershire 10. Tales of the Civil War in Gloucestershire 6-10 are storytelling performances Willing to give talks at short notice	Talks: £75 plus travel at 45p per mile Storytelling: £100 plus travel at 45p per mile

John Parker Chief Executive Officer, Arboricultural Association	17 Anderson Drive, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2QL 07971797782 john@trees.org.uk	Trees.. either general information about urban trees, arboriculture, tree mythology and folklore, or more specifically about the history and importance of trees in Stonehouse. All talks illustrated with PowerPoint. All talks available by Zoom	No fee required, optional small donation to a Stonehouse charity
Speaker's Name	Contact details	Topic	Fee / other notes
Mrs Kate Peake BSc PGCE Mrs Angela Rendell BSc AFIAP	12 Lasne Crescent Brockworth Gloucester GL3 4UX 01452 863767 peakepresentations@gmail.com	1. Dressing the Georgians 2. Fashion in the time of Jane Austen 3. Dressing the Victorian Lady 4. A series of short movies from the Cotswold Way (Chipping Campden to Painswick). 5. Gilpin's Grand Tour of the Wye Valley, from Ross to Chepstow. 6. Gloucester Cathedral, Art and History movie show. 7. A selection of short films of Gloucestershire Traditions. 8. Vintage transport in Gloucestershire, a film show including air, buses, rail and more. 9. Views of Gloucestershire, by drone All talks illustrated by various means, as appropriate (costumes, photographs and short films) Willing to give talks at short notice	£50 including travel within 5 miles of Brockworth, 50p per mile thereafter
John Peters	8 Woodcock Lane Stonehouse GL10 2EE 01453 824459 myrajohn@btinternet.com	1. A Boy in Tetbury (memoir 1905-50) 2. Six stages of separation and the Cold War 3. Trying to take photographs of historic and listed buildings 4. George's voyage, or keeping an eye on the Yanks (1880s) Some talks illustrated with PowerPoint Willing to give talks at short notice	£45 to include travel in Gloucestershire
Alan Pilbeam	21 Blenheim Orchard Shurdington Cheltenham GL51 4TG 01242 862443 ampilbeam21@virginmedia.com	1. William Tyndale 'One of the greatest Englishmen'. 2. Sapperton 'A quiet corner of Gloucestershire' 3. The Royal Progress through Gloucestershire in 1535 4. Landscapes of the Cistercians 5. The story of shaping the Cotswold river valleys 6. More Old Paths of Gloucestershire Most talks illustrated with slides	£50 which will normally cover travel costs from which a donation will be made to charity
Nicola Potter (Chairperson for Cotswold Heritage & Detecting Society)	16 Ballinode Close Cheltenham GL50 4SQ 07810 176354 willywilsonpotter@googlemail.com	1. Metal detecting & finds from Gloucestershire The talk is illustrated with PowerPoint Selection of finds brought for attendees to view 'in the flesh'	£40 plus 40p per mile

John Putley	10 Salisbury Avenue, Warden Hill, Cheltenham GL51 3BS 0789 9095191 john.putley@yahoo.com	1. Blood, Guts & A little off the top! - The Medieval/Tudor/Stuart Barber-surgeon 2. Witchfynder - History of witches and tales of Gloucestershire witches 3. Stand & Deliver - History of highwaymen and highway robbery in Gloucestershire 4. Get Orf Moy Land - History of farming in Gloucestershire from prehistory to WW1 5. Ugly Mugs - Gloucestershire gargoyles & grotesques 6. Cuts of Gloucestershire – the history of the county's canal network 7. Pilgrims and pilgrimage in Gloucestershire 8. Food Glorious (Gloucestershire) Food! 9. The Gloucestershire Mummy 10. A Gloucestershire Christmas More talks are available Talks are illustrated with PowerPoint Willing to give talks at short notice	Normally £50-£60 including travel expenses.
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John Reid	25 Britannia Way Woodmancote Cheltenham GL52 9QP 01242 673062 john_reid44@blueyonder.co.uk	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funerary Monuments: World-Class Sculpture in Gloucestershire Churches. 2. Samuel Baldwin, d. 1645: under-valued local genius of C17th Sculpture. 3. Margaret of Anjou, Queen of England crushed at Tewkesbury 1471: Harpy or Heroine? 4. Henry VI, king of England, 1422-61; 1470-71: Saint or Simpleton? 5. Warwick the Kingmaker, 1428-71. The most famous man in C15th England. 6. "Ripping Yarns & Wizard Wheezes"; The Golden Age of British Comics, 1950-75 7. Votes for Women: Cheltenham as a hub of Suffragette and Suffragist Activity 8. "Shot at Dawn": WWI military discipline in the British and French armies 9. The Holocaust, 1933-45: Controversies, Myths & Reality 10. "Two Queens in One Isle." The toxic relationship of Elizabeth I & Mary, Queen of Scots <p>All talks illustrated with PowerPoint All talks available by Zoom Willing to give talks at short notice</p>	£60 but no travel expenses
James Rendell	Woodford, Alcotts Green, Sandhurst Gloucester GL2 9PE 01452 730006 jameswrendell@gmail.com	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H. H. Martyn & Son: Gloucestershire's Fabulous Industrialists 2. Terrifying Typhoon: The Gloucester Built Scourge of the Axis 3. Wot! No Engines? Horsa, The Silent Wooden Warrior 4. RAF Police dogs at War <p>All talks illustrated with PowerPoint Nos. 2 and 3 include video and sound recordings Willing to give talks at short notice</p>	£50 within 25 miles of Sandhurst
John Roberts	13 Broadmere Dursley GL11 6PW 07791 657041 01453 547633 jsrjsr1000@gmail.com	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is this life, if full of care? The life and work of W H Davies, Supertramp and poet 2. Henry Morton Stanley, I presume: his extraordinary life and legacy 3. Footsteps of Courage– Shackleton's expedition to Antarctic 4. The Zeppelin story <p>All talks illustrated with PowerPoint Willing to give talks at short notice</p>	£50 including travel within 5 miles of Dursley, 40p per mile thereafter
Shepherd's Crook Folk Choir	Carol Davies "Sweets of May" 11a Greet Road Winchcombe Gloucestershire GL54 5JT 01242 603094 carol@sweetsofmay.co.uk	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Life in the Gloucestershire countryside 2. Songs from the Workhouse - a talk on life in the workhouse and traditional songs 3. Local carols and Christmas songs and readings <p>Presentations on life in the Gloucestershire countryside in the past, illustrated by traditional songs and readings.</p>	£50, No travel expenses

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Joseph Rogers	9 Heather Close Seaton Devon EX12 2UY 07825678060 tgaspetrolhead@yahoo.co.uk	1. Tithe Barns 2. West Somerset Railway – an overview Both last about an hour	£50 to cover travel expenses so long as books can be sold at the event
Barry Simon	3 Swindon Hall Swindon Village Cheltenham GL51 9QR 01242 521723 barry_simon@hotmail.com	3. The History of Swindon Village 4. Saint Kenelm and the Kenelm Way 5. The History of Local Church Architecture 6. Historic Gloucester 7. The History of Aviation in Gloucestershire Willing to give talks at short notice	£25 and a bottle of wine
Chas Townley	33 Chestnut Road, Coopers Edge, Gloucester, GL3 4GW 07969 275231 chastownley@myphone.coop	1. A W Hawksley Limited from Swords to ploughshares – Aircraft to Prefab Housing 2. Council Housing Developments in Gloucestershire before 1915 3. Stroud Workhouse - A Danger to Sick People 4. Margaret Hills - From Suffrage to Citizenship 5. The rise and fall of the "Bisley Path" from Cirencester to Gloucester 6. How Historians can help research Public Rights of Way Claims All talks illustrated with PowerPoint	£60 - including travel within 5 miles of Coopers Edge, additional mileage, 40p
Dr Alan Wadsworth	Stanley House 13 Bretforton Road Badsey Evesham WR11 7XG 01386 832331 worcs.farmsteads@gmail.com alanmwadsworth@gmail.com	1. Farmsteads and buildings: recording and researching the past for the future 2. Farms and farmers: a history of one farm from historical documents 3. One man and three farms: the story of a Wiltshire farmer 1813-1847 All talks illustrated with PowerPoint All talks available by Zoom Willing to give talks at short notice	£48 plus travelling expenses at 22p per mile
Keith Walker	12 Hidcote Close Eastcombe Stroud GL6 7EF 01453 731495 keith437@btinternet.com	1. Redler of Stroud 2. World Scout Jamborees All talks illustrated with PowerPoint	£40 total within 10 miles £45 total within 20 miles
Mike Walsh	11 Hickory Lane Almondsbury Bristol BS32 4FR 07825 322280 Mike-w456@hotmail.co.uk	1. Operation Barbarossa - Hitler's invasion of Russia 22 June 1941 2. Stalingrad 1942 - Death of an Army 3. Kursk 1943 - the greatest tank battle in history 4. The Battle of Britain - an epic conflict revisited 5. Failure at Arnhem - did commanders' failures throw away any chance of success or was it simply 'a bridge too far'? All talks illustrated with PowerPoint	£50 plus 40p per mile travelling expenses if over 20 miles from Bristol

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Malcolm J Watkins, BA, AMA, MIFA	Heritage Matters Laynes Cottage Highleadon GL18 1HG 01452 790179 info@heritagematters.co.uk www.heritagematters.co.uk	1. The Birdlip Grave Group, a 2000-Year Mystery 2. Boil a Mouse in Urine - childcare in Tudor and Stuart times 3. The City Saved by God – evidence of the 1643 Siege of Gloucester 4. For King or Parliament – some Civil War actions west of Gloucester 5. Roberts Brothers of Gloucester, Games-Makers to the Empire 6. Ginger in a Coffin – food preparation in Tudor and Stuart Times 7. The Gloucester Tables Set 8. The Gloucester Tudor Doll. 9. My Life as Sir Watkyn Morgan (in 17th-century costume). 10. Take Hedgehogge Lard – Tudor and Stuart home health care. More talks available Most talks illustrated with PowerPoint Willing to give talks at short notice	£45 “My Life as Sir Watkyn Morgan” (theatrical) £60. Mileage 22p per mile from Highleadon. For audiences above 50 please add £5 for every additional 10 or part 10
Dr Ray Wilson	Oak House Hamshill Coaley Dursley GL11 5EH 01453 860595 ray.wilson@coaley.net	1. Gloucestershire's Industrial Heritage 2. The Quarries and Tramroads of Leckhampton Hill 3. Stroud's Other Industries (More Than Just Cloth) 4. Stroud Industries and World War I 5. Sharpness Docks - Past, Present & Future 6. Gloucester Docks - Past, Present & Future 7. Mills of the River Chelt 8. Mills of the Dursley & Wotton-under-Edge area 9. The Industrial Heritage of the Forest of Dean 10. The Industrial Heritage of the Cotswolds More talks available All talks illustrated with PowerPoint All talks available by Zoom Willing to give talks at short notice	£58-£70 including travel within Gloucestershire
David Worlock	Monimail House Chapel Hill Speen Princes Risborough Bucks HP27 0SL 07836361873 David@davidworlock.com	"Facing Up To Father: The Pleasures and Pains of a Cotswold Childhood" Illustrated with PowerPoint	Fee is waived for Gloucestershire historical and heritage societies. Travel expenses £45