



**Gloucestershire
Local History Association**

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**Minutes of the Members' Forum
held on Monday 9th March 2026 at 2.00 pm
at the Heritage Hub**

Those present were:

Berkeley Local History Group	Aubrey Knowles
Charlton Kings Local and Family History Society	Geoff Bridgman
Cheltenham Local History Society	David Scriven, Sally Self
Chipping Campden History Society	Judith Ellis, Mary Fielding
Churchdown Local History Society	Jane Whittaker
Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club	Jane Rowe
Forest of Dean Local History Society	Mary Sullivan
Gloucestershire Archaeology	Denise Vizor
Gloucestershire Archives	John Putley
Gloucestershire County History Trust	David Aldred
Gloucestershire Family History Society	Vicky Thorpe
Gloucestershire Society for Industrial Archaeology	Chas Townley
Gloucester Street History Group (Winchcombe)	Rob White
Leckhampton Local History Society	Anne Gale, Stephen Gale
Nailsworth Society Local History Research Group	Paul Butler
Painswick Local History Society	Carol Maxwell, Peter Jackson
Oakridge History Group	John Loosley
Stonehouse History Group	Janet Hudson, Vicki Walker
Stroud Local History Society	Howard Beard, Tony Macer
Swindon Village Society Local History Group	Eileen Allen

Apologies for absence:

Berkeley Local History Group	Margaret Orchard
Blockley Heritage Society	Roger Thornburgh
Chalford Parish Local History Group	Roger Carnt
Cheltenham Local History Society	Steven Blake, Stuart Manton
Churchdown Local History Society	Joan Hughes
Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club	Peter Cornish
Prestbury History Society	Val Porter
Stonehouse History Group	John Peters
Tewkesbury Historical Society	John Dixon
Tidenham Historical Group	Liz McBride
Minsterworth	Terry Moore-Scott

Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed Aubrey Knowles from Berkeley, attending for the first time.

Minutes of the GLHA Forum held 8th December 2025

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

Chair's Report by Sally Self

Members were emailed a written report before the meeting.

It was noted that the date for the Forum/AGM in June was Monday 15th June not 25th June.

Additional comments:

Website

Mary Sullivan had updated the Speakers List. Several new speakers had been added.

David Jones had updated the Local Societies Events List in January 2026.

The report on How Local History Groups are run from the December Forum had been added.

Glosdocs

Ray Wilson had no news to report. The secretary reported that the site is well-used according to the statistics from the GLHA website, which provides a link.

Please visit <https://gloshistory.org.uk/glosdocs/>

Treasurer's Report by David Scriven

Members were emailed a written report and a copy of the Accounts before the meeting. There was not much change in the last 3 months with the balance now standing at £3333.

Membership – Hucclecote and Brockworth Local History Group had now joined, making the total membership 54.

Membership renewal and fees 2026-27

In view of the fact that the future of GLHA was still in the balance, the committee had decided to have a "payment holiday" for member groups for the year April 2026 to March 2027. The Chair confirmed that no fees would be charged for membership next year but it was important to return the membership renewal form (to be sent out with the Forum minutes) so that contacts for Groups could be kept up to date.

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

DA reported that the Cirencester Volume was likely to be published early in 2027. Funding for the Winchcombe volume was likely to be received soon, when someone would be employed to commence work on it.

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

Members had received a written report before the meeting.

Local Government Review

Chas Townley asked how this might affect the Archives. JP replied that storage of Archives is statutory but further expenditure is discretionary. However Archives staff did not feel that the service would be adversely affected by reorganisation. It was agreed by members that GLHA would support the provision of the Archives service as far as possible.

JP did not know how reorganisation would affect local museums.

Cheltenham Local Studies

The materials have now been moved from the County Library at Clarence Street, Cheltenham, to Gloucestershire Archives. Sorting and cataloguing is on-going so JP recommended that researchers consult Gloucestershire Archives staff if they cannot locate items they need.

AOB

Congratulations!

We are delighted to announce that **Sally Self** will be awarded a citation by Cheltenham Arts Council at the next Awards evening on 18th March, for her long-term commitment to the promotion of local history studies through the Cheltenham Local History Society, the Victoria County History project and the Gloucestershire Local History Association. Sally will also receive the **Joyner Cup** which is presented to the most outstanding candidate of the award winners for this year. Sally would be very pleased to see as many people as possible, especially those who have worked with her over the years, at the event at The Municipal Offices, which starts with a reception at 4:30pm in the Pittville Room followed by the awards ceremony at 5pm in the Council Chamber.

If you would like to attend then please let Cheltenham LHS know by emailing administrator@cheltlocalhistory.org.uk

Sally said she was delighted to accept the award on behalf of all the teams of volunteers who she had worked with in the local history community.

Short break followed by:

Paul Evans (Gloucestershire Archives)

Reminiscence interviews: some advice about the legal and ethical issues involved when conducting oral history interviews.

Paul Evans outlined the legal and ethical issues to consider when conducting oral reminiscence, specifically considering the Data Protection Act of 2018 and the Copyright Designs and Patents Act of 1988.

Paul has been an archivist for 37 years and has been working on Oral Reminiscence for 15 years. He encouraged members to consult the regulations before embarking on recording people's memories. Data must be stored and used in the correct manner to protect the rights of the individual. Interviewees will hold the copyright for their recording for 70 years after their death. So it is recommended that the interviewer requests the interviewee to sign over the copyright to the Local History Group if they are happy for their recording to be published.

Groups need to be aware of how they are storing recordings – security issues and back-up copies. The Archives were prepared to store recordings but would appreciate a donation towards the cost to be negotiated. However they would need the interviewee to have signed the relevant forms.

More information and recommended forms used by the Archives are available on the Heritage Hub website.

<https://www.heritagehub.org.uk/heritage-hub-online-training/online-oral-history-training/>

Contact Paul Evans if you wish to book training for your Group.

archives@gloucestershire.gov.uk

The National Archives guide to copyright

<https://cdn.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/information-management/copyright-related-rights.pdf>

Thanks to Paul for his very helpful talk and answering many questions from members.

The Chair also thanked Eileen Allen and Jane Whittaker for providing refreshments.

The meeting closed at 4.00 pm.

Agreed at a meeting on.....

Signed.....(Chair)