



Enquiries report for GLHA AGM 2026, received April 2025 to end March 2026

Enquiries to GLHA have remained steady and were spread more evenly over the year. From April 2025 to March 2026 inclusive, nineteen were logged and the correspondence kept on file. I usually refer the enquirer to members or to other sources of help. I sometimes make suggestions from my own investigations, but the GLHA does not offer a research service.

Eight were about families, generally after online resources had been consulted: a Farley mayor of Gloucester; the Wetmore family of Norton; a search for Kate E. Smith, a Titanic survivor; Cole family property in Bristol; the Hancock family of Cirencester; possible Vitalinus links to works by Geoffrey of Monmouth; a Vonci who was an Italian prisoner of war in Gloucestershire; and an ancestral portrait of nonconformist educator Benjamin Parsons.

Two concerned houses or particular places: advice on how to have a stone barn near Cirencester listed, and the history of the manors of Hempden, Patchway and Over near Bristol.

The remaining nine related to a range of subjects: how to find speakers on the history of communications devices, and to entertain at Grevill House, Cheltenham; disposing of a collection of programmes and publicity relating to Gloucester theatres and cinemas; advice on joining a member group; information about sturgeon fishing in the Severn; medieval monastic history; the Javelin men of Gloucester; the medical career of Dr Richard Samuel Sisson; and a military newspaper report from Australia.

A number of notices, personal communications, books offered for review, and enquiries about the speakers' list were passed on as appropriate. The GLHA does not usually publicise events organised by others. Some event and book flyers are still received, but they are not responded to unless they are published by our members or are of direct local interest, subject to the committee's discretion.

The Speakers List continues to be a valued resource.

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