



**Minutes of the Members' Forum
held on Monday 15th June 2026 at 2.00 pm
at the Heritage Hub**

Those present were:

Chalford Parish Local History Group	Heather Collins
Charlton Kings Local and Family History Society	Becky Dine, Michael Greet, Michelle Greet
Cheltenham Local History Society	Steven Blake, Peter Clifford, Stuart Manton, David Scriven, Sally Self
Churchdown Local History Society	Jane Whittaker
Cirencester Archaeology and History Society	Anne Buffoni
Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club	Peter Cornish, Jane Rowe
Cranham Local History Society	Jan Whitton
Dursley & Cam Society	Richard and Pauline Chidlaw
Forest of Dean Local History Society	Mary Sullivan
F. W. Harvey Society and Nedscroft Community Heritage Group	Roger Deeks
Gloucestershire Archaeology	Denise Vizer
Gloucestershire County History Trust (and Gotherington)	David Aldred, John Chandler
Gloucestershire Society for Industrial Archaeology	David Jones
Gloucester Street History Group (Winchcombe)	Rob White
Leckhampton Local History Society	Anne Gale, Stephen Gale
Nailsworth Society Local History Research Group	Jane Butler, 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
Tewkesbury Historical Society	Derek Benson, Rebecca Benson, Sam Eedle

Apologies for absence:

Chalford Parish Local History Group	Roger Carnt
Charlton Kings Local and Family History Society	Geoff Bridgman
Churchdown Local History Society	Joan Hughes
Gloucestershire Archives	John Putley
Gloucestershire Society for Industrial Archaeology	Chas Townley
Tidenham Historical Group	Liz McBride
Minsterworth	Terry Moore-Scott
Winchcombe History Group	Colin Massey, David & Sue Hilton

Welcome and apologies

Minutes of the GLHA AGM held June 16th 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Minutes of the GLHA Forum held March 9th 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

There were no matters arising.

Chair's Report by Sally Self

Member groups had been emailed a written report before the meeting.
There were no further comments or questions.

Treasurer's Report by David Scriven

The Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts of the Association for the year ending 31st March 2026. It had been a relatively quiet year financially. The Association's funds, in total, amounted to £3,252 at the end of the year. Member groups had been emailed a written report and a copy of the Annual Accounts before the meeting. The final, independently examined, copy had been signed by the Treasurer and the Chair. Signed copies available on request.

Independent Examination of the Annual Accounts

The Treasurer thanked Sue Brown who, ever since the formation of the Association in 2012, had volunteered each year to undertake the role of Independent Examiner of the Association's financial accounts. Her work and the advice she has given over the years has been very helpful and much appreciated. The Treasurer proposed that she should be invited to continue in her role as Independent Examiner for the coming year. Members attending the AGM voted unanimously to accept the proposal.

Proposal to accept the Annual Accounts

The Chair proposed that members accept the Annual Accounts as reported. Members attending the AGM voted unanimously to accept the Annual Accounts.

Membership

Three groups had not renewed their membership but one new group Hucclecote and Brockworth Local History Group had joined, making the total membership 54. The Treasurer reported that two other groups, F. W. Harvey Society and Nedscroft Community Heritage Group, had joined recently making the latest total 56. There was no charge for membership this year.

Report of enquiries received via email to GLHA by Janet Hudson

The Report had been emailed out to all before the meeting. There were no questions. The Chair thanked Janet for her ongoing work in answering enquiries.

Election of committee members for 2026 – 27

The Committee 2025 – 26 were:

Janet Hudson (Stonehouse History Group)
Peter Jackson (Painswick LHS)
David Jones (Maisemore LHS)
John Putley (Glos Archives)
Sally Self (Cheltenham LHS)
David Scriven (Cheltenham LHS)
Mary Sullivan (Forest of Dean LHS)
Vicki Walker (Stonehouse History Group)

Willing to stand.....

Peter Jackson (Painswick LHS)
David Jones (GSIA)
John Putley (Glos Archives)
David Scriven (Cheltenham LHS)

New nominations received – Eileen Allen (Swindon Village)

The Chair proposed that the five members above should be elected to the GLHA committee en bloc. Proposal agreed and members voted unanimously to elect the five members.

Committee 2026 - 2027

Eileen Allen (Swindon Village)
Peter Jackson (Painswick LHS)
David Jones (GSIA)
John Putley (Glos Archives)
David Scriven (Cheltenham LHS)

Election of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary for 2026 - 27

The Officers 2025 – 26 were:

Chairman – Sally Self (Cheltenham LHS)
Treasurer - David Scriven (Cheltenham LHS)
Secretary - Vicki Walker (Stonehouse History Group)

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Treasurer - David Scriven (Cheltenham LHS)

Members voted unanimously to elect David Scriven as Treasurer for 2026 - 2027.

There were no nominations for the roles of Chair and Secretary. The next committee meeting was scheduled for August 5th when the new committee would discuss how the roles might be filled.

David Scriven would continue to be responsible for the Accounts and Membership.

Peter Jackson had volunteered to maintain the GLHA website including the Speakers List as well as the mailing list of representatives of member groups.

David Jones would continue to maintain the Societies Events List – the deadline for submitting your group's forthcoming events is **August 1st** for publication at the beginning of September.

Janet Hudson, although no longer a committee member, would continue to answer enquiries submitted to GLHA until someone else could be found to take over the role,

Thanks to retiring committee members

The Chair thanked the committee members who had not stood for re-election this year.

Mary Sullivan had been a committee member for 14 years from the first meeting in 2012. She had been a valuable member of the committee, taking the lead in Local History days and recently in helping to maintain the website and the Speakers List. Members had signed a thank you card and presented Mary with a gardening token in recognition of her work.

Janet Hudson had been a committee member for 13 years since 2013. As well as contributing to all meetings and events, she had been responsible for answering the many and varied enquiries sent to GLHA during that time. Janet had prepared detailed reports on enquiries for each AGM. Members had signed a thank you card and presented Janet with a gardening token in recognition of her work.

Vicki Walker had been Secretary for 14 years, since the formation of the GLHA in 2012. She had also taken on the role of Website Manager for the past two years.

The Chair thanked Vicki for her excellent work during that time. Former Chairman Steven Blake also spoke in appreciation of the support given by Vicki for all the activities of the Association. Member Groups had been asked to contribute to a leaving gift for Vicki and she was presented with a bouquet of flowers, a token for Martin & Co Jewellers and a token for La Campagna restaurant in Stonehouse.

Vicki thanked members for their kind gifts and messages of thanks. She felt privileged to have been involved in the setting up of the Association and its development into the successful organisation that it is today, with 56 member groups. She thanked the previous Chair, Steven Blake, for his excellent chairmanship. She also thanked fellow committee members for their support and commitment to the GLHA. She gave particular thanks to Treasurer **David Scriven**, who was staying on in his important role. She thanked the retiring Chair, **Sally Self**, for stepping

into the role of Chair for the past two years and presented Sally with a card and gardening token in appreciation of her work.

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

A written report had been sent to the secretary which would be emailed to all with the Minutes of this meeting.

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

John Putley was unable to attend. Members had received a written report before the meeting.

Vote of thanks

Steven Blake proposed a vote of thanks to both David Aldred and John Putley for producing regular reports for each Forum detailing the work of their organisations. Members gave a round of applause to both for their excellent work.

AOB

- The **GLHA Summer Afternoon** to be held at Tidenham on Saturday June 20th was now fully booked. The Chair thanked Tidenham Historical Group for organising the event.
- **Leckhampton** have published a book by Eric Miller on Leckhampton Court priced at £10. It was to be launched on June 21st at the Sue Ryder Hospice.
- Becky Dine reported that **Charlton Kings** were now publishing a regular newsletter an example of which she had brought along.

Short break followed by:

Announcement of the winner and runner-up for the Bryan Jerrard Award 2025

The shortlist has been sent to all member groups and is available on the GLHA website. Chair of Judges Steven Blake outlined the criteria for the Award and presented a display of the 10 Journals submitted for consideration. He thanked his fellow judges John Chandler and David Aldred. The winner and runner-up were presented with a certificate and cheque by David Aldred. The prizes of £60 and £40 were sponsored by the History Press.

Winner - The Bryan Jerrard Award 2025

Derek Benson for his article Anti-Slavery Activism in Tewkesbury in *Tewkesbury Historical Society Bulletin* 31

Derek thanked his Tewkesbury colleague John Dixon and also Emma Ash (Mayor of Tewkesbury) and his daughter Rebecca for their support. He also referenced the website Tewkesbury Voices Retain and Explain - the aim of which is to research and publish information about British Black history in Tewkesbury. Derek's winning article is available on their website.

<https://teewkesburyvoices.com/2025/05/19/anti-slavery-activism-in-teewkesbury/>

Runner-up - The Bryan Jerrard Award 2025

Peter Clifford for his article "A Tornado of a Man": Jonadab McCarthy and the rise of the McCarthys in *Cheltenham Local History Society Journal* 41

followed by a presentation from
Heather Collins from Chalford Parish Local History Group
Researching old maps

The Chair thanked Heather for her excellent, entertaining and informative talk.
The meeting closed at 4.00 pm.

Agreed at a meeting on.....

Signed.....(Chair)