

Gloucestershire Archives report for GLHA forum, June 2026

1. GA Office News

New starter: We have a new starter who began with us on 5th May - Ella Joyce. She'll be working as a trainee archivist and will be primarily with the Access & Engagement Team, so you'll see her on Reception and Document Control.

Old leaver: After 37 years at the Archives, Paul Evans has decided to hang up his archival tying ribbon and retire. His last day will be towards the end of July. By rotation, Helen Bartlett now becomes the longest serving GA staff member. Karen Davidson is second and yours truly (JP) is third.

2. EV Charging points

These are now working correctly – apparently when the company that installed them set them up, they neglected to connect the finance side of things so for a while it was free to charge your EV! Unfortunately, it's not now free but is still apparently a reasonable 45p a unit to charge.

3. Latest Archive & Local Studies Accessions

Archive Accessions: a bumper crop this quarter.

GCC Gloucestershire County Council, 1959-2026: Two volumes of police road accident statistics covering 1959-1973 and 1974-1981, and a photocopy of correspondence to the Home Office with the number of road accidents resulting in death or personal injury for 1908; Website capture of www.futuregloucestershire.org.uk, 11 March 2026, PDF documents for the three devolution and local government reorganisation proposals, Webinar recordings, January 2026 and March 2026, resources downloaded from the website

New parish records: various items from P47 Bisley; P78/4 Holy Trinity, Cheltenham; P78/6 St John, Cheltenham; P78/8 St Mark Cheltenham; P78/9 St Matthew, Cheltenham; P78/10 St Paul's, Cheltenham; P78/12 St Stephen, Cheltenham; P78/17 St Michael, Cheltenham; P86/1 Cirencester; P105 Coberley; P150 St John the Baptist Church, France Lynch; P153 Frocester; P176 Highnam; P225 St Mary's, Newent; P234 Nympsfield; P244 Painswick; P254 Prestbury; P260 Quedgeley; P272 St Mary's Rodborough; P311 Staverton with Boddington; P316 St Cyr's, Stonehouse; P329/1 St Mary (Tewkesbury Abbey), Tewkesbury; P347 Upton St Leonards; P366 Wickwar; P386 Holy Apostles, Charlton Kings and P413 Christchurch, Abbeydale.

New parish council records from: P193a Kingswood (near Wotton-under-Edge) Parish Council; P205a Longford Parish Council; P298a Slimbridge Parish Council; P363a Whiteshill

and Ruscombe Parish Council; P143a Farmington Parish Council and P104a Cromhall Parish Council

GDR/A16 Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Choral Union, 1891-1896: Orders of service for the District Festival, 4 June 1891 and 11 June 1896

GDR/S2 Gloucester Diocesan records, 1823-1897: School trust deeds

K1563 Gloucestershire County Council: Education: Governor Services 2025-2026: Instruments of government for: Gardners Lane and Oakwood Federation, 2026 (1 document), Warden Hill Primary School, Cheltenham, 2025 (1 document), Coney Hill Community Primary School, Gloucester, 2025 (1 document), Finlay Community School, Gloucester, 2025 (1 document), St Paul's Church of England Primary School, Gloucester, 2026 (1 document), Rodborough Community Primary School, 2025 (2 documents) and Tewkesbury Church of England Primary School, 2026 (1 document).

S73/1 Chalford, Christ Church, Church of England School, 1993-2018: School photographs and news-cuttings, 1993-2018 (6 boxes)

S231/2 Northleach, Westwood's Grammar School, c17th century-1983: Photographs from Westwood's Grammar School, mostly sports teams, c.17th century-1983 (2 boxes)

D1180 Stroudwater Navigation Archive: Copy of Great Western Railway map of Bullo Pill, surveyed by J E Mitchell; Thames and Severn blank share certificate, n.d. (c.1790s); added to D1180 to join other blank Thames and Severn certificates at D1180/Acc.14247/3

D2299 Bruton Knowles of Gloucester, estate agents and auctioneers 1929: appointment slip for a viewing of Blenheim House, Hucclecote

D2933 Gloucestershire Federation of Women's Institutes, 2000-2025: Tibberton and Taynton WI; Leonard Stanley WI; Standish WI; Silverdale WI, Hucclecote WI.

D3187 Stonehouse Methodist Church, 2009-2005: Church newsletters, 2005-2009 (2 documents)

D3418 Cheltenham Methodist Circuit, Chapel Records: Wesley, 1969-1971; St. Mark's Cheltenham, 1972 – 2020

D4287 British Publishing Company of Gloucester, printers and publishers, 1924-1967

D4290 Cheltenham, St Gregory's Roman Catholic Church, 2012-2018: Caritas, Parish Magazine of St Gregory and St Thomas More

D7065 Newman Hender and Co. Ltd.1942: Letter from Queen Mary's Private Secretary thanking Mr Newman for his hospitality during her recent visit

D7755 St Andrews United Reformed Church, Cheltenham, records 1960-2000

D10585 Winchcombe Women's Institute, 1969-2011: Scrapbooks, 1969-1979, 1973-1989, 1990-1992, 1992, 1993-1998 (5 volumes); birthday card from Greet Women's Institute, undated [1979 or 1989] (1 document)

D11873 Gloucester Rugby Heritage: Club Committee meetings minute book; Helen Jackson's season ticket for the 1892-93 season of Gloucester Football Club

D12197 Marle Hill Women's Institute, 2016-2017: Scrapbooks, 2016, 2017 (2 volumes)

D12407 Highbury Congregational Church, Cheltenham 1973- 2013: Highbury News magazine, March, April, June 2013

D13504 Methodist Circuit of Gloucestershire, 2022-2023: Church diaries (2 volumes)

D14045 Dowty Heritage: Material collected by Bruce Stait, draughtsman: Photograph album of people and events, compiled 1952-1971, with loose photographs, 1955-1974; cinefilm, with VHS copy, of Dowty Rotol events, 1955-1971 (films taken by Mr Stait); copy article, A Day at Tewkesbury (describing a recreation of the Battle), by E D Johnson, with illustrations by H B Lewis, both of Dowty Equipment Ltd, n.d. (c.1950s); Dowty Group annual report and accounts, 1976, 1980; Dowty Group Limited brochure, (1976); specification for the Group Computer Centre at Block F, Arle Court, 1970; organisational charts, 20th C.; papers of Air Cadets 2322 (Dowty) Squadron, 20th C.; miscellaneous photographs and slides, 20th C.; pamphlets explaining pensions schemes, 1977; Christmas cards showing the family of Sir George Dowty, 1961, 1969; Papers of Alan Dennis Manton, a Dowty employee for 40 years; Selection of stickers for Dowty and linked companies

D16537 Alan Brown, local historian, 1897-1927: Deeds, case and opinion concerning the will of John Williams, 1897; Assignment of furniture and other effects in Stowfield House, Lydbrook, 1927

D16608 Forest of Dean Liberal Democratic Party, 1999-2013: Papers including minutes, agendas, reports, conference summaries and accounts, 1999-2013

D16630 Friends of the Wilson, Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum:

D16736 Condicote Hallmark Newsletter, 2025-2026: Condicote Hallmark Newsletter issues, 103

D16781 Miles Huntley, Giles Cox and Ellen Matilda Bedwell Charities, Harescombe, 1912-2024: Charity minute book

D17233 Andrew Weight, historian and genealogist, 2026: Updated version of Andrew Weight's research into the Weight family of Gloucestershire

D17266: Winterbourne Flower Arrangement Society, later Winterbourne Flower Arranging Society and then Winterbourne Flower Club, 1968-2025

D17342 The Winter Gardens, Cheltenham, n.d. (late 19th. C.): Photograph of the interior of the Winter Gardens, with its staff, and of the interior of a marquee presumed to be on the Gardens site

D17352 Title deeds and related papers of 38 Carlton Street, Cheltenham 1866-1999

D17358 William Lionel Joyce Ford, Church of England Priest, 1896-1898: Ordination certificates as Deacon and Priest for William Lionel Joyce Ford, 1897-1898; Photograph of William Lionel Joyce Ford, undated; certificate of merit for Dorothy Sumner, 1896

D17361 Photograph album showing a mixture of photographs and newspaper cuttings: Includes the truncating of the spire of St John's, Gloucester, 1910, a photograph of the corner of St Aldate Street, and one of the spire of St Peter's Roman Catholic Church

D17363 Liddiatt family tree and Restall family deed, 1679-n.d. (late 20th C.)

D17364 Papers of Bruce Stait n.d. (20th C.): Five cinefilms and six VHS tapes reflecting Mr Stait's interest in planes and trains. The cinefilms were filmed by himself, while the VHS tapes contain a mixture of copies of the material on the films and items of similar interest recorded off the TV

D17379 Postcards of Gloucestershire, 1909-1913: Includes Kingswood Church, Hawkesbury Upton Monument to Miss A Harrison, Cleeve Hill with a group having a picnic, Westonbirt House, Badminton Village, Bitton Village

D17383 Frederick William Cox of Craigs Court, co. Middlesex, 1855: Appointment of Cox as a new Trustee to the marriage settlement of Mortimer Ricardo

D17384 David McDermitt, historian and genealogist, 2025: Digital copy of apprenticeship indenture and background information and analysis

D17390 Jennifer Wheeler of Gloucester, 1910-1947: Photographs of Westgate Association Football Club, 1910-1911 (2 photographs); Film of Gloucester floods, 1947 (1 digital file)

D17391 Photographs of the 5th Gloucestershire Girl's Life Brigade and the Boy's Brigade, 1959-1962

D17392 David Cooke of Stroud, 2026: It was a Boy, Memories of Childhood, 1935-1947

D17394 John Marjoram of Stroud, 1975-2024: Stroud Green Party records

D17394 Stroud Valleys Project, 1980s-1990s

D17400 Pharmacist William Talvan Rees, proprietor of Hands and Co, Chemists, Cheltenham, 1919-1958: Three prescription books, 1919-1922, 1950-1958

D17401 Tenancy agreements of properties in Blockley, 1950-1952: Sheafhouse Farm, Northwick Park, Wellacres Farm

D17402 Gloucestershire Philatelic Society, 1944-2013: Committee meeting minute books, 1944-2013.

D17403 Deed of Trust for lands in Gloucestershire, 1652

D17405 Ashwin Katthula, historian, 2026: Genealogical research paper titled 'The Anglo-Indian Branch of the Clutterbuck Family of Newark Park (c.1810-1900): A DNA-Supported Reconstruction', and cover page

D17406 Avon Archaeology Limited, 2025: Unpublished Archaeological desk-based assessment of Back Lane car park, Winchcombe, Gloucestershire, AAL Project 24-25.734

D17410 Colin Martin, local historian, 1956-1990s: Railway press-cuttings scrapbook relating to the UK, compiled by Colin Martin, 1956-1976 (1 volume); Railway press cuttings and photographs relating to Gloucestershire, unknown origin, 1980s-1990s (1 bundle)

D17417 Andrew Barton, local historian, 1802-1919: Two volumes of posters for elections and events in Cirencester and surrounding area and newspaper cuttings, 1838-1908, 1802-1919

D17422 Graham and Marjorie Webb, Land Settlement Association, Newent, 1955-[2026]: Photographs, documents and narrative relating to the occupancy of Land Settlement Association holding number 29

D17425 Manton family papers, 20th C. – 2015: General family papers, mainly of Alan Dennis and Vera Phyllis Manton (nee Drew); family photographs, including of the Drew family; household papers of Alan and Vera Manton, largely from when resident at 17 Norfolk Avenue, Rowanfield, Cheltenham; papers concerning the voluntary liquidation of H E Manton and Co.; papers concerning Alan Manton's rental of allotments, including agreements, invoices and correspondence

D17428 HMS Starwort, Northleach, Mid-20th century-2017: Documents relating to HMS Starwort and SS Anselm, photographs, c. 1990s (1 bundle); correspondence and papers, mid-20th century-2017, (2 bundles).

D17429 John Moore Walker's pharmacist manuscript notebook, 2025: Transcript of John Moore Walker's pharmacist book created by Cheltenham Local History volunteers

D17430 Raymond Priestley of Tewkesbury, Antarctic explorer and geologist, 1907-1957: Annotated Antarctic expedition volumes, 1907-1957 (3 volumes)

D17434 Scrapbook of Alice Gwendoline James, 1905-1917: Newspaper cuttings mainly of events in Cromhall and surrounds, including cuttings giving news of local soldiers fighting in World War One. The cuttings are largely undated.

D17436 Deeds of Upper Orchards, Kents Green, Tibberton, 1773-1891

D17437 Kempsford title deed 1801: Bargain and sale of a parcel of recently enclosed ground in Kempsford Townfield

D17442 Berkeley Nuclear Laboratories, 1970: Central Electricity Generating Board's Research Executive Committee's paper, Computer Data Link at Berkeley Nuclear Laboratories (reviewing the computer and data storage needs of the B. N. L. Research Programme)

D17444 The New Inn, Coln St Aldwyns, 1988-1991: Photo album recording village Community Campaign to reopen The New Inn, 1988-1991 (1 volume)

D17446 Newent: deed, 1712: Indenture of lease, 1712 (1 document)

D17450 Adrian Spooner, historian, 1841: Letter from Charles Hooper and Co. of Eastington Mills to Frederick Huth and Co. regarding a draft offer

D17451 Roots and Reflections project, 2025-2026: Oral history recordings generated by the Roots and Reflections reminiscence project

D17455 David J Pollard of Box, Wiltshire, n.d. (c.1970s): Photographic negatives of Blakeney railway, 1971, and Gloucester Docks railway turntable and track, n.d.

Local Studies accessions:

- *League of Nations in Cheltenham, 1920-45*, by Adrian Courtenay: this is a PhD thesis submitted to the University of Birmingham and dated July 2025.
- *Everyone's gone to the Moon*, by Richard Goddard et. Al, 2025: this contains memories of the Blue Moon Club and the 1960's music scene in Cheltenham.
- *Histories from the Cotswold Edge*, by David Aldred, 2025: this is a collection of articles written on the history of different places in the Cotswolds.
- *Highways, Byways and Turnpikes around Stroud*, by Marion Hearfield (ed.), 2019: a publication resulting from research into the old roads, paths and tracks that existed before the 1750s in and round the Stroud Valleys.
- *Badbrook, Merrywalks and Slad Road*, by Elizabeth Wright, 2019: this book is a history of Badbrook, Merrywalks and Slad Road, from 1750 - 1980 and beyond.
- *Whiteshill and Ruscombe, a history of two villages*, by Keith Davitte, 2023: Based on village stories and newspaper articles, this is a history of the two villages as they expanded in the 19th century to become thriving communities in one parish.
- *Stratford Park and its Mansion House*, by Marion Hearfield, 2018: a history of Stratford Park and its Mansion House.
- *Story of Stroud, a concise history of the past 800 years*, by Philip Walmsley and Marion Hearfield (eds.), 2024.
- *Ebley, Stroud - Cider Factories, Inns, Laundries, and Orphanage and an Anglo-French Ladies' College*, by Pauline Stevens, 2025: a book containing stories about different businesses in Ebley village, and about the families who ran those businesses.

- *Old Stroud Brewery*, by Marion Hearfield, 2016: this is a short history of the old Stroud Brewery.
- *Great Western Railway in the Stroud Valley*, Vol. 2, by Mike Fenton, 2025: this contains the history of the railway line from 1873 until the 1910s.
- *A-Z of the Forest of Dean, Places – People – History*, by David Elder, 2026: on the history of the Forest of Dean, its towns and villages, industries and the people connected with it
- *At the Tree, Executions in Gloucestershire 1722-1790*, by Jill Evans, 2025.
- *A History of Painswick Music Society*, by Prof. Martin Woodhead, 2026.
- *'Read All About It': The Price and allied families of Monmouthshire, Herefordshire and Gloucestershire in the newspapers, 1788-2020*, by Arthur J Price, 2020
- *Shoemaking in Devon, from cordwaining to mechanisation 16th-19th century*, by Elly Babbedge, 2026: contains examples from Gloucestershire in the section "The countryside shoemaker"
- *The Complete Works of Catherine Drew 'The Forest Poetess'*, edited and introduced by Roger Deeks and Jason Griffiths, 2026
- *From Coastal Sail to Global Shipping, 1909-2009, The history of the Steamship Mutual Underwriting Association Limited*, by Helen Doe, 2009: Steamship Mutual traces its origins to Gloucester

The 'Cheltenham Move'

In January 2026 the archives took in a large LS collection from Cheltenham Library. This collection was formerly housed in the Cotswold Room, which was not openly accessible to readers. We prepared 150m of shelving for this transfer and used most of it to house this large collection, which contains books and pamphlets, photos, journals and magazines, dictionaries, concert and play bills etc.

In February we hired an Assistant Archivist, Liz Hughes, to help us process the collection. Unfortunately, there is no quick way of making the records visible and the material requestable. However, checking each item individually allows us to stock-check what we received and to update the records on our catalogue.

All items from this collection receive a new finding reference starting with LSCH. Having reached the end of April 2026, we have processed over 200 books, over 950 photos, and over 930 pamphlets.

4. Blog & newsletter:

- Our latest blog (and any others if you missed them and there's been some very interesting ones recently) can be found here - <https://gloucestershirearchives.wordpress.com/>
- **Latest Heritage Hub E-newsletter**
This can be found here: [Gloucestershire Heritage Hub - May 2026](#)

5. Events coming up

The next Secrets Revealed events are listed below.

Date	Theme	Title
24 June	Heritage crafts	They don't make 'em like they used to!
27 July	Cinema	The Silver screen
26 August	Rivers	As strong as a hundred men - Gloucestershire water mills

The next Saturday at the Archives events are as follows.

Date	Theme	Title
4 July	Heritage Crafts	A focus on heritage crafts and careers
1 August	Cinema	Lights, camera action!
9 September	Rivers	Go with the flow...

Project Grow: Soil & Sarnie Saturdays @ The Potting Shed

Keep an eye open for future monthly Soil & Sarnie Saturdays at the archives. In addition to learning about growing veggies and some sarnies, there is now a small community plant nursery and shop – called The Potting Shed – which will be selling fresh produce, plant plugs, propagations and other products. The Potting Shed will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays plus the 3rd Saturday of the month.     