Chair's Report to GLHA Forum, 18th March 2019



Future GLHA events

Saturday 11th May 2019: Our annual Local History Day, the theme of which will be 'Local History Today: themes, challenges and opportunities', will be held at the University of Gloucestershire School of Business and Technology on the Oxstalls Campus in Gloucester between 11.00am and 3.15pm. There will be two speakers (Dr Matt Cole and Dr Alan Crosby), but no displays by member groups. Details of the event have been emailed to GLHA members and are available on our website.

We are hoping to hold our 2020 Local History Day on 25th April 2020, hopefully at the School of Business and Technology, the overall theme to be the history of Education, and to include displays by member groups as well as speakers. We would welcome suggestions for speakers on the chosen theme, whether from a County, Regional or National perspective.

Bryan Jerrard Award 2018

The winner and runner-up for the 2018 Bryan Jerrard Award will be announced at the Local History Day on 11th May 2019. As in previous years, the Award prizes are being sponsored by The History Press, to which we are most grateful.

Summer Afternoon Meetings

Our 2019 Summer Meeting will be held at Tidenham in west Gloucestershire on **29th June**, courtesy of Tidenham History Group. Full details and a booking form have been emailed to members and are available on the GLHA website.

Our 2020 Summer Meeting will be held at Nailsworth on Sunday, 28th June, courtesy of Nailsworth Society Local History Research Group; a Sunday has been chosen due to parking difficulties in Nailsworth on Saturdays. Cheltenham Local History Society has offered to organise a meeting in 2022 (to coincide with the Society's 40th anniversary) and **we would welcome offers to host a Summer Afternoon Meeting in 2021.**

Summer Evening visits

Monday, 29th July: Ray Wilson will lead an Industrial Heritage walk on Leckhampton Hill, beginning at 6pm. Further details will be available shortly and Ray will be taking bookings from 17th June onwards.

Wednesday, 28th August: A visit to Brockworth Court, Garden and Church, beginning at 6pm. Details will be available shortly.

We would welcome suggestions for evening visits in 2020.

Website

We are grateful to Ray Wilson for maintaining our website, including the list of Society Meetings. The next deadline to let Ray have a note of your group's programme of meetings is 1st September 2019: please ensure that you submit your programme in the format stated on the relevant page of the website https://www.gloshistory.org.uk/submit prog.php and email to webmaster@gloshistory.org.uk. Please note that the society talks list contains a note at the top advising users to check with organisers for any programme changes and therefore the list is not normally revised after publication.

Speakers' List

A number of new Speakers have recently been added to the Speakers' List.

Book reviews

A number of new reviews will be posted on the website shortly. **Please let me know if your group** has recently produced a publication so that it may be reviewed for the website.

Sale of books through Gloucestershire Family History Society

GFHS maintains a bookshop as part of its area at The Heritage Hub and is happy to consider selling books published by GLHA members on a sale or return basis. The Society would take a negotiable commission on sales. If you are interested, please contact the Society's Treasurer, David Poole, on treasurer@gfhs.org.uk

GlosDocs

Ray Wilson continues to develop the Gloucestershire Documents Online Project, and a very successful 'familiarisation' session, attended by 28 people from 15 GLHA member groups, was held at The Heritage Hub on 4th March. If you have not already done so, you can find out more about the project at <u>https://glosdocs.org.uk/about-glosdocs</u>; an article about GlosDocs, written by Ray, is included in <u>the latest Heritage Hub e-newsletter</u>.

Partnership working with Gloucestershire Archives/Heritage Hub

GLHA Committee members continue to represent the Association on the Heritage Hub Stakeholders' Group and the newly-constituted Heritage Hub User Group. The winning display at our 2018 Local History Day (Nailsworth Society Local History Research Group) is currently on display on the Community Boards at The Hub. The Local History section of The Hub e-newsletter has a regular 'slot' for articles relating to GLHA and its member groups; **any group wishing to write an article on an aspect of their activities would be welcome to do so – please contact me for further details.**

Future Forum Meetings

Thursday 20th June 2019, 7.00pm: AGM, followed by Kate O'Keefe (Gloucestershire Archives) on the EVOKE Reminiscence project.

Thursday 5th September 2019, 7.00pm: Heather Forbes (County Archivist), who is a trustee of the Gloucester History Festival, will talk about the origins, programme and future plans for the Festival, in which GLHA hopes to have an input from 2020 onwards.

Monday 2nd December 2019, 2.00pm: Dr Val Kirby, on 'New energy from old stories: restoring the Cotswold Canals'.

The first two Forum meetings of 2020 will be held on **Monday 16th March** (2pm) and **Thursday 18th June** (7pm). The dates of our September and December 2020 Forums will be available shortly.

All the above meetings will be held at the Heritage Hub. We would welcome suggestions for speakers and topics for discussion at future Forums.

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