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## We're pleased to announce Gloucester History Festival 2021 plus a new online history festival this April

Dear Festival Supporter,

This year, in addition to the much loved autumn Festival which will take place from **4th-19th September**, we're also pleased to announce a [weekend festival](#) this April for our fellow history enthusiasts to enjoy.

The theme for 2021's [autumn festival](#) is **Frontiers and Pioneers**, which not only will share world-changing-moments in history, but also feels so relevant to the history we're living through today. Engaging with history is a constant reminder, that the stories of the past help us to gain perspective and remind us to have hope through challenging times.

2021 sees a multitude of significant anniversaries both close to home and further afield: the end of the USSR 30 years ago, the building of the Berlin Wall and Yuri Gagarin's first manned space flight 60 years ago, the Battle of the Imjin River during the Korean War 70 years ago and, much further back, this May marks the 550th anniversary of Gloucester's city gates closing against Margaret of Anjou as she approached Gloucester before the Battle of Tewkesbury in 1471. All feature frontiers or pioneers at the heart of the story.

The spring festival this April will be presented online - allowing people from around the world to come together virtually and engage with stories and insights of the past. The weekend festival will include special speakers in a selection of talks and City Voices events, offering a taste of history ahead of the main event in September.

With a little way to go before the autumn festival, it remains yet to be seen whether we will be able to welcome people in person to the history-rich Gloucester venues, or whether we will be exclusively online again. But either way, we can't wait to share a programme that will inspire and provide something for everyone.

Best wishes,  
Janina Ramirez, Gloucester History Festival President

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