



## **GLOUCESTERSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION** **GLHA Member Societies' Events List - May 2025 edition**

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Date	Organisation	Title (Speaker)	Location	Time
05/05/2025	Upper Windrush Local History Society	Watershed Mahatma Ghandi WW1 (Stephen Barker)	Temple Guiting Church	7-30 pm
06/05/2025	Gloucester LHS	Memories of White City (Caroline Esson)	Gloucestershire Archives	7-00 pm
07/05/2025	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club	Casting Stones at Napier's Bones (Malcolm Watkins)	The Painswick Centre, Bisley Street, Painswick	2-30 pm
07/05/2025	Northleach Historical Society	A Royal Progress through Gloucestershire (Alan Pilbeam)	Westwoods Centre Northleach	7-30 pm
10/05/2025	Upper Windrush Local History Society	2 day Exhibition Celebrating 80th Anniversary WW2 Victory in Europe (Various)	Guiting Power Village Hall	11am to 4pm
12/05/2025	Historical Association Gloucestershire Branch	Rural Crime, and Protest? Poaching and Incendiarism in Early 19th Century Gloucestershire. (Tom Wilkinson)	Zoom and Park Campus, Uni of Gloucestershire, Cheltenham	7-30-pm
12/05/2025	Nailsworth Local History Research Group	Avening Church (Paul Butler)	Sawyer Hall	7-30 pm
14/05/2025	Stonehouse History Group	Members' short talks (members)	Park Junior School	7-30 pm
15/05/2025	Upton St Leonards Village History Group	USL Village Charities (Andy Russell)	Upton St Leonards Village Hall	7-45 pm
16/05/2025	Rissingtons Local History Society	The Human cost of the British Civil Wars (Professor Andy Hopper)	Village Hall, Upper Rissington	7-30 pm
19/05/2025	Lechlade History Society	The Road to Peace is Paved with Headstones - The Commonwealth War Graves Commission; its History and Legacy (Dick Richards)	Lechlade Memorial Hall	7-30 pm
20/05/2025	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club	Lost the Plot – the History of Allotments (Fiona Warin)	Box Village Hall	2-30 pm
21/05/2025	Chalford Parish Local History Group	The Purton Hulks (Paul Barnett)	France Lynch Church Rooms	7-30 pm
21/05/2025	Cheltenham LHS	AGM followed by Cheltenham's Iconic Buildings (David Elder)	St Luke's Church Hall	7-00 pm
22/05/2025	Tewkesbury Historical Society	AGM + John Moore's Rogues (John Dixon)	Tewkesbury Methodist Church	7-45 pm
27/05/2025	Gotherington and Area LHS	The English Civil War in the Cotswolds (Simon Randall)	Gotherington Village Hall	7-30 pm
27/05/2025	Leckhampton Local History Society	AGM-Treasures from the Bendall archive (Eric Miller)	St Peter's Church, Church Road, Leckhampton	7-30 pm
27/05/2025	Charlton Kings Local & Family History Society	Leckhampton Riots (Neela Mann)	Stanton Room, Charlton Kings	2-30 pm
28/05/2025	Oakridge History Group	Pilgrims and Pilgrimages in Gloucestershire (John Putley)	Oakridge Village Hall	7-30 pm

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28/05/2025	Cirencester Archaeological & Historical Society	Archaeology of the 'Missing Link' (Alex Thomson)	Ashcroft Centre, Ashcroft Road	7-30 pm
02/06/2025	Prestbury Local History Society	To Cleeve Hill by Tram (Tony Noel)	Prestbury W I Hall	7-30 pm
02/06/2025	Upper Windrush Local History Society	Tolkien and his Cotwold Connection (Andrew Meller)	Naunton Village Hall	7-30 pm
09/06/2025	Nailsworth Local History Research Group	Spring Mill visit (Jill Coulter)	Spring Mill, Avening Road	7-30 pm
11/06/2025	Stonehouse History Group	Songs from the Workhouse - a talk on life in the workhouse and traditional songs (Shepherd's Crook Folk Choir)	Park Junior School	7-30 pm
18/06/2025	Chalford Parish Local History Group	Gloucestershire Highwaymen (John Putley)	France Lynch Church Rooms	7-30 pm
23/06/2025	Prestbury Local History Society	Victorian County History (Simon Draper)	Prestbury W I Hall	7-30 pm
24/06/2025	Charlton Kings Local & Family History Society	Pubs and Ale House in Charlton Kings (Allan Jones)	Stanton Room, Charlton Kings	2-30 pm
25/06/2025	Oakridge History Group	AGM plus talk on old maps (Roger Carnt)	Oakridge Village Hall	7-30 pm
02/07/2025	Northleach Historical Society	Metal Detecting and Gloucestershire Finds (Nicola Potter)	Westwoods Centre Northleach	7-30 pm
06/07/2025	GLHA/Stonehouse History Group	Summer Afternoon in Stonehouse	The Community Centre, Laburnum Walk	1-00 pm onwards
07/07/2025	Upper Windrush Local History Society	Story of Oxfordshire Ascott Martyrs (Carol Anderson)	Guiting Power Village Hall	7-30 pm
09/07/2025	Stonehouse History Group	Arts and Crafts stained glass in Cotswold Churches (Kirsty Hartsiosis)	Park Junior School	7-30 pm
14/07/2025	Nailsworth Local History Research Group	Historic Tour of Minchinhampton (Gary Atkinson)	Minchinhampton	7-30 pm
16/07/2025	Chalford Parish Local History Group	Guided walk of Old Bussage (Heather Collins & Peter Drover)	Outside Frith Youth Club	7-00 pm
17/07/2025	Upton St Leonards Village History Group	AGM & Quiz	Upton St Leonards Village Hall	7-45 pm
18/07/2025	Upper Windrush Local History Society	Property, Patronage, and Political Machination: Fate of the Templar Estates in Gloucestershire, c1308-1350 (Oliver Lewis)	Temple Guiting Church	7-30 pm
04/08/2025	Upper Windrush Local History Society	Wallis Simpson and the Abdication (Roy Smart)	Upper Slaughter Village Hall	7-30 pm
01/09/2025	Upper Windrush Local History Society	Lordship in the Landscape Medieval Cotswold Manors (Simon Draper)	Naunton Village Hall	7-30 pm
03/09/2025	Northleach Historical Society	Tolkien in the Cotswolds (Andy Meller)	Westwoods Centre Northleach	7-30 pm
04/09/2025	Maisemore Local History Society	AGM followed by Tales from a Sussex farm ' typical of farms anywhere after WW2 (Angela Lerwell)	Maisemore Village Hall	7-30 pm
08/09/2025	Nailsworth Local History Research Group	Local Road Transport (Brian Middleditch)	Sawyer Hall	7-30 pm
10/09/2025	Stonehouse History Group	The GWR railway in Stonehouse (Mike Fenton)	Park Junior School	7-30 pm
15/09/2025	Lechlade History Society	Place-names and archaeology in and around Gloucestershire (Dr Simon Draper)	Lechlade Memorial Hall	7-30 pm
16/09/2025	Friends of Gloucester Waterways Museum	Opening Day of the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal (Tony Conder)	Gloucester Waterways Museum	10-30 am
17/09/2025	Cheltenham LHS	The Thomas Phillipp Collection in Thirlestaine House (Margaret Jones)	St Luke's Hall	7-30 pm
18/09/2025	Tewkesbury Historical Society	Alderman Frank Knight (Andrew Paterson)	Tewkesbury Methodist Church	7-45 pm
22/09/2025	Prestbury Local History Society	The Ladies who built a Hall (Val Porter)	Prestbury W I Hall	7-30 pm
23/09/2025	Gotherington and Area LHS	Archaeological Findings in the Meadow Development (Josh Hargreaves)	Gotherington Village Hall	7-30 pm

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01/10/2025	Northleach Historical Society	W H Davies (John Roberts)	Westwoods Centre Northleach	7-30 pm
02/10/2025	Maisemore Local History Society	Songs, readings and stories from the Winchcombe workhouse (Carol Davies - Sweets of May)	Maisemore Village Hall	7-30 pm
06/10/2025	Upper Windrush Local History Society	The Women of Bletchley Park (Bill King)	Farmers Arms Guiting Power	7-30 pm
07/10/2025	Cheltenham LHS	Funeral Trains ' the Cheltenham & Gloucestershire connections (Nicolas Wheatley)	St Luke's Hall	10-30 am
13/10/2025	Nailsworth Local History Research Group	The History of the Stroudwater Navigation (John Morris)	Sawyer Hall	7-30 pm
14/10/2025	Friends of Gloucester Waterways Museum	Exercise Tiger based on the Slapton Sands disaster (Paul Barnett)	Gloucester Waterways Museum	10-30 am
16/10/2025	Tewkesbury Historical Society	Tewkesbury Abbey: Adventure in Research (Charles Whitney)	Tewkesbury Methodist Church	7-45 pm
17/10/2025	Rissingtons Local History Society	AGM + The Life of Katherine of Aragon (Gillian White)	Village Hall, Upper Rissington	7-30 pm
20/10/2025	Lechlade History Society	The History of Stroud (Ian Mackintosh or Ann Taylor)	Lechlade Memorial Hall	7-30 pm
22/10/2025	Cheltenham LHS	Roger Fenton, mid-19th century photographer & his visit to Cheltenham (John White)	St Luke's Hall	7-30 pm
27/10/2025	Prestbury Local History Society	Farming in Pre history to WW1(John Putley)	Prestbury W I Hall	7-30 pm
28/10/2025	Gotherington and Area LHS	Cider to Gliders - The History of Stoke Orchard Airfield (Richard Chatham)	Gotherington Village Hall	7-30 pm
03/11/2025	Upper Windrush Local History Society	Severn and Wye Railway Bridge Disaster (Paul Barnett)	Farmers Arms Guiting Power	7-30 pm
05/11/2025	Northleach Historical Society	A World of Magic and Magic Show (Bob King)	Westwoods Centre Northleach	7-30 pm
06/11/2025	Maisemore Local History Society	Plane Sailing ' the story of the undercover RAF Saul (Paul Barnett)	Maisemore Village Hall	7-30 pm
10/11/2025	Nailsworth Local History Research Group	Nailsworth Mills (Ian Mackintosh)	Sawyer Hall	7-30 pm
17/11/2025	Lechlade History Society	AGM followed by: Cotswolds Cornucopia (Sean Callery)	Lechlade Memorial Hall	7-30 pm
18/11/2025	Friends of Gloucester Waterways Museum	Tudor Swearing, Sex and Loos (Kirstie Bingham)	Gloucester Waterways Museum	10-30 am
19/11/2025	Cheltenham LHS	The Genesis of Cheltenham South Town (Stuart Manton)	St Luke's Hall	7-30 pm
20/11/2025	Tewkesbury Historical Society	Travels with a Camera Across Five Continents (David Elder)	Tewkesbury Methodist Church	7-45 pm
21/11/2025	Rissingtons Local History Society	The Cotswold Navy - What's in a name (Paul Barnett)	Village Hall, Upper Rissington	2-30 pm
25/11/2025	Gotherington and Area LHS	Schools, Scholars and Scolding (Angela Dunsby)	Gotherington Village Hall	7-30 pm
01/12/2025	Upper Windrush Local History Society	Edward 1st Hammer of the Scots (Max Keen)	Farmers Arms Guiting Power	7-30 pm
02/12/2025	Cheltenham LHS	Origins & Development of the University of Gloucestershire (Dr Matthew Andrews)	St Luke's Hall	10-30 am
04/12/2025	Maisemore Local History Society	400 Christmases at the famous Lion hotel including the stagecoach through Gloucester (John Butterworth)	Maisemore Village Hall	7-30 pm
05/12/2025	Rissingtons Local History Society	Christmas Ghosts: the Tradition of Winter Tales in Gloucestershire (Kirsty Hartsiotis)	Village Hall, Upper Rissington	2-30 pm
10/12/2025	Stonehouse History Group	Tolkien and the Cotswolds – the shaping of Middle Earth (Andy Meller)	Park Junior School	7-30 pm
16/12/2025	Gotherington and Area LHS	The History of Christmas and Wassailing (Robin Burton)	Gotherington Village Hall	7-30 pm
08/01/2026	Maisemore Local History Society	Battlefields, castles and riots in Glos over 2000 years (Tony Condor)	Maisemore Village Hall	7-30 pm
16/01/2026	Rissingtons Local History Society	Blockley Water Mills and their Gardens (Blockley Heritage Society)	Village Hall, Upper Rissington	2-30 pm
20/01/2026	Friends of Gloucester Waterways Museum	Cuts of Gloucestershire based on the History of the County Canal Network (John Putley)	Gloucester Waterways Museum	10-30 am
21/01/2026	Cheltenham LHS	Blood, Magic & Power: The Murder by Witchcraft of William Bayntun (Louise Ryland-Epton)	St Luke's Hall	7-30 pm
22/01/2026	Tewkesbury Historical Society	Social for Members (Quiz)	Trinity Church, 10 Oldbury Road	7-45 pm

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27/01/2026	Gotherington and Area LHS	Surnames and Local History (Dr Simon Draper)	Gotherington Village Hall	7-30 pm
03/02/2026	Cheltenham LHS	Down Winterbotham Road: the enduring legacy of a Cheltenham family (Adrian Barlow)	St Luke's Hall	10-30 am
05/02/2026	Maisemore Local History Society	Cider making in Gloucestershire from foxwhelps to firkins (Andy Meller)	Maisemore Village Hall	7-30 pm
17/02/2026	Friends of Gloucester Waterways Museum	Grist to Healings Mill (John Dixon)	Gloucester Waterways Museum	10-30 am
18/02/2026	Cheltenham LHS	The Elusive Digger Settlement at Slimbridge (Stuart Butler)	St Luke's Hall	7-30 pm
19/02/2026	Tewkesbury Historical Society	Baptists in 17thc England (Simon Lawton)	Tewkesbury Methodist Church	7-45 pm
20/02/2026	Rissingtons Local History Society	Pagans and Puritans: the Story of May Morning in Oxfordshire (Tim Healey)	Village Hall, Upper Rissington	2-30 pm
24/02/2026	Gotherington and Area LHS	A walk down memory lane via steam, tram and horse (Ian Boskett)	Gotherington Village Hall	7-30 pm
05/03/2026	Maisemore Local History Society	Charlie Wheatstone's clever tricks ' inventor of electric telegraph and concertina (Stephen Rowley)	Maisemore Village Hall	7-30 pm
17/03/2026	Friends of Gloucester Waterways Museum	Severn Bridge Disaster (Chris Witts)	Gloucester Waterways Museum	10-30 am
19/03/2026	Tewkesbury Historical Society	Archaeology: Peasants, Cows and Monks at Cowfield Mill(Jonathan Hart)	Tewkesbury Methodist Church	7-45 pm
20/03/2026	Rissingtons Local History Society	Bletchley Park and the Enigma Machine (John McCormick)	Village Hall, Upper Rissington	7-30 pm
24/03/2026	Gotherington and Area LHS	A Blue Plaque Tour of Gloucestershire ' poets, pioneers and performers (Andy Meller)	Gotherington Village Hall	7-30 pm
25/03/2026	Cheltenham LHS	George Rowe's 'Illustrated Cheltenham Guide' of 1845: then, now and in the intervening years (Dr Steven Blake)	St Luke's Hall	7-30 pm
02/04/2026	Maisemore Local History Society	Historical glimpses of Gloucestershire and beyond to music and prose (Martin Fry)	Maisemore Village Hall	7-30 pm
07/04/2026	Cheltenham LHS	Members' Research & Display event	St Luke's Hall	10-00 am
14/04/2026	Friends of Gloucester Waterways Museum	AGM followed by Films of a Maritime Theme	Gloucester Waterways Museum	10-30 am
15/04/2026	Cheltenham LHS	Gloucestershire & the Atlantic Slave Trade (Tony Condor)	St Luke's Hall	7-30 pm
16/04/2026	Tewkesbury Historical Society	George Rowe, artist and lithographer (Dr Steven Blake)	Tewkesbury Methodist Church	7-45 pm
28/04/2026	Gotherington and Area LHS	A.G.M. followed by Tewkesbury Alleyways (Steve Goodchild)	Gotherington Village Hall	7-30 pm
15/05/2026	Rissingtons Local History Society	William Tyndale's Gloucestershire (Alan Pilbeam)	Village Hall, Upper Rissington	7-30 pm
20/05/2026	Cheltenham LHS	AGM followed by Arle Court: A House Through Time (Sue Rowbotham)	St Luke's Hall	7-00 pm
21/05/2026	Tewkesbury Historical Society	The World's Oldest Industrial Heritage in the UK (Adam Sapic)	Tewkesbury Methodist Church	7-45 pm
26/05/2026	Gotherington and Area LHS	Cheltenham's Lung' The Long Making of Cleeve Common (David Aldred)	Gotherington Village Hall	7-30 pm