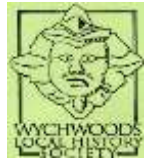




# Wychwoods Local History Society



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## Newsletter Issue 4: 2025/2026 Season

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Here is the Christmas and New Year update of our newsletter which aims to keep you informed about Society activity. The work of the Wychwoods Local History Society extends beyond the monthly talks that we organise between September and May each year. Here, we offer a short summary of our other activities 'behind the scenes'.



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## Talking History – Our Programme for 2025/6

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Our Christmas talk on **10<sup>th</sup> December** welcomes writer and raconteur Sean Callery, on '[Cotswolds at Christmas](#)'. The first talk in the New Year is on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January** and we welcome Gillian Cane who will discuss the lives of [The Mitford Sisters](#)

We meet **7.15pm** for refreshments and 7.30pm start at Milton Village Hall. Members free, visitors **£5.00**. Keep an eye on our full current programme of talks [here](#).

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## WLHS Website

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The Society Website has developed considerably over the past few years, and we are constantly adding to it. The site has become an easy-access resource to some valuable publications, and an ever-increasing library of historic photographs of the Wychwoods over time.

Here are some recent additions:

- The Ascott Martyrs Educational Trust is in the process of winding up, but its resources and mission have been adopted by the WLHS. See our new Ascott Martyrs section - click [here >>](#)
- Langston House Care Home: a summary retrospective - with photos - [here >>](#)
- Outline reviews of our season of talks so far - [here >>>](#)

Meantime, the Cospatrick memorial booklet, sponsored by Shipton Parish Council and supported by Simon Randall is still available online as a [PDF here >>>](#)

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## Delving into the Archives

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The Society obtained permanent premises for its Archive in 2022 at the offices of Alfred Groves and Sons in Milton. The Archive consists of a wide variety of documents, photographs, audio recordings and research materials accumulated over the 40+ years of our existence. We are in the process of fully indexing this material and moving the more sensitive items into archive quality storage.

Could you help? Here are areas where we could use extra team members:

- Indexing a selection of our archive photographs
- Help catalogue and store documents
- Help with our library exhibitions
- Write short articles for our website and other publications
- Offer any IT skills for website or database management

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## Library Exhibitions

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We are having a break between our regular exhibitions in the Wychwood Library over Christmas. We are, however, already planning the next exhibition for January which will take the form of a pub crawl around the Wychwoods.

Pubs in the Wychwoods have been important institutions in village life, hosting society meetings, property sales, masonic lodges, and many a wedding reception (not to mention the house arrest of the occasional fascist!).

Remember to catch up with these very popular Library Exhibitions, updated 4 or 5 times each year. An example from 2023 is – [Pantomimes in the Wychwoods](#) - many organized by Shipton WI.

Please [contact us](#) for more information about our activities



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