



# Wychwoods Local History Society

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## Newsletter Issue 5: 2025/2026 Season

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Here is the latest newsletter for our current season, which extends to our AGM on May 13<sup>th</sup>. These occasional newsletters aim to keep you informed about Society activities 'behind the scenes. The work of the Wychwoods Local History Society extends beyond the monthly talks that we organise between September and May each year.



## Talking History – Our Programme for 2025/6

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In addition to the first talk of the New Year on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January**, Gillian Cane on the ever fascinating lives of [The Mitford Sisters](#), we have talks each month until May.

Keep an eye on the **full current programme** [here](#).

We meet **7.15pm** for refreshments and 7.30pm start at Milton Village Hall. Members free, visitors **£5.00**

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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 popular additions:

- The Ascott Martyrs Educational Trust - See our new Ascott Martyrs section [here >>](#)
- Our ever-popular photo archive [here >>](#)
- Some voices of the past in Audio files – listen at your leisure [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 >>>](#)

## Delving into the Archives



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

## Library Exhibitions

See our latest exhibition celebrating pubs in the Wychwoods, on from January 16<sup>th</sup> until Mid March.

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 2024 – [A Winter's Tale](#) - has some fascinating meteorological insights!

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



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