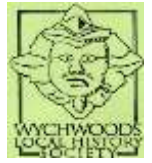




Wychwoods Local History Society



Newsletter Issue 6: 2025/2026 Season

Here is the final newsletter for our current season, which ends at our AGM on May 13th. 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

Our final 2025/6 evening meeting on **Wednesday 13th May**, will start with the AGM, and then will feature sessions entitled **“From Our Archive”**, when members of our archive team will present aspects of recent research. Members and visitors will also have a chance to look at selections from the extensive range of archive photos currently being catalogued.

Reviews of all this season’s talks appear on our website [here >>](#)

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

WLHS Website

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:

- 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 >>](#)

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.

Although there are no formal meetings in the summer months the Archives team will continue to beaver away recording and uncovering new stories from the Wychwoods to share with you. If you see us at some of the local fetes and festivities this summer do come and say 'hello' and share your memories of life in the Wychwoods.

The Ascott Martyrs

Following the successful programme of activities to celebrate the 150th anniversary and share the story of the Martyrs, the Ascott Martyrs Trust is now winding up. To ensure a legacy for the educational work of the Trust, the Wychwoods Local History Society has created dedicated space on its website and in our archive to continue to make available the results of research into the incident and the events that surrounded it.

Library Exhibitions

See our latest exhibition celebrating [Women in the Wychwoods](#), which continues until early May.

The exhibition features some of the remarkable women who shaped life in the Wychwoods throughout the 20th century. Their stories are captured in photographs in the exhibition, collated from our archives and journals. Wychwoods women also feature strongly in our oral history recordings. Their stories also reveal a community held together by resilience, creativity, and quiet determination.

Remember to catch up with these very popular Library Exhibitions, updated 4 or 5 times each year. Next up for summer: “Dancing Days”.

Details of recent exhibitions appear [here >>](#)



Please [contact us](#) for more about our activities. And see [here](#) for [how to join us](#) for next season!

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