Welcome

This year’s Festival follows our first ever Summer event - the Aethelflaed 2018 Festival, that commemorated the 1100th anniversary of the great Queen of the Mercians.

Our themes for the Blackfriars Talks and City Voices follow naturally - Women and Leadership - whether suffragettes, Wonder Women, female Parliamentarians or Queens. But there is much more, celebrating a wide range of mysterious and enigmatic history (with a guest appearance by an Enigma machine).

And thanks to generous funding from the Great Place scheme supported by the Arts Council, Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic England we host an additional 12 events this year in more than 24 venues, alongside a huge range of exciting events on Heritage Open Weekend.

So I hope even more residents and visitors come and enjoy Heritage and History in our city than the 16,000 who came last year.

I’m grateful to our local sponsors, particularly Rock Solid Knowledge and Ecclesiastical, but to all involved. We have more volunteers and involvement from the University of Gloucestershire, and I hope anyone who wishes to help take our Festival forward, volunteer, offer ideas or give feedback will mail our Festival Manager Mhairi via admin@gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk

Dr Janina Ramirez
President of the Gloucester History Festival

In my third year as Festival President it’s fabulous to see the Festival growing and flourishing with over 230 events this year in venues all over Gloucester. I can’t wait to explore this year’s theme of women and leadership at the Blackfriars Talks and I’m looking forward to enjoying more free events than ever. From rugby to morris dancing, stonemasonry to narrow boat life, there really is something for everyone at this year’s History Festival. I can’t wait to see you there!

Look out for Janina’s own events throughout the Blackfriars Talks!

"Rock Solid Knowledge is delighted to headline sponsor the Gloucester History Festival for the second year. It’s been great to witness how the website and mobile application we created are helping to promote and grow a 1st Class History Festival, that the people of Gloucester can be extremely proud of."

Andy Clymer, Director, Rock Solid Knowledge
TRAVEL INFORMATION

Public Transport

Most events take place within Gloucester City Centre, which is a short walk from the bus and rail stations. For more information on public transport go to: www.thinktravel.info

By Car:

Gloucester is easily accessible from the M5. Use junction 11 from the north and Junction 12 from the South. There are a number of car parks within the City Centre - check ahead at: gloucester.gov.uk/resident/parking-travel-and-roads/pages/Gloucester-car-parks.aspx

Please note that parking in City Council car parks is free after 6pm. All City council car parks offer free parking for up to three hours to blue badge members. (See website above for more details)

For Blackfriars we recommend Gloucester Docks car park (Southgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2DB overlooking the docks, 5 minute walk). There is also plenty of parking available in Gloucester Quays outlet centre which is a pleasant 7-10 minute walk through the Docks from Blackfriars priory

www.gloucesterquays.co.uk/car-parking

Save the date!

Next Year Gloucester History Festival will take place from Saturday 7th to Sunday 22nd September 2019.

Enjoy the Blackfriars Talks with Britain’s top historians, broadcasters and authors including:

Jenni Murray, Kate Adie, Charles Spencer, David Olusoga, and Kate Williams. See pages 8-24

BOOKING INFORMATION

Booking Tickets

Please check each event carefully to see whether it requires a ticket or not and whether there is a charge for the ticket as some events are free but require a ticket because of limited space. All heritage open days events are free of charge.

Ticket Pricing and Concessions:

Prices for each event are clearly stated next to the event and there are concessions for GL cardholders and Gloucester Civic Trust Members. Please quote the booking reference code when ordering tickets. This is shown as a letter/number reference next to the event (e.g. BT01, C05, W03). If there is no booking reference or charge, then no ticket is required. Some individual events must be booked via the Cathedral Shop. These are clearly stated next to the relevant event.

All Day Tickets are available for Blackfriars Talks from £20 and these special tickets entitle you to attend all the talks at Blackfriars that day.

3 ways to book your tickets

Call the Box Office on 01452 396 572
Lines open Mon 10:00 – 17:00 and
Tues to Sat 09:00 – 17:00

Visit the Tourist Information Centre at 28 Southgate Street,
Gloucester, GL1 2DP Open to the public Mon 10:00 – 17:00
and Tues to Sat 09:00 – 17:00

Book online at: www.gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk

Booking References are shown under the address details throughout, eg: E02

Map references are displayed as a number then letter corresponding to the map at the back of the programme, eg: A2

All events that have wheelchair access are marked with this symbol: ⚪️
Siege of Gloucester

The Siege of Gloucester, in the English Civil War took place from 10 August – 5 September 1643, between the defending Gloucester parliamentarians and the besieging army of King Charles I. Gloucester was victorious even though by the end it only had three barrels of gunpowder left for its defence.

Gloucester Day – organised by the city’s very own town crier Alan Myatt – commemorates this momentous occasion with a day full of frivolity, parades, music, entertainment and a Mock Mayor making ceremony. (for more information on the history behind this event visit the History Festival website and search for Gloucester Day)

TIMETABLE OF THE DAY

Model Funfair Exhibition

South Cloisters, Cathedral
10.00 – 17.00

Come and see beautiful working funfair model rides and accompanying funfair transport. The models are made by experienced model makers and enthusiasts and have taken months if not years to complete. The exhibition is a must see event which shows the history of the funfair past and present.

LIVING HISTORY – THE CIVIL WAR

Greyfriars (behind The Café Rene pub)
12 noon – 16.00

Visit the re enactors to see how life was during the Civil War for soldiers and their families.

11.00 – MOCK MAYOR OF BARTON PARADE

This intentionally comical parade is filled with larger than life Gloucester characters, traditional entertainers music and above all fun. The new Mock Mayor of Barton is transported through the streets in an unusual mode of transport before taking part in the Mock Mayor making ceremony in front of the real Mayor and Sheriff of Gloucester.

The parade starts in Eastgate Street, close to Boots, travels up to the cross, continues down Westgate Street. Turns right into St Johns Lane to Northgate Street before passing The Cross where the Mock Mayor making ceremony takes place on Southgate Street.

12 NOON – THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Gloucester Day Thanksgiving service will take place at Brunswick Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to attend this free service.

14.00 – GLOUCESTER DAY PARADE

The 2nd parade of the day is a far more formal affair – involving hundreds of participants led by the Right Worshipful Mayor of Gloucester. The parade is the finest example of community cohesion in the city today with hundreds of people, young and old, represent their own social or community groups, parade to show their pride for their city. Interspersed with the most musical bands. The parade departs from Constitution Walk (behind the city museum) turns left into Eastgate Street, travels up to the Cross and down Westgate Street before turning right into College Green. The procession then makes its way into Northgate Street, via St Johns Lane and up to the Cross before continuing down Southgate Street to Brunswick Baptist Church.
Welcome to Blackfriars

For more than 700 years people have gathered at Blackfriars Priory to listen, think and reflect. Join them for a mouth-watering week of history woven together by our theme of women and leadership.

From Elizabeth I to the Cold War, the Vikings to the women who made Imperial Rome, we span the globe with something to intrigue everyone who loves history.

New this year is the Blackfriars Tent, a tranquil haven in the Priory courtyard where you can enjoy delicious food and drink to refuel between events.

So why not join us for nine days, forty events and the chance to plunge back into the past at the magnificent Blackfriars Priory.

Sarah Smyth, Blackfriars Talks Curator

Visiting the Blackfriars Talks

Buy tickets online at gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk or Box Office Tel: 01452 396572
Or book by visiting the Tourist Information Centre in Southgate Street
Ticket prices are shown by each event and some have concession prices for GL cardholders and Gloucester Civic Trust members.

Our great value day passes are available Monday to Friday starting from £20
There is a Box Office on site but we recommend booking in advance to avoid disappointment
Book signings take place after each event organised by Waterstones
Doors open 20 minutes before the start of each event

Blackfriars Talks are supported by:

Britain’s Place in the World
Peter Hennessy BT01 £8 / £7
Mark Twain famously said ‘History doesn’t repeat itself but it often rhymes’. Britain’s top political historian and Cold War expert Peter Hennessy explores, with his trademark wit and insight, parallels between Britain today and key moments in the country’s recent past. He makes sense of where Britain really lies and reflects on the state of the nation in the light of Brexit, the Trump Presidency and a second Cold War.

Family Event: Riddle of The Runes
Janina Ramirez age 9 plus BT02 £5
Plunge into a world of riddles, runes and revenge with Viking expert Janina Ramirez who introduces you to the fearless shield-maiden Alva and needs your help to solve a mysterious crime in the Fjords of Kilsgard. Come along and find out fascinating new facts about the Vikings.

The Gilded Age: The Husband Hunters
Anne de Courcy BT03 £8 / £7
Historian Anne de Courcy tells the richly entertaining story of the American Dollar Princesses. These pioneering American heiresses came over to marry into the British aristocracy at the end of the 19th century and brought with them all the fabulous wealth, glamour and sophistication of America’s Gilded Age. Her dazzling tale of intrigue, influence and culture clash is ‘cleverly researched, sparkling with diamonds and wickedly funny’ (The Spectator).

The Story of Britain
Roy Strong BT04 £8 / £7
One of our cultural titans, Roy Strong, historian, diarist and gardener, was Director of the National Portrait Gallery and the Victoria & Albert Museum. He discusses his book The Story of Britain, a fascinating history of Britain from Stonehenge to the present which answers the questions: where do we come from and where are we going? From the very earliest recorded Celtic times to present-day Brexit Britain, he tells the story with his trademark passion, enthusiasm and wide-ranging knowledge. ‘Elegantly written and scrupulously fair’ (Andrew Roberts).
20.00-21.15  **Tchaikovsky: The Man Revealed**  
John Suchet BT05 £10 / £9  
One of Russia's greatest composers Tchaikovsky has long been mythologised and misunderstood. Classic FM broadcaster and former newscaster John Suchet draws back the curtain to show the real man behind the music. He explores the composer's contradictory character, his extraordinary life in 19th century Russia and his many love affairs, showing how they play out in his astounding music and why he came to take his place amongst the world's most admired composers.

12.00-13.00  **The Vikings**  
Janina Ramirez BT06 £10 / £9  
The Vikings played a huge part in defining Anglo-Saxon Britain, yet we think of them as barbarians who simply arrived, wreaked havoc, then left again. Historian and BBC broadcaster Janina Ramirez unpacks the extraordinary legacy the Vikings left behind through their myths, art, social organisation and language. What was the enduring influence of the Vikings on the British Isles? And why do they play such a powerful role in our imaginations?

14.00-15.00  **Major General Massey: Hero, Traitor or Opportunist?**  
Richard Graham BT07 £8 / £7  
Major General Sir Edward Massey sprang to fame as Gloucester's Parliamentary Governor during its siege by Charles I in 1643. But he later fell out with those who wanted to run the country, fought for the Royalists at the Battle of Worcester, plotted for the Restoration, returned with Charles II and became a controversial MP for Gloucester in the 1660 Restoration Parliament. Today's MP for Gloucester tells Massey's story and asks if his predecessor was a hero, traitor or opportunist in a fast changing world.

16.00-17.00  **Terry Waite**  
BT08 £10 / £9  
As a hostage in Lebanon Terry Waite endured nearly five harrowing years in strict solitary confinement. His endurance in the face of unimaginable suffering is a compelling tale. He explores his experiences in the Middle East both as hostage-negotiator and hostage. He talks about how such a long period of solitude has shaped his own life and that of others, and his new book Solitude. In conversation with BBC Radio’s Vernon Harwood.

18.00-19.00  **Wonder Women**  
Fern Riddell, Janina Ramirez & Naisha Hussain  
BT09 £8 / £7  
Suffragette Kitty Marion is just one of the compelling and extraordinary women who changed the course of history but whose stories have been hidden until now. Women make up half the population but less than 0.5% of recorded history. Two of the country’s top historians Fern Riddell and Janina Ramirez join Naisha Hussain to discuss the intriguing women who inspired them and whose stories have been until recently hidden from history.

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“We are delighted to be supporting the Blackfriars Talks at the Gloucester History Festival. As a company providing insurance and risk management advice to more Listed buildings than anyone else this is a fantastic way to show our support for Gloucester and its important heritage.” Chris Pitt, Group Corporate Responsibility Manager.

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Pioneers
From the tenacious Suffragettes to the courageous pilots of World War One, today we explore history’s pioneers.

**ALL DAY TICKET £20**

16.00-17.00  **A History of Women**
Maggie Andrews BT11 £8 / £7
From a Tudor scold’s bridle to Suffragette teacups, Joan of Arc’s ring to Marie Curie’s desk, the death warrant of Mary Queen of Scots to Rosa Parks’ mugshot, all tell a fascinating story about women’s lives through the ages. Join leading historian Maggie Andrews for a gripping illustrated talk offering a compelling history of women through some of the evocative, poignant - and unlikely - objects that have shaped their lives.

17.20 & 19.20  **Drama at Blackfriars**
**Rise Up Women! Free**
Join Gloucester’s determined suffragettes as they prepare to march to London in this powerful new 15 minute performance by students of the University of Gloucestershire directed by Fiona Ross.

18.00-19.00  **James I & the Gunpowder Plot**
Tracy Borman BT12 £8 / £7
The early Stuart court was full of intrigue, as the hated King James I waged war on witches and Catholics alike. This was the tense background to the 1605 Gunpowder Plot, which aimed for nothing less than the destruction of both king and parliament. In a gripping talk, leading historian Tracy Borman plunges us into this murky world, (the inspiration for her debut novel The King’s Witch) revealing the extraordinary details of the Plot, and the conspirators who came within an inch of destroying a kingdom.

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**20.00-21.00  100 Years of the RAF**
Peter Jacobs BT13 £8 / £7
From its foundation in World War One and its single-handed defence of the nation in the Battle of Britain, to its crucial role in the Gulf Wars and the iconic Red Arrows, the history of the RAF is a thrilling story of remarkable men and women, pioneering planes and personal bravery. Leading historian and former Wing Commander Peter Jacobs gives an enthralling illustrated talk about this extraordinary national institution running like a blue thread through the fabric of British history.

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The Winstone Talk in Cirencester 2018
The Winstone Charitable Trust is pleased to sponsor the Winstone Talk with Roy Strong which is taking place in the Old Roman Cities of Corinium and Glevum. If you can’t make the date to hear Roy Strong in Gloucester, you can hear the Winstone Talk again in the beautiful surroundings of Cirencester Parish Church on Sunday 4 November (A1). For more details and to book tickets Tel: 01452 396572 or visit www.gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk

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The Romans & Beyond
From Hannibal to the Silk Roads, we journey across continents and centuries in today's events.

16.00-17.00 Peter Frankopan talks to Janina Ramirez
BT15 £8 / £7
Peter Frankopan's international bestseller The Silk Roads: A New History of the World is 'a historical epic of dazzling range, ambition and achievement' (The Observer) offering a major reassessment of world history. Sewing together threads from different peoples, empires and continents, he joins Janina Ramirez for a compelling discussion exploring the forces that have driven the rise and fall of Empires and are now heralding a new dawn in international affairs.

18.00-19.00 Hannibal
Eve MacDonald BT16 £8 / £7
Hannibal's name is a byword for brilliance; his dazzling exploits include marching his war elephants and huge army over the Alps to challenge Rome's heartland. Ultimately defeated, his legend was however written by his Roman enemies. Now leading historian Eve MacDonald peels back the myths to tell the true story of Hannibal’s life and journey over the Alps revealing the real man behind the legend.

20.00-21.00 The Women Who Made Imperial Rome
Guy de la Bédoyère BT17 £8 / £7
Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius and Nero – the emperors history most associated with Imperial Rome. But not a single one was the blood son of his predecessor. It was the notorious women behind the scenes – including Livia, Octavia and Agrippina – whose ambition and ruthlessness were the true backbone of this dynasty. In a hugely entertaining talk, leading historian Guy de la Bédoyère tells the compelling story of these ruthless women and the extraordinary power they held.

Spanning the Globe
From Bristol to China and back to London, today we span the globe with four compelling talks.

14.00-15.00 Roman Glevum to Saxon Gloucester
Andrew Armstrong BT18 £8 / £7
Roman Gloucester was a proud city with strong walls and magnificent public buildings. But by the 10th century Aethelflaed had to repair those walls and completely re-found the city. What on earth happened in between? In a brand new illustrated talk, City Archaeologist Andrew Armstrong tells the fascinating tale of how the Roman city fell and the Saxon town grew from its ashes. It’s an extraordinary Dark Age story of wars, plagues and intriguing questions.

16.00-17.00 Empires Unite: China’s Boxer Rebellion
Lawrence James BT19 £8 / £7
Leading historian Lawrence James tells the fascinating story of China's Boxer Rebellion – the Chinese war on foreigners that shook the world in the summer of 1900. He explores how the mystical and violent Chinese movement - nicknamed ‘the boxers’ - held the Peking foreign district under siege and tells the extraordinary story of how forces from the world’s eight major military powers united to fight a common enemy whose goal was the extermination of all ‘foreign devils’ from China.

18.00-19.00 Bristol and the Slave Trade
Olivette Otele BT20 £8 / £7
From the 1490s when John Cabot settled in Bristol and tales of exploration gripped the nation, the pace was set for the City to forge strong bonds with the maritime world and eventually become one of the largest recipients of slaves from across the globe. Leading historian Olivette Otele tells the story of Bristol and the slave trade, the ripple effect of the wealth it brought, the abolitionist movement and the challenge of dealing with its legacy the city faces today.
**WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER**

**20.00-21.00  Winston Churchill & the 1940 War Cabinet**
David Owen  BT21  £9 / £8

Negotiate - or fight against overwhelming odds risking thousands of lives? This was the critical dilemma faced by the War Cabinet in 1940. Britain's position in the Second World War was isolated; defeat seemed certain and Churchill faced pressure to negotiate peace with Hitler. Former Foreign Secretary and co-founder of the SDP David Owen draws on secret Cabinet papers to reveal the fascinating drama of how Winston Churchill's remarkable powers of leadership steered the Cabinet and country through Britain's darkest hour.

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**THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER**

**Queens, Kings & Dynasties**
Hear the intriguing stories of four contrasting yet compelling rulers and the extraordinary history of World War Two’s Freedom Trails.

**11.30-12.30  Queen Victoria**
Lucy Worsley  BT39  £12

Bestselling historian and broadcaster Lucy Worsley tracks a compelling new course through Queen Victoria’s life exploring how she transformed from dancing princess to the Widow of Windsor and became one of Britain’s greatest monarchs along the way. Taking twenty-four significant days from Victoria’s life, from her birth, her wedding, her coronation to her husband’s death, we see Victoria up close and personal, examining how she lived hour to hour and celebrating her extraordinary life.

**13.00-14.00  Charles II’s Great Escape**
Charles Spencer  BT22  £8 / £7

In 1651 the Royalists forces were crushed by Cromwell’s mighty armies at the Battle of Worcester. For the next 6 weeks the future Charles II was hunted across England by his father’s killers. How did the most wanted man in the country outwit the greatest manhunt in British history? Based on extensive archive material, Charles Spencer tells the gripping, action-packed story in his new book *To Catch A King*.

**14.20  Drama at Blackfriars**
& 16.20  Gloriana! Free

Immerse yourself in the splendid world of the Elizabethans in this glorious 15 minute performance by students of the University of Gloucestershire directed by Fiona Ross.

**15.00-16.00  Elizabeth I**
Helen Castor  BT23  £8 / £7

Historian Helen Castor, presenter of the BBC series and book *She-Wolves*, explores the extraordinary life of Elizabeth I. The Virgin Queen ruled over a Golden Age from the Spanish Armada to the genius of Shakespeare and was the image of monarchical power. Yet Helen Castor reveals how England’s iconic Queen was actually shaped by a profound and enduring insecurity. She tells us why, and how despite this Elizabeth faced down her enemies with an inscrutable public persona to become a timeless, fearless Queen.

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**Festival Bookshop**
Books are available to browse and buy at Blackfriars Priory from Waterstones, the Festival Bookseller. Why not visit the Waterstones shop just 3 minutes’ walk away at 13-15 Eastgate Street, Gloucester GL1 1NS or call them on 01452 422464

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17.00-18.00  Henry II & the Wars for the Plantagenet Crown
Nick Barratt BT24 £8 / £7
Hear the gripping story of the first Plantagenet King Henry II and his four sons. How did their tumultuous struggle for supremacy tear apart the most powerful ruling family in medieval Europe and shape the future of Britain and France? Nick Barratt, the historian behind BBC1’s Who Do You Think You Are? goes back over 800 years to bring this family drama thrillingly to life showing how the origins of Brexit and tension in the Middle East can be found in the actions of the Plantagenet Kings.

19.00-20.00  Escaping Hitler
Monty Halls BT25 £8 / £7
Former Royal Marine, adventurer, broadcaster and star of BBC2’s Great Escapes Monty Halls explores the incredible story of four escape routes out of Nazi-occupied Europe. From the Pyrenees to the Apennine Mountains, he tells the tale of the courageous Allied servicemen who used them and the exploits of the brave, daring men and women of the Resistance who risked their lives to create and run them. Using new research, interviews with survivors and walking the trails himself, he brings the Freedom Trails powerfully to life.

20.30-21.30  In Search of King Athelstan
Michael Wood BT40 £12
In this illustrated talk, acclaimed historian and broadcaster Michael Wood looks at the life of the first king of England, Athelstan who reigned 925-39, and who from his youth had a special connection with Gloucester. Using his king’s own books, manuscript paintings, gift inscriptions, and fragments of lost poems - even recovering family memories, traditions and oral stories - he will take us into the mind of a man who only ruled for fourteen years, but was long remembered as ‘the most just and learned of all who ruled the English state’.

FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Espionage & Intelligence
Today we uncover the story of intelligence, explore the life of Nye Bevan and the history of women and politics.

12.00-17.00  The Enigma Machine
Blackfriars Scriptorium Free
Drop in to the Scriptorium for a rare opportunity to see a Bletchley Park era Enigma Machine up close. Our resident experts from GCHQ will be on hand all afternoon to answer your questions. Thank you to GCHQ for their kind support of this event.

13.00-14.00  The Secret World: A History of Intelligence
Christopher Andrew BT26 £8 / £7
Leading intelligence historian Christopher Andrew offers a compelling account of espionage through the centuries. We’re familiar with stories of Bletchley Park and the Cold War, but his fascinating tale takes us right back to Napoleonic France, Elizabethan England, Renaissance Venice and beyond to China, India and the ancient Middle East, to tell the most far-reaching story of espionage yet written.

15.00-16.00  The Real Story of How Enigma was Broken
Dermot Turing BT27 £8 / £7
Historian Dermot Turing, nephew of Alan Turing, tells the remarkable untold story of the French and Polish codebreakers in Occupied Europe who worked alongside Britain’s finest minds at Bletchley Park to unravel the Enigma Machine. Operating in great danger right under the noses of the Germans, he tells their extraordinary story offering a brand-new perspective on one of the most fascinating episodes of the Second World War.
FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

17.00-18.00  Nye Bevan and the Birth of the NHS
Nicklaus Thomas-Symonds BT28 £8 / £7
Aneurin ‘Nye’ Bevan was one of Britain’s post-war political titans, whose background as the son of a Welsh coal miner inspired his lifelong championship of social justice from his earliest days to his later dazzling political achievements and role in the birth of the NHS 70 years ago. Acclaimed author and MP Nicklaus Thomas-Symonds paints a wonderfully compelling and human portrait of one of the great British statesmen of the twentieth century.

19.00-20.00  Women, Politics & Power
Harriet Harman & Helen Pankhurst BT29 £9 / £8
Helen Pankhurst, great-granddaughter of Emmeline and a leading women rights campaigner is the author of Deeds Not Words. Britain’s longest serving female MP Harriet Harman’s Women’s Work explores a woman’s life in Westminster. They join Pamela Armstrong to look back over the last 100 years since the first women won the right to vote. They celebrate the pioneering women who fought for suffrage, look at how far things have come and the challenges that still lie ahead for women in politics today.

12.00-13.00  Women Spies in The English Civil War
Nadine Akkerman BT30 £8 / £7
The story of women spies during the turbulent years of the English Civil War is a compelling tale almost entirely untold. Leading historian Nadine Akkerman uncovers for the first time the intriguing and dangerous espionage roles women took on in the 17th century. From Susan Hyde, sister of the Earl of Clarendon, to Aphra Behn, she tells their ground-breaking story unearthing plots and conspiracies that have long been hidden by history.

14.00-15.00  The Betrayal of Mary Queen of Scots
Kate Williams BT31 £8 / £7
Leading historian and TV broadcaster Kate Williams tells the story of Elizabeth I of England and her betrayal of Mary Queen of Scots. It’s a tale of assassination plots and devastating betrayal, monarchs who ruled surrounded by sycophants and spies who wanted their power, their favour and their bodies. In a compelling talk Kate Williams offers an electrifying new perspective on Elizabeth and Mary and the path they charted in an age where many believed no woman should govern.

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13.20  Drama at Blackfriars & 15.20  Code Crackers Free
There are hidden secrets and high stakes in the intriguing world of espionage. Come and rub shoulders with the men and women who work undercover in this revealing 15-minute performance by students of the University of Gloucestershire directed by Fiona Ross.
16.00-17.00 Fighting on the Home Front
Kate Adie BT32 £10 / £9
Award-winning former BBC Chief News Correspondent and presenter of Radio 4’s From Our Own Correspondent Kate Adie explores how women emerged from the shadows to take on vital roles – from bus conductors to munitions workers, police officers to politicians – in World War One. She tells the vivid, compelling and sometimes humorous story of the women who helped win the war on the home front, revealing just how momentous the achievements of those pioneering women were and what happened to them when the war ended.

Jenni Murray BT33 £10 / £9
Jenni Murray, journalist and presenter of Radio 4’s Woman's Hour celebrates the lives, struggles and achievements of the brilliant women who have profoundly influenced the shaping of our world, from Joan of Arc to Benazir Bhutto and from Catherine the Great to Marie Curie. They led while others followed, stood up and spoke out when no one else would and broke the mould in art, journalism and politics. Each fought, in her own way, for change. In conversation with Pamela Armstrong.

20.30-21.30 A Stitch in Time
Amber Butchart talks to Janina Ramirez BT34 £8 / £7
As Louis XIV famously said ‘Fashion is the mirror of history’. Amber Butchart’s fabulous BBC4 series explores the lives of historical figures through the clothes they wore, from Marie Antoinette to the Black Prince, Charles I to Dido Belle. Fusing biography, art and history she joins Janina Ramirez for a dazzling and hugely entertaining conversation about how the clothes they wear shed a fascinating new light on the lives of famous historical figures.

12.00-13.00 The Race to Save the Romanovs
Helen Rappaport BT35 £8 / £7
In July 1918 the Tsar and his whole family were brutally murdered at Ekaterinburg – there were no miraculous escapes. Leading historian Helen Rappaport tells the extraordinary story of the secret plans and international efforts to rescue Russia’s last Imperial family explored in her acclaimed and powerful new work of enthralling investigative history: ‘A ground-breaking book’ (The Daily Telegraph). In conversation with Pamela Armstrong.

14.00-15.00 Jane Seymour
Alison Weir BT36 £8 / £7
Acclaimed and bestselling historian Alison Weir draws on new research to paint a compelling portrait of Jane Seymour in the third part of her series exploring the lives and influence of Henry VIII’s Queens. She casts a fresh light on the life of Henry’s third wife, exploring how Jane was driven by the strength of her faith and a belief that she might do good in a wicked world. She gives a fascinating insight into a life lived in turbulent times and the challenges of translating that life into fiction.

16.00-17.00 Civilisations
David Olusoga talks to Janina Ramirez BT37 £8 / £7
Leading historian and BBC broadcaster David Olusoga discusses his part in BBC2’s landmark Civilisations series and his work to highlight the truth about the links between the British Isles and the people of Africa. He joins Janina Ramirez to discuss the great Age of Discovery when civilisations encountered each other for the first time, and how the Industrial Revolution transformed the world.
18.00-19.00  Great Gloucester Pioneers
Phil Moss  BT38   £8 / £7
Discover the lives of Gloucester’s greatest citizens - the good, the bad and the ugly! Who were the Gloucester suffragettes whose dreams ended in tatters on the way to London, the banker who was the inspiration for Scrooge and the mayor who hated washing and preferred wine to water? By way of Horatio Nelson and Emma Hamilton, an eccentric Victorian historian and doughty Tudor ladies, historian Phil Moss uncovers the intriguing stories of Gloucester’s great pioneers.

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FAMILY EVENTS

Riddle of The Runes
Children’s Event
With Janina Ramirez

Saturday 8 Sept
15.30 – 16.30
Blackfriars Priory
Scriptorium E5
£5 Age 9 plus
Booking Ref: 8T02

Plunge into a world of riddles, runes and revenge with Viking expert Janina Ramirez who introduces you to the fearless shield-maiden Alva and needs your help to solve a mysterious crime in the Fjords of Kilsgard. Come along and find out fascinating new facts about the Vikings!

Displays of old Gloucester

If you are interested in seeing pictures and murals of Gloucester’s past then there are a number of sites around the city. Why not take a stroll round and see for yourself?

Start with the displays and videos in St Michael’s Tower then choose from the following:
- St John Lane
- Worcester Street (near the traffic lights)
- Ladybellegate Street
- Sainsbury’s mural, (Hare Lane)
- Boots mural, Brunswick Road

A number of the Public Houses have photos on their walls inside e.g. Northend Vaults, The Criterion, The Tall Ship….and many other places - look around.

A Tale of a Gloucester Tailor

Saturday 15 Sept
10.00 – 14.00
Gloucester Library

Free. No booking required

All ages welcome, but some craft activities are not suitable for under 5s. Listen to Beatrix Potter’s well loved story The Tailor of Gloucester, make a finger mouse puppet and try your hand at sewing. Find the mice we’ve hidden around the library and learn about Gloucester’s history in a fun way.

In partnership with the Tailor of Gloucester Museum.

Cathedral Family Events

Thur 13 to Sun 16 Sept

See Historical Places pages 47 - 48 for various family events in the Cathedral.

Heritage Face Painting

Sat 15 Sept
12.00 - 14.00
St Michael’s Tower,
The Cross D6

Free. No booking required

Come and have your face painted at the Tower.

Band of Brothers

Sat 15 Sept
11.00 - 13.00
Gloucestershire Heritage Hub
Alvin Street A8

Free. Booking Ref: E02

Come along to this family event and find out what life might have been like for a soldier in Gloucester Castle.
- What did they wear and why?
- What weapons did they use?
- What did they eat and drink?
- How did they sleep and what did they do for fun?

Try your hand at designing your own knight’s shield, making a pencil pennant and make a model medieval trebuchet catapult and see if you can hit the castle.

To Book Tickets call: 01452 396572 or visit www.gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk
Mighty Girls of the Past
Sat 15th Sept
11.30-15.00
Gloucester Library
Free. No booking required

All ages welcome, but some craft activities are not suitable for under 5s.
Cuddly History presents a special puppet story time with fun craft activities, meet Aethelflaed, a founder of cities, fierce fighter, and Saxon Queen who is buried in Gloucester. Discover fossils with Mary Anning, be a pioneer of computer science with Ada Lovelace, and meet other mighty girls from history.

Gloucestershire Heritage Hub Open Day
Sun 2 Sept 10.00 and 16.00
Gloucestershire Heritage Hub A8
Meet at: Reception – Gloucestershire Heritage Hub
Free entry – Drop-in

Children’s activities and related family-friendly talks; treasure hunt and Heritage Hub quiz.
Watch out for the highwayman who will be roaming the site. Highwayman craft activities all day and related family-friendly talks (at 11.00 and 14.00). Take part in the treasure hunt and Heritage Hub quiz.

Wotton House
Sat 15 Sept
10.00 - 14.00
Horton Road GL1 3PR
No booking required

Join us for a journey into the past at Wotton House. This grade II listed building dates from the early 18th Century as a home for Thomas Horton and has been used in a variety of institutional purposes including Nurses Home, Missionary College and presently an International School. We shall be exploring local and not so local history and prehistory through artefact study, talks, experimental archaeology and visual discovery of our past. Practical activities such as recreating Mesolithic footprints from the Severn Estuary or Palaeolithic art promises an educational, inspirational and quite messy day. Perfect for families and a great day out for the children with practical and interactive fun.

Town Crier of Gloucester
Thurs 13 to Sat 15 Sept
11.00 - 14.00
Gloucester City Centre

Come and hear the world’s loudest town crier, Alan Myatt, promoting the Heritage Open Days. Alan has been a crier for over twenty years, and at 112.8 decibels, Alan’s cry of ‘Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!’ is the undisputed world record.

Children’s Walk
Sat 15 Sept
11.15
Meet at St Michael’s Tower, D6
The Cross

Pre-booking required
Children must be accompanied by an adult.
A guided walk around Gloucester aimed specifically for children aged 9-12. The walk lasts approximately 1 hour.

Ring the Rudhall Heritage Bells
Fri 14 & Sat 15 Sept
Fri 11.00 - 15.30; Sat: 12.00 - 14.00
St Michael’s Tower, The Cross D6

Have a go at ringing the two heritage bells made in Gloucester in 1710 by Abraham Rudhall on display in the tower.

Invisible History Mystery Trail
Sat 8th Sept 11.00 – 15.00
Cathedral Green B5
No booking required All age groups, great for families
Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult

Collect a trail map from the tent in Cathedral Green, gloucester. Cathedral then explore Gloucester’s historic city centre. Complete challenges to reveal hidden facts and solve the Invisible History Mystery to get your reward! Finish at Llanthony Secunda Priory.

ROMANS
Sun 16 Sept 11.00 – 14.00
Blackfriars E5
Drop In all day.
Colosseum Show Times: 12.00, 13.00

Presented by Mulfi games, bring the kids along to learn through play all about the Roman pasttimes. Play board games that were played in Roman times and before. The boards and pieces have all been found across the Roman empire and have been beautifully recreated. Game gurus will be on hand to introduce you to the rules and tell stories of how they came to be.

Enter the famous colosseum in Rome and pit yourself against fellow champions in a gladiatorial bout of rock paper scissors, (to the death!)
CITY VOICES

Our exciting City Voices programme enables everyone of all ages to find out more about history in fun accessible ways! Many of the events are organised by local community groups from across Gloucestershire. Contact us on admin@gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk if you have an idea for next year.

Highlights this year include:

Gloucestershire Heritage Hub and Llanthony Secunda Priory invite you to their open days following major restoration projects (pg 31)

Wonder Women – who are the inspirational women in your life? Ever heard of the Suffragette Princess Sophia? Come and watch some fantastic films programmed by young people showcasing people who have influenced their lives, pg 36 & 41

Mental! – Together with Strike a Light and Gloucestershire Archives we are launching a year round project capturing the communities experience of mental health as a tribute to the NHS 70th birthday which will be performed at next year’s Festival.

Family Programme – Want to know how the Romans lived? Ever wondered what it was like to be a soldier in Gloucester Castle? We have plenty of events to keep the little ones occupied, see pages 26 – 29 for full details of our programme for children and families.

City Voices is supported by:

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Smallpox, Chicken Pox or Something Else?
Dr Toby Thacker. The Gloucester Epidemic of 1923
19.30 Gloucester Guildhall E6 Main Hall Free Entry
Pre-booking required Booking Ref: CV04
This talk will explore the extraordinary outbreak of smallpox in Gloucester in 1923 which saw hundreds of local inhabitants isolated in a special hospital and brought the city national notoriety. Using unpublished and hitherto unknown documents from the Gloucestershire Archives and from the National Archives in Kew, it will focus on the tensions between a newly formed Ministry of Health in Whitehall and the City Council in Gloucester as politicians and doctors struggled to deal with a potentially catastrophic outbreak of disease which appeared to have run out of control. It will highlight the influential role of local doctor Walter Hadwen, who alleged that there was no smallpox in Gloucester, and that an outbreak of chicken pox was being used in a conspiracy to get the people of the city to accept vaccination; and the strange conduct of Gloucester’s Medical Officer of Health Dr James Bibby, who was forced to resign after appearing to cover up the spread of smallpox in Gloucester. The talk will look briefly at the aftermath of the epidemic, which provoked a national debate concluding in 1931 with the identification of a new type of smallpox. In the 70th anniversary of the founding of the National Health Service, it may be instructive to see how central and local government in the 1920s tried to cooperate in the control of a dangerous infectious disease.

Looking After your Archives
Gloucestershire Heritage Hub A8 10.00 - 15.00 Free event – Drop in
Hourly hands-on workshops using historic sales particulars. Take part in preserving an important archive, browse estate agents’ sales brochures from decades ago, and pick up tips on how to care for your own family archives with our expert document conservators. Come for brief training sessions on the hour every hour and stay as long as you like. The archives close at 16.30.

Bygone Barnwood
19.00 – 21.00 Wotton Hall Club, Barnwood Free Entry – Pre-booking required Booking Ref: CV06
Well-known local experts Brian McBurnie and Richard Auckland will take you on a journey through Barnwood and the surrounding area, relating stories about people and buildings in times past. This promises to be an enjoyable and informative evening with an interval when you can visit Wotton Hall’s bar.

House History: The Secrets Behind your Front Door
Gloucestershire Heritage Hub A8 Free event – Pre-booking required Booking Ref: CV05
Britain’s leading house historian, Melanie Backe-Hansen, uncovers the hidden stories and secrets of ordinary and extraordinary houses across the country. She also introduces the main research sources and explains how to discover your own house history. Local examples from Gloucestershire Archives will also be on display. Arranged and sponsored by The History Press.

The Lives of the Narrow Boat Women
Gloucester Local History Society 19.00 – 20.00 Gloucester Life Museum – EdShed C4 Non-members £3 / person
Buy your ticket on the night
The fascinating story of the lives of the narrowboat women, their children and their crafts.

Meet the author: Gloucester, through time with Rebecca Sillence
10.00 – 12.00 Gloucester Library E6 Free Entry - Drop in
Discover what Gloucester used to look like and meet local history author Rebecca Sillence. Watch a slide show of old and new images taken from her book Gloucester Through Time and learn how the library can help you to uncover the history of your house or start your family tree.

Charles Kempe Stained Glass Manufacturer + Designer
Talk by Adrian Barlow
12.00 – 14.00 Gloucester Cathedral – Lady Chapel. BS £7 - Tickets rom the Cathedral Gift Shop, by calling Three Choirs Box Office on01452 768928 or via www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk
Adrian Barlow will give an illustrated talk about Victorian stained glass manufacturer and designer Charles Kempe. Hear about his life and an example of his early work here in the Cathedral. Adrian Barlow is writing a biography of Kempe, this book will be available for purchase and signing at this event.

Lunchtime Recital
12.30 St John’s Northgate Church C6 Free entry. No need to book
Peter Wilman (tenor), Nicholas O’Neill (piano), Handel arias and other baroque music.

To Book Tickets call: 01452 396572 or visit www.gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk
Wednesday 5th September

WWI Talk – A City Fit for Heroes
with Tony Conder
19.30 required Gala Club
Longford Lane, GL2 9EB
Free Entry – Pre-booking required.
Booking Ref: CV07

Victory in war should be celebrated but the joy at the end of World War One was muted. The horror that had been so near to home for many, and the massive social change for women and the working class meant society would be strained. This is the story of how Gloucester and its county met these challenges one hundred years ago.

To walk the trail at the same time as listening to or watching the content a smartphone with decent data plan and headphones is recommended.

SPACES maps, CDs, stickers and postcards available from Tourist Information Centre, Guildhall Box Office, Museum of Gloucester reception and St Michael’s Tower.

Spaces Launch Event

19.00 – 20.30 Gloucester Guildhall D6
Free tickets from Guildhall Box Office

A music project inspired by the city of Gloucester created by a team of local musicians, singers, artists, and poets led by producer George Moorey.

George will introduce the project then show the complete film of the project which showcases all of the songs in each space. There will also be a short talk from his former long term songwriting partner Dan Pierce and will be the first opportunity to get your hands on a lovely printed programme as well as a CD.

Watch out for the SPACES pop up exhibition space in Kings Walk during the festival.

Visit spacesgloucester.com to explore the music and films made in these unique spaces and find out more about the team involved then grab a free map and CD and take a short stroll around the city taking in each of the 8 historic buildings the project features.

Thursday 6th September

A History of Dowty

10.00 – 12.00 Gloucestershire Heritage Hub A8
Free Entry – Pre-booking required. Booking Ref: CV08

Did you or someone you know work for Dowty? Do you want to find out more about this important local firm?

Join the cataloguing archivist on a journey through its history. If you have any memories of them, please bring them along and discuss them if you want!

Fielding & Platt Supplying the World

Three Fielding & Platt promotional films
15.30 – 16.45 Gloucestershire Heritage Hub A8
Age Restriction: 12+ Free Entry – Pre-booking required Booking Ref: CV10

During the 1950s and 1960s, Fielding & Platt’s film unit produced a range of promotional films which provide a fascinating insight into working practices in this significant local engineering company.

We will introduce and see: An introduction to Fielding & Platt, Paving the World and At Full Stretch, (About Concorde)

Voices of Fielding & Platt

13.45 – 15.00 Gloucestershire Heritage Hub A8
Free Entry – Pre-booking required Booking Ref: CV09

A different take on the history of Gloucester’s celebrated engineering company. After a short historical overview and examination of some of the significant 19th century orders, former employees will share their personal experiences of working for the company, bringing the social history of Fielding & Platt to life as never before. (Fielding & Platt Heritage Group).

Friday 7th September

Gloucester Cathedral
Music Tour

12.00 Gloucester Cathedral – Lady Chapel A8
Tickets available from the Cathedral Gift Shop, by calling Three Choirs Box Office on 01452 768928 or via www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk £7

The home of The Kings Choir School since 1541, host venue of the Three Choirs Festival since 1715 and eminent English Composers such as Edward Elgar, Ralph Vaughan-Williams and Hubert Parry have all had their music showcased here; Gloucester Cathedral holds a history of exceptional music. Join this guided tour to hear more about the Cathedral’s musical past and legacy for the future.

Thursday 6th & Friday 7th September

Mental

A creative year-long project exploring the history of mental health in Gloucester.

19.00 – 20.00 Gloucester Guildhall D6 Free Entry – Pre-booking required. Booking Ref: CV11

Strike A Light, GUST, Gloucester Archive and Gloucester History Festival are delivering a year-long project in Gloucester exploring the history of mental health in the City.

An evening of performance and discussion; join us to launch this project and find out how you can get involved.

Windrush generation

19.00 – 20.00 Gloucester Guildhall D6 Free Entry – Pre-booking required. Booking Ref: CV12

Two short documentaries. How Immigration Helped Heal a Nation: A series of interviews from elders of the local black community who travelled from thousands of miles away to work in the newly formed NHS (when the country was still recovering from the Second World War).

Church Banned: Insight into the formation of five local black churches, whose congregations consists of the Windrush generation and their descendants. Primarily looking at how music played a part in their spirituality in adverse times.

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Friday 7th September

Lunchtime Recital
12.30 St John’s
Northgate Church C6
Free entry – No need to book
Vicci Field (soprano), Sebastian Field (countertenor), Sue Honeywill (piano) ‘Songs early and late’.

Before the Spa
14.30 Gloucestershire Heritage Hub A8
Free Entry – Pre-booking required
Booking Ref: CV12
Cheltenham is well known as a large and prosperous former spa town, famous for its Georgian and Regency architecture and festivals, but what was there before the 1740s? Local expert, John Chandler, will share the latest research into Cheltenham’s development from the late Saxon period to the 18th century. (Arranged and sponsored by Victoria County History, Gloucestershire).

Wonder Women
20.00 pre film event.
Film starts at 21.00
Gloucester Guildhall D6
Tickets £3
Booking Ref: CV24
Throughout September the Guildhall will be host to a series of filmic experiences that bring inspirational women of history to the screen of the Guildhall. Expect an evening of surprising encounters designed by our team of young producers. Project Wonder Women brings together a group of young producers passionate about film. Working collaboratively across art forms and platforms they have devised new and exciting experiences for the New City Voices programme.

Saturday 8th September

Gloucester’s Royal Charters
Blackfriars Scriptorium & Buttery E5
10.00-14.00. Exhibition in Scriptorium.
Not wheelchair accessible
Free Booking Ref: CV15
10.00-14.00 Exhibition in Scriptorium.
Among the most iconic documents held in Gloucestershire Archives are a series of royal charters and letters patent granted to Gloucester covering the period from Henry II to Charles II. These documents provide crucial evidence for Gloucester’s growth as a borough and inland port, and later as a city.

Crown Court Open Day
Crown Court D6
Sat 8 Sept from 10.00 to 15.00
Exhibition: 100 years of Women Policing.
Free event: Pre-booking required
Booking Ref: CV17
The Gloucester Crown Court will be open to the public on Saturday 8 September 2018 from 10.00 until 15.00. The public will be able to view both courtrooms, visit the court cells, visit a secure cell vehicle to see how prisoners are transported. The High Sheriff and the Police Commissioner will be in attendance. There will be displays explaining the National Probation Service objectives and other non-custodial agencies such as Change, Grow, Live and The Nelson Trust will also be in attendance. The National Police Archives will have a stand showing the Police through the ages. There will also be a question and answer session with the resident judge HHJ Lawrie QC.

Discover DeCrypt
Hard Hat Site Tour
Tours at 10.00, 11.00 and 12.00
St Mary DeCrypt, Southgate Street.
£3
Free event, but donations for the project are welcome!
A peek inside the buildings to see the progress of works, guided by members of the project team. Find out what the works have revealed over the last nine months and what you can expect to see when the buildings re-open next year. NB: Customers must wear strong shoes or walking boots. Hard Hats and hi-vis vests will be provided. Please be aware that customers must be able to walk confidently over rough ground.

The Bravest of the Brave
The Secrets and life of Krystyna Skarbek
16.30 - 20.00
St Nicholas Church
Free Entry – Pre-booking required
Booking Ref: CV14
Of the heroic women who sacrificed themselves as secret agents for Britain’s Special Operations Executive (SOE) in World War Two, none had a stranger life than Krystyna Skarbek. The Polish Association Gloucestershire warmly invites you to a talk given by Clare Mulley. Clare Mulley is an award-winning historical biographer.

Gloucestershire’s Treasure Hoards
Blackfriars Scriptorium & Buttery E5
Free event: Pre-booking required
Booking Ref: CV17
Scriptorium event not wheelchair accessible
Buttery event is wheelchair accessible
10.00-14.00 in Scriptorium: Display of treasures from local metal detectorists coordinated by the Taynton Metal Detecting Club, and drop-in finds workshop by Kurt Adams.

Choirs and ensembles perform in the city centre
11.00 – 17.00
Local community choirs and ensembles will showcase their music in the city centre throughout the day to add to the festival atmosphere. Check our website for updates on detail and times.

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Sunday 9th September

**Hands-on History**
How to read old handwriting
10.00 – 12.00 Blackfriars Scriptorium E5
Age: 14+ £7
Booking Ref: CV18
In the amazing setting of Blackfriars medieval scriptorium, originally used to write or copy medieval manuscripts, Heather Forbes, (Gloucestershire Archives), will show you how to begin deciphering handwriting from medieval times to the 18th century, using copies of old documents including a Gloucester royal charter.
Requirements: Warm clothing, pencil, torch and ruler.

**The History of the 3 Choirs Festival**
19.30 St John’s Northgate Church C6
Rvd Stephen Williams “Dissolute Singing Men (1648), Written Evidence (1663), Farthings (1667), Turtles and Women (1781)” E4
Booking Ref: CV19
A talk by Three Choirs historian Stephen JD Williams, illustrated with music and images, looking at the origins of the oldest choral music festival in the world.

**Monday 10th September**

**Stonemasons’ Demonstration**
13.00 – 15.00 Cathedral Green B5
Suitable for all ages, No booking required, just drop in.
Watch our experienced stonemasons working using medieval techniques and hear them talk about the traditional hand tools they use.

**Rugby Club Talk and Tour**
13.15 – Talk, 14.15 – Tour Legends Lounge, Kingsholm Stadium. Tickets are free but must be pre-booked Booking Ref: CV20
This talk will delve into the history of the club from its formation in 1873, and recount the characters and events which have made Kingsholm famous around the world. The speaker is the chairman of Gloucester Rugby Heritage and the author of books on ‘Kingsholm’ and ‘Representative Rugby at Kingsholm’. The talk will last for an hour and be followed by a tour of the stadium.

**Lunchtime Recital**
12.30 St John’s Northgate Church C6
Matthew Clark (baritone), James D’Angelo (piano) - Songs by Samuel Barber and James D’Angelo.

**Drama at Blackfriars - Rise Up Women!**
17.20 & 19.20 Blackfriars E5 Free Entry
Join Gloucester’s suffragettes as they prepare to march to London in this powerful new 15 minute performance by students of the University of Gloucestershire directed by Fiona Ross.

**Tuesday 11th September**

**House of Memories reminiscence session**
11.30 – 12.15 Quedgeley Library GL2 4PE
Free event - pre booking essential
Booking Ref: CV22
Technology and nostalgia come together in the House of Memories app used in Gloucestershire Archives’ EVOKE project. Old photos and films from Gloucestershire have been added to material from Liverpool Museum to promote memories, conversations and stories. The app is user-friendly and accessible for all, so come along and get chatting!

**Lunchtime Recital**
12.30 St John’s Northgate Church C6
Sarah Ledwidge (soprano), Steve Dunachie (piano) ‘Follies, Facades and the Divine Feminine’.

**A History of Gloucester’s Two Public Asylums at Horton Road and Coney Hill**
13.00 – 14.00 Wheatstone Hall E6
City Museum
Booking Ref: CV23
Ian Hollingsbee has given many talks on the history of Gloucester’s asylums and published several articles and a book relating to their construction and development. This talk will look in depth at both progressive and custodial treatment regimes from handcuffs and leg irons to a therapeutic community. This talk will centre around four leading characters, Sir George Paul, Samuel Hitch, Dr Frederick Craddock and Dr Bertram Mandelbrote.

**Women in the Cathedral, From Cradle to Grave**
12.00 Gloucester Cathedral B5
Meet in the Lady Chapel. Tickets available from the Cathedral Gift Shop, by calling Three Choirs Box Office on 01452 768928 or via www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk
This tour considers the perils of childbirth in the 17th and 18th century by exploring three very different monuments.
We will start in 17th century Gloucester in the Lady Chapel and then in the Nave we will travel to India and into the 18th century. The tour will finish by reviewing the life and memorial to Dorothea Beale in the Lady Chapel.
Special Interest Tour: Architecture

12.00 Gloucester Cathedral ** £7
Building at the Cathedral in the 1300s. Tickets available from the Cathedral Gift Shop, by calling Three Choirs Box Office on 01452 768928 or via www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk
Cathedral Nave, meet by the Gift shop. Access may involve some flights of narrow stairs.
This period of history saw the East end of the building completely re-modelled, the largest window ever built constructed and famous fan vaulting advanced – great innovative architecture was developed here. Learn all about it on this tour plus see the oldest surviving example of perpendicular architecture.

Lunchtime Recital

12.30 St John’s Northgate Church C6 Free/drop in
Deryck Webb (tenor), Jonathan Hope (piano) *Dames et Mesdames* Music by Boulanger, Chaminade, Howells, Finzi & Gurney.

Scriptorium Tag:
Focus on aspects of Gloucestershire’s history
14.00 – 19.00
Blackfriars Scriptorium E5
Gloucestershire’s history in chronological order, presented by local experts as a non-stop relay. The last sentence of one lecture becomes the first sentence of the next. Our knowledgeable historians rise to the challenge with enthusiasm and variety but nothing too formal. Come and go, dip in as you please. Arranged and sponsored by the Victoria County History, Gloucestershire.

Wonder Women
a century of women in film 1918 - 2018
Throughout September the Guildhall will be host to a series of filmic experiences that bring inspirational women of history to the screen of the Guildhall. Expect an evening of surprising encounters designed by our team of young producers. Project Wonder Women brings together a group of young producers passionate about film. Working collaboratively across art forms and platforms they have devised new and exciting experiences for the new City Voices programme.

Calligraphy, Chords and Cakes
Interludes in Highnam Church with its beautiful frescos by Thomas Gambier Parry, father of Hubert Parry, who composed the music for the hymn ‘Jerusalem’.

To Book Tickets call: 01452 396572 or visit www.gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk
Tales of the Vale

Sun 2 Sep, 10.00-16.00, then Mon 3 Sep - Fri 28 Sep, 9.00-5.00 weekdays. Gloucestershire Heritage Hub A8 Free Event

This exhibition and its accompanying book is a collection of historical research and oral histories undertaken by A Forgotten Landscape’s volunteers over the last two and a half years. Their work on the River Severn area spans more than two millennia – Please visit and be sure to pick up your free copy of the book and CD before you go!

Joan Cook: a woman of vision

Sun 2 Sep 10.00-16.00, then Mon 3 Sep - Sat 15 Sep during normal working hours. Gloucestershire Heritage Hub. A8 Free Event

An Exhibition on Joan Cook, founder of Gloucester’s first ‘Free school of grammar’ a woman of vision curated by Discover Decrypt Historical research group.

Would you escape the rod in a Tudor classroom? Take our Tudor school quiz to find out. 6+ Also Tudor-themed colouring activities for all ages.

Hidden Lives III

2 – 16 Sept
St Mary de Crypt E5 Free Event

An exhibition revealing the life, work and faith of Gloucester’s ordinary people. The lives of the famous are well known, but what about the rest of us? What do we leave behind to tell our story? Come and find out in this Exhibition curated by Discover DeCrypt’s historical research group.

The Discover Decrypt Project: Faith, Story, Life

2 – 16 Sept
Blackfriars Priory E5 Free Event

An exhibition about Discover Decrypts Project, regenerating the church of St Mary de Crypt and the old crypt school room in Southgate Street. Find out about the building work, the vision behind it and what the refurbished buildings will deliver to the community when they re-open in Mar 2019.

Living Stones Exhibition

25 Aug - 30 Sept
South Tribune Gallery (access via North Tribune and Whispering Gallery) Gloucester Cathedral B5
Not wheelchair accessible Free Event
No booking Required

An exhibition showcasing key pieces from Gloucester Cathedrals archaeological stonemasonry collection, contemporary maquettes and extraordinary detailed examples of setting out that have never before been publicly displayed. The exhibition will explore the astonishing skills of stonemasons who brought the cathedral to life and celebrate the talent of our current stonemason team who work tirelessly to continue the tradition of their medieval counterparts.

Policing Exhibition

100 Years of Women Policing

Sun 2 Sep 10.00-16.00 then Mon 3 Sep - Fri 14 Sep, 9.00-5.00 weekdays. Gloucestershire Heritage Hub A8 Free Event

Gloucestershire Constabulary was one of the first in the country to employ women as regular officers. Women from different walks of life came from all over the UK to join the force. Featuring archive photographs, this exhibition tells the story of the changing role of women in our county’s police force from 1918 to the present day.

AETHELFLAED

Anglo Saxon Exhibition

Museum of Gloucester
June - 15 Sept

Find out more about who Aethelflaed was, why she was important not only to Gloucester but the entire country.

This fascinating exhibition displays artefact and written sources from the Anglo Saxon era. Including the chance to see the actual grave lid through to be Aethelflaed’s herself – discovered during archaeological digs at St Oswald’s Priory. Entry to the exhibition is included with general admission to the museum.

Museum open: Tues to Sat, 10.00 - 17.00

Historic Gloucestershire Exhibition

5 - 8 & 12 - 15 Sept. Chapel Arts Gallery, Cheltenham, GL50 3QQ Free Event

As part of the Cotswold Centre for History & Heritage, History students at the University of Gloucestershire are exhibiting research projects exploring our rich local heritage, including the Battle of Tewkesbury (1471), historic walks of Gloucester, and various aspects of Cheltenham’s history from the suffragette movement, ‘slum’ clearances on the Lower High Street, to the impact of WWII.

Stand and Stare Instillation

8-16 Sept, Blackfriars Scriptorium, Free entry, no need to book.

The History Press with Stand + Stare present an Installation to make you think differently about Gloucester. Come and explore the scriptorium and learn about mark-making, symbols and graffiti.
**The Bastion**

Thurs 13 to Sat 15 Sept  D7 (partial access) **Guided Tours only**

Guided tours at 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 14.00 & 15.00

Meeting point: Entrance off Ladybellegate Street  E5  Booking ref: H02

A chance to explore Britain’s most complete Dominican Priory, owned by English Heritage and managed by Gloucester City. Most of the 13th century church remains, including a rare scissor-braced roof. Guided tours last about 1 hour.

**Bearland House**

Thurs 13 and Fri 14 Sept

Tours at: 11.00, 11.30 & 12.00

Longsmith Street  D5  Booking ref: H02

Bearland House is an impressive 18th century building with an ornamental façade, forecourt, and fine wrought iron railings and gates. The interior boasts a carved wooden staircase and decorated ceilings. It was purchased by a high county sheriff in 1764, and the ghost of his daughter is said to appear at the staircase window.

**Brockworth Court**

14.00 & 16.00

Guided Tours (approx 40 mins)

Court Road, Brockworth GL3 4QU  F10  Booking ref: H04

Free event. Pre-booking required. Booking ref: H05

Brockworth Court was initially the residence for the priors of Llanthony Priory. Following the dissolution of 1540 Henry VIII granted it to the Gwise family until the late 19th century when it passed to the Wiltshires, the present generation of whom have lovingly restored the property and gardens. Interesting features include the tithe barn and a priest hole in the house.

**Constitution House**

Sat 15 Sept  E6

12.00 – 16.00

Brunswick Road (behind the Museum of Gloucester)

No booking required

The house was built in 1750 for Richard Chandler, a woolstapler by trade and remained in the Chandler family until 1876. It then became a school for young ladies. In 1883 it became the home of the Gloucester Conservative Club. It is still a members’ club today. This is a grade 2* listed building - the main original feature for visitors to view is the magnificent wooden staircase. The bar and lounge will be open for refreshments.

**The Carriage Building – Roberts Limbrick Architects**

Sat 15 Sept 10.30

Brunton Way  C8

Free event. Pre-booking required. Booking ref: H05

The Carriage Building was constructed in 1894 by the Gloucester Carriage and Wagon Works as a showroom for horse-drawn carriages. After laying empty and neglected for many years, it has been wonderfully restored as the office of Roberts Limbrick, the over 100 strong Gloucester born and bred architects practice, which hosted the launch of the 2017 History Festival. Come and hear a short talk about the refurbishment and have a tour around this fine building.

**Eastgate Viewing Chamber**

Fri 14 & Sat 15 Sept

10.30 – 12.30 & 14.00 – 16.00

By Boots, Eastgate Street  E7  Booking ref: H06

Come and walk in the footsteps of the Romans at their street level and see the remains of the Roman Eastgate Fort.

**The Fleece Hotel**

Thurs 13 – Sun 16

11.00 – 15.00, Westgate Street  D6

Guided tours throughout the day

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A 12th century tunnel vaulted undercroft, which it thought to be the best example in Europe of a rich merchant’s warehouse. Known locally as the “Monks Retreat” it was a lively and much loved bar when the Fleece was last open.

**The Dick Whittington**

(St Nicholas House)  B4

Sat 15 Sept

Times: 11.30, 12.30, 13.30, 14.30

100 Westgate Street

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Take a guided tour of this superb 15th century building with a splendid Georgian façade, once a town house of the Whittington family. View the elaborate Elizabethan wall painting on the first floor. Refreshments available for purchase after your tour.

**Gloucestershire Archives**

Heritage Hub  A8

Thurs 13 & Fri 14 Sept

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Clarence Row, Alvin St

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Lunchtime 40 minute guided tours of the newly opened Heritage Hub on site of Wheeler’s Nursery/Kingsholm School/Gloucestershire Archives.

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Special Interest Talk: Royal connections at Gloucester Cathedral
14.00 - 15.00 Thurs 13 Sept
Booking required. Spaces will only be released from Monday 10th September, sign up via our Gift Shop in person or by calling 01452 229813 to book)

A unique chance to hear about Gloucester Cathedral’s royal connections in the Parliament Room where Richard II called for a parliament in 1378 and Henry VIII is rumoured to have stayed. From Norman to Tudor times the influence of Royalty on the cathedral has been profound. From a coronation performed in haste at the time of rebellion to a burial that inspired a re-modelling of the building.

The Stonemasons Yard
Fri 14 & Sat 15 Sept 10.00 - 12.00 & 13.00 - 15.00 Pitt Street
Take a free tour of our Stonemasons Yard and meet members of our masons’ team. Suitable for all the family. No booking required, just drop in on first come first serve basis at the Pitt Street Yard entrance.

Guided Tower Tours
Fri 14 Sept 11.00 - 13.00 & 14.00 - 16.00 Chapter House
No booking required.

Do you need help deciphering old handwriting? Have you struggled to find that crucial document to further your research? Come along and ask our Cathedral Archivists and the Heritage Hub for help. Plus have a go at our monastic place names game, a fun approach to reading 14th Century handwriting and writing style!

Cathedral Chimes and Bells
Sun 16 Sept B5 13.15 - 14.45
A unique opportunity to hear the bells chimed and then rung full circle. Starting with a special chime recital of popular tunes. After a brief pause, the ringers will take over. They will start by ‘ringing the bells up’, ready to commence a quarter peal. This comprises some fifty minutes of non-stop ringing, to one of the prescribed sequences or ‘methods’. This is English bell ringing at its best. (A handout giving more details of the ringing will be available in the Cathedral shop from St Michael’s Tower).

Guided Crypt Tours
Sat 15 Sept 11.30, 12.30, 13.30 & 14.30
Free event. Pre-booking required. Spaces will only be released from Mon 10 Sept. Sign up via our Gift Shop in person or by calling 01452 229813.

Explore the Cathedral Crypt and learn more about the history of this space. Suitable for all ages but must be able to manage a small flight of stairs.

Gloucester Furniture Exhibition Centre
Thurs 13 to Sat 15 Sept 09.00 - 16.30 Southgate Street F5
A historic Roman wall inside the store is on public view. The lower level of the wall is part of a Roman Colonia dating back to 97AD. At street level it is a medieval building.

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Ivor Gurney Hall
Sun 16 Sept 14.00 - 16.00, Pitt Street B6
Tours lasting 20 mins on the hour and half-hour.

The Ivor Gurney Hall is the King’s School 19th c. entury schoolroom; it was extensively restored in 2015 to bring out the glory of its arch-braced roof in a striking multi-coloured style associated with the Gothic Revival movement. Tours will look at the building and will include details of school life in the 19th century, with a special focus on the life of Ivor Gurney after whom the building is now named. Access is via the old playground at the rear of the Cathedral accessed off Pitt Street.

Manor Farm Ancient Monument
Sun 16 Sept 11.00 - 16.00 Kingsway, Quedgeley, H4 GL2 2ZT (park near Asda and walk down the footpath)
The Kingsway name is associated with the visit of King Henry VII to Quedgeley, where he stayed with Queen Anne Boleyn at Manor Farm. The original construction of Quedgeley Castle was sited at this location. The existing house has elements dating back to the Domesday book.

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Hedleys
Thurs 13 to Sun 16 Sept Open: 07.30 - 16.30 64 Westgate Street C6
There is no need to book, but numbers will be regulated.

Come for tea and cake in this beautiful restored 15th century building. The windows on the ground floor are examples of mid-Victorian plate glass using technology gained in building the Crystal Palace, London for the Great Exhibition of 1851 and you can still see some of the original beams inside Gloucester’s oldest retail premises. The cellar will be open for viewing between 17.00 and 18.00 on Saturday 13 and Saturday 15. There are steep steps.

Meeks’ Shoe-shop
Thurs 13 to Sat 15 Sept Open: 10.00 - 12.00 & 14.00 - 16.00 14 Westgate Street C6
Guided tours during the open times.

This Elizabethan building has a Georgian façade and on the first floor has a fine plaster ceiling dating from around 1600.

 Mercer’s Hall (Masonic Lodge)
Sat 15 Sept Open: 10.00 - 17.00 Mercers Lane No booking required

Probably built in the second half of the 18th century this building has been occupied by a perfumer, a cider merchant and brewer and been used as a bonded warehouse and dance hall. Presently occupied by the Gloucester Freemasons as their Masonic Lodge.

Llanthony Secunda Priory
Fri 14 – Sun 16 Sept
Open: 11.00 – 15.00
Hempsted Lane G1

Step inside the newly restored listed buildings of Llanthony Secunda Priory. Founded in 1136, the history of this former Augustinian priory is told throughout 5 acres of grounds. Marvel at the magnificent medieval timber roof and late 15th – early 16th century brickwork. A surprising survival of a monastic precinct at the heart of Gloucester Docks.

Little Cloister House
Sat 15 & Sun 16 Sept Sat 10.00 – 13.00; Sun 14.00 – 16.00
Tours lasting 20 mins on the hour and half-hour
Pitt Street B6

A 17th century timber-fronted property next to Gloucester Cathedral, built over a medieval undercroft. The herb garden and remains of a monastic infirmary are close-by.

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Historical Places: 13th - 16th September

St Michael's Tower
Thurs 13 to Sun 16 Sept 10.30 - 16.00
The Cross D6
St Michael's Bell Tower, now the admin centre of Gloucester Civic Trust, dates back to 1465. It has interesting heritage displays on the history of the church that once stood on the site, and 2 heritage bells made in Gloucester in 1710 by Abraham Rudhall. On Saturday, 12.00 - 14.00 children can have their faces painted. There is no charge. Refreshments are available.

Shire Hall
Sun 16 Sept 10.00 prompt-11.00 Westgate Street C5
Booking ref: H09
Headquarters of Gloucestershire County Council. Join Sally Middleton of Gloucestershire Archives for a tour incorporating the 1816 entrance, portrait gallery, 17th century Flemish tapestry and Council Chamber, followed by an illustrated talk on the history of the building.

St Bartholomews
Sat 15 Sept 10.30 - 12.30
Tours at 10.30, 11.00, 11.30 & 12.00 Westgate Island (Galleria) C4
Booking ref: H10
The original dwelling on this site was built by William Myparty, a burgess of Gloucester, in the late 12th Century when the bridge over the Severn was being constructed. It housed not only the bridge workers but also sick men and women under the care of a priest. It continued as a hospital for the sick who were looked after by Augustinian priests and lay people who were also responsible for the maintenance of the bridge. It became the wealthiest of the three ancient Gloucester hospitals. Rebuilt in the 18th Century it continued as an almshouse and was restored in the early 1980s for use as a shopping and craft centre. The old almshouse is now used as a suite of modern offices.

The Tudor Room
Sat 15 and Sun 16 Sept Tours only on the hour and half hour; Sat 10.00 – 16.00; Sun 12.00 – 16.00
6-10 Westgate Street D6
Booking ref: H11
A hidden gem in the centre of the city, not normally open for public viewing. An architectural delight with an elaborate 16th century timber panelled room. Meet outside the Santander Bank.

Old Bishop’s Palace
Sat 15 and Sun 16 Sept 10.00 - 13.00; Sun 14.00 – 16.00; Tours on the hour and half-hour lasting 20 mins Pitt Street B6
The 19th century residence of the Bishops of Gloucester built on the site of the medieval abbots’ lodging. Now used by the King’s School. Short guided tours of the palace, gardens, yard, Bishop’s Private Chapel and Abbot’s Dining Hall.

Places of Worship: 13th - 16th September

Christ Church
Fri 14 & Sat 15 Sept 10.00 - 16.00
Brunswick Road G6
This church which is used extensively through the week by the community was built in 1822 as ‘The Spa Church’ by private subscription. It was taken over by the diocese of Gloucester in the 1850s. It has a barrel-vaulted ceiling, Art Nouveau-decorated apse and semi-dome, and Nicholson organ from 1866. The west front was rebuilt in Italian Romanesque style.

Friends Meeting House
Sat 15 & Sun 16 Sept 10.00 to 16.00
Sun 12.00 to 16.00 Greyfriars E5
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Holy Innocents Church
Sat 15 & Sun 16 Sept 12.00 - 17.00
Highnam A1
Visit this Victorian church with its unique Spirit Fresco wall paintings. The church was built and painted by Thomas Gambier Parry, whose son Hubert Parry composed the music to Jerusalem.

Holy Trinity Church
Sat 15 & Sun 16 Sept 10.00 - 16.00
Church Road Longlevens B10
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St Michael’s Tower
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St Catharine’s Church

Thurs 13 & Fri 14 Sept 09.00 - 12.00
Sat 15 10.00 - 18.00 & Sun 16 Sept 14.00 - 16.00
London Road B10

The Chapel was part of a monastic institution set up outside the medieval city boundary for the benefit of those suffering from the then incurable disease of leprosy. The present Chapel building is thought to date from the early 1400s but incorporates earlier masonry in the west wall. The Chapel is now under the patronage of St Margaret of Scotland (died 1083), an English princess who became Queen of Scotland.

St Margaret’s Chapel

Sat 15 & Sun 16 Sept 10.00 - 16.00
London Road B10

Although established in part of St Oswald’s Priory in 1540, the current church building is only 103 years old. It has been partially re-ordered to make it fit for 21st century church use. A prayer station will be available. Routine church activities will be taking place during opening hours. Light refreshments will be available. On Saturday various musicians will be playing including rehearsals to Sunday worship. All are very welcome.

Southgate Evangelical Church

Thurs 13 to Sun 16 Sept
Thurs and Fri 10.00 -12.00; Sat 10.00 - 16.00.
Sun 10.30-12.30 (incorporating a family service)
146 Southgate Street G4

The church is over 100 years old and was also home church to the famous Dr Hadwen. There will be refreshments available and a power point presentation about the history of the church.

St John’s Northgate Methodist Church

Thurs 13 to Sat 15 Sept
11.00 - 15.00
Northgate Street C6

Classical grade 2* Georgian church, opened in 1734. Only the tower, spire and font survive from the earlier medieval building. Several important worthies were connected with St John’s including Col. Thomas Price (English Civil War), Rev Thomas Socks and Robert Raikes (founders of the Sunday School Movement), Sir Thomas Rich (founder of the Bluecoat Hospital), and the Rudhall family, the world-famous bell founders whose bells can be found in Cathedrals and Churches throughout the world. The East Window was installed in 1880 to commemorate the centenary of the Sunday School Movement. There will be various events at St John’s together with the display of the pulpit which was the first place George Whitefield started his famous ministry (removed from St Mary de Crypt during redevelopment). (See under Music, Lunchtime recitals & Talks sections)

St Mary’s Congregational Church

Sat 15 & Sun 16 Sept
14.00 to 16.00
Hillfield Gardens, London Road B10

The Friends of Hillfield Gardens will open the Chapel of St Mary Magdalene, the remains of a 12th century leper chapel. It contains a stone recumbent figure which some people believe to be the effigy of St Kyneburgh. Join Reverend Richard Atkins from BBC Radio Gloucestershire at 14.00 on Sunday for a short service in the chapel, which is not normally open for services.

St Mary de Lode Church

Sat 15 & Sun 16 Sept
11.00 - 16.00
Lower Westgate Street B4

The city’s oldest parish church which is mentioned in the Domesday Book in 1085. It was built over a Saxon church and a Roman building. The Roman mosaic tiled floor can still be seen in the church. The building was used as a prison for Royalist soldiers during the Civil War in 1643. On Saturday 9th, the Gloucester Music Society will give a presentation at 16.00. (See Music section) Refreshments are available.

St Mary Magdalene’s Chapel

Sat 15 & Sun 16 Sept
14.00 to 16.00
Hillfield Gardens, London Road B10

Places of Worship: 13th - 16th September

St Peter’s Catholic Church

Thurs 13 & Fri 14 Sept
11.00 - 18.00
Sat 15 Sept 11.00 - 16.00
London Road B8

The church, built in 1859, was designed by Gilbert Blount in the Gothic Style and was recently restored to its Victorian splendour. The church has an exquisitely carved triptych dating from 1856. The organ was erected in 1937 and completely restored by Nicholsons of Malvern. This is the 150th anniversary of consecration.

St Nicholas’s Church

A beautiful, medieval church with many interesting features and sympathetic Victorian restoration - Walton tomb, leaning tower, sanctuary knocker, squints, coat of arms. The church will host musical events and heritage talks. (See under Music, City Voices & Talks sections)

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Jet Age Museum

Jet Age Museum exists to promote and preserve the history of Gloucestershire’s contribution to world aviation from the early days of flight. The collection includes a replica of the 1920s Gloster Gamecock biplane fighter, a 1930s Gloster Gladiator fighter undergoing restoration, a replica of Britain’s first jet powered aircraft, the Gloster E28/39, which first left the ground at Brockworth airfield in 1941 and other aircraft including original Gloster-built Meteor and Javelin fighters. The Museum’s Vulcan bomber cockpit and Trident airmen cockpit and cabin will be open subject to availability. There will be a series of short talks on aviation history subjects delivered by Museum volunteers and guest speakers on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th. Please refer to the Museum website www.jetagemuseum.co.uk for topics and timings. The Museum will also be hosting a special exhibition entitled “Battle of Britain. To commemorate the Fight for Freedom”. The exhibition features the Polish, Czechoslovak and British brotherhood in arms during the Battle of Britain in 1940. There will be a special talk regarding this topic entitled “Battle of Britain” on Sat 15 at 11.00.

Beatrix Potter Museum

In 1903 Beatrix Potter published one of her most loved tales, The Tailor of Gloucester, inspired by a visit she made to the city. See the building she based her story on and meet the Tailor, Slikpin the cat and a host of other characters. In the kitchen Peter Rabbit DVD is playing where you can sit and watch at your leisure. A guided walk around places of Gloucester connected with Beatrix Potter is available (See Guided Walks p59)

Gloucester Guildhall

Open on the afternoon and evening of Sunday 16th for ‘The New Jersey Boys’ concert. Tickets available from the Guildhall of Tourist Information Centre. The Guildhall was constructed in 1892, designed by George Hunt. Built on the site formerly occupied by the Blue Coat School founded by Sir Thomas Rich. It contains a thriving venue with café, cinema and concert hall.

Gloucester Life Museum

Ground floor, gardens and Victorian classroom are wheelchair accessible. Gloucester Life Museum is a magical place telling the story of Gloucester through its people and their lives. Behind the chocolate-box façade is a fascinating and surprising collection of objects and exhibitions.

Museum of Gloucester

There will be a special talk at 13.00 and Friday 14. Please refer to the Museum website www.museumofgloucester.co.uk for talk times.

Cafe open 10.00 to 15.00 Mon to Sat

Norville’s Museum

Norville’s Museum is a fascinating and surprising collection of objects and exhibitions.

The Kings Theatre

Come and explore the interactive history at the Museum of Gloucester Sat 15

• Fossil handling with Doc Saurus 10.00-12 noon & 14.00-16.00

Come along and meet Doc Saurus our fossil expert and get up close to a fossil.

• Art taster session 10.00-12 noon Have a go drawing in the museum just bring a sketch book and pencil or use our paper to explore the exciting collections on show.

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**Waterways Museum**

Thurs 13 Sept to Sun 16
10.30 - 17.00
Gloucester Docks G3
Free entry on Sat & Sun
(also on Sat 8 & Sun 9)

Visit the Waterways Museum to uncover the story of the local waterways and the history behind Gloucester Docks. The museum has displays and activities for all the family to learn about our waterways heritage. See the fine stationary steam engine, manufactured by the well-known engineering company Fielding and Platt. A guided tour of the museum is available with object handling and exhibit explanations. Boat trips also available.

**Cultural Venues: 13th - 16th September**

**Mariners Church**

Thurs 13 to Sun 16 Sept
09.00 – 17.00
Gloucester Docks F3

Mariners Church opened in 1849 and became popular with the townspeople as well as the mariners visiting the port. The chaplain was responsible for visiting every ship that arrived. The church features fine stained glass windows. An active church continues to meet in the building.

**Drake's Viols**

Thurs 13 Sept, 14.00
St Mary de Lode Church A5
No need to book

The local viol consort will play music from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries by the leading composers of the day. The performance will last 30 - 40 minutes.

**Christopher Boodle Recital**

Sat 15 Sept, 12.30
St John's Northgate Church, Northgate Street C6
No need to book

Gloucester-born composer and professional musician Christopher Boodle gives a recital on the piano and excellent organ in St John's. The recital will last 30-40 minutes.

**Bygonz Perform**

Thurs 13 Sept, 13.00
St Nicholas Church Westgate Street B4
No need to book

Come and hear instruments, such as pipe and tabor, hurdy-gurdy, bagpipes, which have been part of the popular musical life of this country for centuries, played by musicians wearing the dress of the time. The performance will last 30-40 minutes.

**Friends-Ukenited**

Thur 13 Sept, From 10.30
Westgate Street C6
A fully inclusive ukulele group that really do put the F.U.N. into music. Playing different songs from all genres, and to suit all tastes they are bound to put a smile on your face.

**Bygonz Wandering Minstrels**

Thurs 13 Sept, Times: various
The Cross and Gate Streets
No need to book

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**The Silver Singers**

Sat 15 Sept
11.00
St Mary de Lode Church A5
No need to book

This choir which is made up of members of Age UK in and around Gloucester return to perform a wide range of easy listening music, whilst having a lot of fun in the process. The performance will last 40-50 minutes.

**Tommi Neilsons Dry Dock**

Thurs 13 & Fri 14 Sept
10.00 - 16.00 F2
Gloucester Docks

See the original graving (dry) docks now used by Tommi Nielsen’s traditional shipbuilding and rigging company. This is one of the few remaining shipyards with the skills to work on traditional wooden vessels. The workshop is not open to the public.

**Upstairs, Downstairs Antiques**

Mon - Fri 10.00 - 16.00 E3
Sat -Sun 10.00 - 17.00 Open 7 days a week. Coffee shop open Thurs - Sun. All fresh food and home-made cake and scones. Severn Road

The building is over 200 years old. Dating back to 1815 and was originally used for the manufacture of rope and sails for the tall ships and those powered by steam.

**The Jonathan Hope Organ Recital**

Thurs 13 Sept, 12.30
St John's Northgate Church, Northgate Street C6
No need to book

Jonathan Hope, the Assistant Director of Music at Gloucester Cathedral, gives a recital on the excellent organ at St John’s to start the musical events accompanying Heritage Open Days. The recital will last 30-40 minutes.

**Herbert Howells**

Sat 15 Sept, 12.00
St Nicholas, No need to book

This year Gloucester Music Society present a talk by Maurice Bent entitled “Herbert Howells and the Forest of Dean”. It will last for approximately 45 minutes.

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**Ypotryll**

Fri 14 Sept
12.00
St Nicholas, No need to book

Ypotryll - the name belongs to a medieval mythical creature - present a marvellous mix of medieval music for voice and instruments. Soprano Karen Jones, and instrumentalists Rachel Tedd and Simon Pickard, present music from the 14th and 15th centuries, employing a range of reproduction period-instruments such as recorder, dulcimer, psaltery, and clavicembalon. Who needs to go abroad when you can time-travel 600 years in half-an-hour?

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A Mayor’s Perspective
Fri 14 Sept, 12.30
St John’s Northgate
No need to book

Steve Morgan, has just come to the end of his year of office as the 537th Mayor of Gloucester. He will share stories of his experience and give his thoughts on the relevance of this position in the 21st century. The talk will last about 45 mins to an hour.

Discoveries at the Archives four bitesize talks
Sat 15 Sept, 10.00 – 12.00
Gloucestershire Heritage Hub
A8 Free event – Advanced booking required.
One ticket covers all talks.
Booking Ref: T02

10.00: Managing a medieval castle. Gloucestershire Archives holds the only surviving document created in Gloucester Castle. John Putley looks at the secrets this document holds, what it can tell us about life in our very own (sadly long gone) castle, the local infrastructure around it and a crucial episode in English history.
10.30: Sue Brown talks about Dame Joan Cook, whose drive and determination resulted in the establishment in 1539 of the Crypt School. See also related Discover DeCrypt exhibition at the Hub.
11.00: A century of cycling around Gloucestershire and beyond – an illustrated talk by Alistair Goldie drawing on the wonderful records of the Gloucester City Cycling Club.
11.30: Martin Davies explores how the experiences of the Gloucester Rugby players during the Great War can be used as an insight into the experiences of the ordinary soldiers. Because of the rugby players’ ‘celebrity’ their experiences, day-to-day activities and observations were widely reported. Arranged and sponsored by the Friends of Gloucestershire Archives.

Dr Walter Hadwen - Hero or Charlatan?
Fri 14 Sept, 19.00
Southgate Evangelical Church
Southgate Street
G4
No need to book

Dr Hadwen was a remarkable man with strong convictions. He was invited to Gloucester at the time of the great smallpox epidemic of 1896 to set up a medical practice. He involved himself in many community issues as a local councillor and JP.

He was an anti vaccinationist, an anti-vivisectionist and a vegetarian. Popular with his patients he was viewed with some suspicion by the medical profession which led to his trial and acquittal for the murder of a child under his care.

His legacy includes the Evangelical Church in Southgate Street and the Hadwen Medical Centre in Abbeymead. The talk will be given by City Guide Paul Drinkwater and will last about 45 mins to an hour.

Beatrix Potter

Thurs 13 - Sat 15 Sept, 14.00
Meet at Cathedral South Porch
Booking Ref: W04

A history of the area surrounding the cathedral from the earliest Minster church up to the most recent developments. Tour lasts 1 hour.

St John’s Monuments
Sat 15 Sept, 19.30
St John’s Northgate Church, Northgate Street
C6
No need to book

An illustrated stroll through the monuments of St John’s Church with Bob Tucker. The talk will last approximately 40 minutes.

Hempsted Village
Thurs 13 Sept, 14.00
Christ Church Brunswick Road
F6
Booking Ref: T01

A power point presentation of Hampsted Village given by City Guide Richard Treifa. The talk will illustrate the part played by the village in the 2,000 year history of its neighbour, one mile to the north: the city of Gloucester. There will be no charge for the event but donations to the church roof repair fund will be welcome. This talk accompanies the guided walk taking place on Sunday 16. See page 60 for details.

Saxon Gloucester
Thurs 13 Sept, 1100
St John’s Northgate, Northgate Street
C6
No need to book

An armchair tour of Saxon Gloucester by City Guide Joan Tucker, to include Aethelflaed’s role in English History. Good walking shoes required.

Thats Entertainment
Thurs 13 Sept, 19.00
St John’s Northgate Church, Northgate Street
C6
No need to book

City Guide Chris Morgan will be talking about the pleasures and pastimes indulged in by Gloucester folk over the centuries and includes the theatres and cinemas which once existed in the city. The talk will last about 1 hour.

Alney Island
Sun 16 Sept, 1100
D3
Pre-booking required
Booking Ref: W01

Meet at the bridge over the river by the lock into the docks Alney Island has been part of Gloucester’s life for hundreds of years, a place for play, practise for war and of punishment. The talk will look at what Alney has been used for, the natural features of the river and agriculture and Alney’s role in English History.
Good walking shoes required.

Black & White Buildings
Fri 14, Sat 15 Sept
Fri 11.15, Sat 14.30
Meet at St Michael’s Tower
Booking Ref: W03

A walking tour of 15th century timber-framed buildings in the city centre, pointing out structure, architecture and brief historical background. Are they really black and white?

Cathedral Precincts Tour
Thurs 13 - Sat 15 Sept, 14.00
Meet at Cathedral South Porch
Booking Ref: W04

A history of the area surrounding the cathedral from the earliest Minster church up to the most recent developments. Tour lasts 1 hour.

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Guided Walks: 13th - 16th September

**Children’s Walk**
Sat 15 Sept, 11.15
Meet at St Michael’s Tower, The Cross **D6** Pre-booking required – Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Booking Ref: W05 📧

A guided walk around Gloucester aimed specifically for children aged 9-12. The walk lasts approximately 1 hour.

**Christian Heritage**
Sat 15 Sept, 14.15
Meet at St Michael’s Tower **D6**
Booking Ref: W06 📧

There is an old saying ‘As sure as God’s in Gloucester’. Both Christianity and Gloucester have 2,000 years of history. This tour traces Gloucester’s rich Christian heritage over those years as reflected in its people, places and events. The tour takes around 1½ hours.

**Gloucester City**
Thurs 13 to Sun 16 Sept
Meet at St Michael’s Tower **D6**
Booking Ref: W07 📧

Discover fascinating hidden treasures on a guided walk through the heart of one of Britain’s oldest cities, where history has truly left its mark. The walk lasts about ¾ hours.

**Gloucester Spa**
Thurs 13 & Sun 16 Sept
Meet outside Christ Church, Brunswick Road **G6**
Booking Ref: W08 📧

In the early 1800s, Gloucester had a thriving spa. This guided walk traces the history of the spa and takes in some of the fine buildings that it generated. The walk lasts about 1 hour.

**Hillfield Gardens**
Thurs 13 & Fri 14 Sept
Meet at the London Road entrance **B10**
Booking Ref: W11 📧

Take a guided tour of these fine gardens which have many fine trees and are home to three monuments of historical significance: Scriven’s Conduit, the King’s Board and the chancel of the 12th century leper chapel of St Mary Magdalene. The tour lasts about 1 hour.

**The Great Gloucester Gargoyle Walk**
Thurs 13 Sept
Meet at The Heritage Hub, Alvin Street **A8**
Booking Ref: W09 📧

Look out! Look up! They wait on walls, rest on roofs and blend into buttresses – but can you see them? This guided walk, led by Gloucestershire Archives staff looks at some of the gargoyles and grotesques in the city. Binoculars are useful but not essential. The walk will be at an easy pace with viewing stops. The walk lasts about 1½ hours.

**Historic Docks**
Thurs 13 & Sun 16 Sept
Meet outside the Waterways Museum in Gloucester Docks **G3**
Booking Ref: W12 📧

Take a guided walk around Britain’s most inland port. The walk lasts about 1 hour.

**Historical Characters**
Fri 14 to Sun 16 Sept
Fri & Sun 14.00, Sat 11.00
Meet at The Tourist Information Centre, Southgate Street **D5**
Booking Ref: W13 📧

This tour brings alive some of the famous and influential people and colourful characters who were born in Gloucester. It is concentrated around the St Mary de Crypt Church area so involves little walking. The walk lasts about 45 minutes.

**Hempenst Village Walk**
Sun 16 Sept, 14.00
Meet at Lysons Hall, Hempenst GL2 5LH **G1**
Booking Ref: W10 📧

A 2.5 mile stroll around the historic village with a Civic Trust guide. This walk follows on from the Hempenst Village talk on Thurs 13th. See page ….. for details.

**Llanthony Secunda Priory**
Sat 15, Sun 16 Sept, 11.30 & 14.00 **H2**
Meet by the panorama viewing point, near the towpath gate entrance (access via the canal path) Booking Ref: W14 📧

This guided walk explores the priory which was founded in 1136, which by the end of the 15th century, was the richest Augustinian house in England entertaining the court of Henry VII in 1500 and 1501. The tour lasts about 1 hour.

**Lost Churches of Gloucester**
Fri 14 Sept
10.30 & 14.00
Meet at St Michael’s Tower **D6**
Booking Ref: W15 📧

There are lots of churches in the centre of Gloucester today, but did you know that there were once many more? Karen Davidson of Gloucestershire Archives leads a walk around the city to discover some of Gloucester’s lost churches.

**Monks, Canons & Friars**
Fri 14 and Sat 15 Sept, 1400
Meet at Blackfriars Priory **E5**
Booking Ref: W19 📧

This is a new tour discovering the abbey and priories of Gloucester and learning how the monks, canons and friars lived and worked. The tour will take about 1 hour.

**Railways Walk**
Sat 15 Sept, 11.00
Meet at Blackfriars Priory **E5**
Booking Ref: W19 📧

A two and a half mile walk round the key spots of Gloucester’s railway history. Start at Blackfriars, walk through the docks to Llanthony Bridge then via Park Road to Barton Gates and via Bruton way to the railway station looking at what remains on site and how it fits into the story.

**Rhymes & Reasons**
Fri 14 and Sat 15 Sept, 1400
Meet at St Michael’s Tower **D6**
Booking Ref: W16 📧

Famous locally born poets are brought to life and the origins of old Gloucester rhymes are vividly described in this fascinating walk through the centre of the city.
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Richard III
Fri 14 & Sun 16 Sept 11.00 Meet at The Tourist Information Centre, Southgate Street. D5 Booking Ref: W20
This tour tells of Richard III's important 3 day visit to Gloucester in 1483, as part of his Royal Progress and explains the granting of the significant Charter to the city. You will hear how he spent his time here and be shown some of the buildings he would have seen. The walk lasts about 1 hour.

Robert Raikes
Thurs 13, Fri 14 & Sun 16 Sept Thurs & Sun 12.00 & 15.00, Fri 15:00 Meet at St Michaels Tower D6 Booking Ref: W21
This walk tells the story of Robert Raikes, newspaper publisher, prison reformer and promoter of the Sunday School movement and shows some the buildings in Gloucester connected with him. The guided walk starts in the garden of the Robert Raikes House where Robert's wife used to serve plum cake to the Sunday School children in the 18th century. The walk lasts about 1 hour.

Royal Gloucester
Thurs 13 and Sat 15 Sept Thurs 11.15, Sat 14.15 Meet at St Michael's Tower D6 Booking Ref: W22
For over 1100 years Gloucester's history has been shaped in no small part by the interest, patronage and occasional displeasure of the reigning monarch. Down the centuries, kings and queens of England have come to Gloucester to hold parliament, equip armies, grant charters, go hunting, be crowned, and be buried. This tour will take a look at some of buildings and places in Gloucester at the heart of this extraordinary royal history and reveal some of the fascinating stories connected with them. The walk lasts approximately 1½ hours.

Roman Times
Thurs 13, Fri 14 and Sat 15 Sept Thurs 10.30, Fri 13.30, Sat 10.30 Meet outside Museum of Gloucester, Brunswick Road. E6 Booking Ref: W23
From your guide, hear how the Romans came to Gloucester (Glevum). See the walls they built. Tread through the Forum (market place) and meet the Emperor Nerva. Discover mosaics, pottery, Roman weapons and much more in the Museum. The walk lasts about 1 hour.

Saxon
Thurs 13 to Sat 15 Sept Thurs and Sat 12.00, Fri 14.15 Meet at St Michael's Tower D6 Booking Ref: W24
Discover the traces of Gloucester's Saxon history. Hear the story of Aethelflaed, Lady of Mercia, who died in 918, and was buried in Gloucester, and learn about the role she played in shaping the city as we know it. The walk will take around ½ hours.

Siege of Gloucester
Thurs 13 to Sat 15 Sept Thurs 14.00, Fri and Sat 11.30 Meet at St Michael's Tower D6 Booking Ref: W25
This guided walk visits some of the places of interest connected with the siege of Gloucester which took place during the English Civil War. The siege was arguably Gloucester's finest hour when the small garrison of parliamentarians held out against the might of the Royal Army led by the King himself. The walk lasts about ½ hours.

Roman Times

Historic Inns: 13th - 16th September

That’s Entertainment
Fri 14, Sun 16 Sept Fri 11.30, Sun 14.15 Meet at the Cross D6 Booking Ref: W26
A walk down Westgate Street to see the locations of former cinemas and theatres where Gloucester citizens indulged in their pleasures and pastimes. The walk lasts about 30 minutes.

The Black and White Restaurant
Fri 14, Sun 16 Sept Fri 11.30 Meet at the Cross D5
4 Longsmith Street D5
A fish and chip shop located in a charming building that is reputed to be haunted.

Southgate Street Townscape Heritage tour
Thurs 13 Sept, 18.30 Meet in the rear room of Robert Raikes Public House. E5 Booking Ref: W278
An hour long walking tour of Southgate Street led by Project Officer Claire Dovey-Evans looking at the buildings included in the Heritage Lottery funded Townscape Heritage Initiative scheme.

Café Rene
Southgate Street E6
This historic inn in the Greyfriars area of Gloucester is accessed from St Mary's Lane alongside St Mary de Crypt churchyard. It has a Roman well inside it.

Coach and Horses
St Catherine's Street A7
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The Dick Whittington
100 Westgate Street  B4

A superb 15th century building known as St Nicholas House, which was once a town house of the Whittington family. It retains many original features, and has a splendid Georgian façade. There are wall decorations on the first floor reputed to have been done for the visit of Elizabeth I in 1574.

The New Inn
16 Northgate Street  D6

The New Inn is described as the finest example of a medieval galleried inn to be seen in Britain today. It was built between 1430 and 1450 by St Peter’s Abbey. Much of the original structure still remains.

It replaced a pub which appears in records from 1722 but the original building from 1556.

Dr Fosters
Kimberley Warehouse, The Docks  E3

This inn is housed in the Kimberley Warehouse which was built in 1846 for the corn trade, along with its neighbours, the Herbert and Phillpotts warehouses. It is named after the well-known nursery rhyme.

The Fountain Inn
53 Westgate Street  C5

The Fountain Inn occupies one of the oldest brewing sites in the city. It was once owned by Peter Poitevin who crowned Henry III in St Peter’s Abbey in 1216. The story in the entrance tells how King William showed his contempt for the Jacobites by riding his horse up the steps in the courtyard.

The Old Crown
81-83 Westgate Street  C4

A Crown Inn was first recorded nearby in 1460. In 1643, at the time of the English Civil War the military governor of Gloucester, Colonel Massey, aged 23, lodged here during the siege of Gloucester when the inn was fired on by Royalist troops based at Llanthony Secunda Priory. The building continued to be used as an inn until 1760. Restored, it was re-opened as a public house in 1990.

Northend Vaults
Northgate Street  C7

This Grade II listed building dates back to the early 17th century when it was a merchant’s house. It was re-fronted in the 18th century, but behind is the original timber framed building. It has been a pub since 1869.

The Old Bell Inn
9a Southgate Street  D6

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The Pelican
4 St Mary’s Street  A5

The pub first appears in licensing records in 1679 and claims to be constructed using timbers from Sir Francis Drake’s ship, the Golden Hind, which was originally called The Pelican.

Portivo Lounge
Gloucester Quays  G2

A beautiful red brick structure, it was built in 1894 as a corn mill in the prosperous Gloucester Docks. Restored in 2010 as part of the Gloucester Quays redevelopment, it sits proudly on the main entrance.

The Imperial
59 Northgate Street  C7

The current building dates from 1898 and has an elaborately moulded glazed tile exterior.

The Tall Ship
134 Southgate Street  G3

Located at the entrance to the Docks, this Grade II listed building was built specifically as a pub around 1870. Specialises in seafood.

The Whitesmiths Arms
81 Southgate Street  G3

Located opposite the entrance to the Docks, this was a beer house by 1871, though part of the building dates from the 15th century. The original roof beams can be seen in the small room to the right of the bar.

Robert Raikes’s House
71-73 Southgate Street  E5

A magnificent timber-framed merchant’s house dating from 1560, which has been wonderfully restored at great expense by Samuel Smiths the brewers. Robert Raikes, the campaigner for prison reform and promoter of the Sunday School movement, moved into the building in 1772. A tour about Robert Raikes starts from the garden of the pub.

Ye Olde Fish and Chip Shoppe
8 Hare Lane  B7

A fine example of an Elizabethan building.

The Sword Inn
Westgate Street  C5

This bar is sited in two Elizabethan houses. One has a Georgian frontage, and used to be the premises of John Prichard, the original Tailor of Gloucester and inspiration for Beatrix Potter’s book.

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Civil War Weekend

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th September

Brunswick Square

Sat 15 & Sun 16 Sept
11.00 – 17.00 Free

Gaudy Green (Brunswick Square) will be the host for the town’s folk of Gloucester in the year 1643. The Living History camp will offer the visitor an interactive experience. Wander through the site talking to the re-enactors, discovering the type of food that would have been eaten, trying on a pike-mans armour or handling a matchlock musket. See a blacksmith working on his forge, basket weavers and a butler cooking for his gentry.

Kings Square

Sat 15 & Sun 16 Sept
10.30 Free

Come and watch a Drill display from the early 17 century, learn more about the complex infantry weapon-handling techniques and battlefield formations. See how the soldiers trained and prepared for battle.

City Centre

Sat 15 & Sun 16 Sept
13.00

A march through the City to battle in Gloucester Park will feature an Ensign carrying the standard which the soldiers follow and protect. Come and watch the English Civil War Society process through the streets heading to Gloucester Park where they will recreate the Siege era battle.

Gloucester Park

Sat 15 & Sun 16 Sept
13.00

A seventeenth century battle in Gloucester Park features an army which would have been familiar to Colonel Massey. See all the action of the battle as horses, troops and cannon feature in this recreation of a Siege era conflict.

Thank you

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One not to miss... Hugh Barr
Saturday 1 Sept 19.00-20.00. Booking Ref: CV01
Festival favourite Professor Hugh Barr returns with a free presentation about the history of diagnosis of disease and talks about the latest ground breaking technology of diagnosis using light.

One not to miss... for Local History Lovers
Bygone Barnwood Booking Ref: CV06
Take a look at Barnwood through the ages with stories about local people and buildings.

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### One not to miss…. Blackfriars Breaktimes

Want somewhere to put your feet up between talks and tours? Pop into the Blackfriars Priory and visit the new seating area in the courtyard where a range of hot and cold food and drinks will be on offer from 8 - 16 Sept. (open from one hour before the first Blackfriars talk)

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### Festival Planner: 11 - 12 Sept

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**One not to miss... Scriptorium Tag**

14.00 – 17.00 Wed 12 Sept A 5 hour marathon of Gloucesters History by local experts who run a tag team in lectures. Each lecture starts with the finishing word from the last.

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### Festival Planner: 13 Sept

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We are launching a Founder Patron scheme to support the Festival in its infancy. Each year the Founder Patrons’ support will be credited at one Blackfriars talk and all names will be listed prior to the event on the back stage screen slide. In addition you will receive:

- Priority booking – opportunity to book and pay for your tickets before they go on sale to the public
- Reserved seating when requested by you prior to the event
- Access to the Green Room prior to events
- Thanks in the Festival brochure as a Founder Patron of the Festival
- Invitation to special events
- Invitation to VIP Festival Party

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The Gloucester History Trust hope that you enjoyed this years’ festival.
If you have any feedback or ideas for next year please email:
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