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A WORD FROM OUR FRIENDS AT GLOUCESTER HISTORY FESTIVAL.



Giving the Cirencester History Festival's opening talk is the highlight of my autumn! The new festival is organised in association with the Gloucester History Festival, which takes place in April and September every year, welcoming two hundred of Britain's greatest historians and broadcasters to share their love of history in the heart of ancient Gloucester. We're thrilled to join forces with our new partner festival.

Linked to Cirencester by the Ermin Way, our two great Roman settlements have such diverse and rich histories to explore. In partnership we can share a love of the past, better understand the present and help to shape the future. Look forward to seeing you in Cirencester!

Janina

Prof Janina Ramirez, President of the Gloucester History Festival, historian and broadcaster, Research Fellow, Harris Manchester College, Oxford.

HOW TO BOOK:

ONLINE: cirencesterhistoryfestival.org

Corinium Museum, Park St, GL7 2BX

Open: Mon-Sat 10-5pm & Sun 2-5pm. 01285 655611.

Local Information Centre: Bingham House, 1 Dyer St, GL7 2PP

Open: Mon-Fri 9-4:30pm & Sat 10-4pm. 01285 655646.

MAPS, CAR PARKING & VENUE INFORMATION: www.cirencesterhistoryfestival.org

BOOKS: authors will be **signing books** after their events, provided by Waterstones, Octavia's Bookshop and Corinium Musuem.

SEE PAGE 13 for all the **walks, tours & exhibitions** running throughout the week.



TALKS



TOURS



FAMILIES



FOOD



I'm thrilled to welcome you to the first ever Cirencester History Festival. We've put together a terrific programme, reaching out to the curious of every age with stimulating talks and lectures, family events and community activities. History is in our DNA in Cirencester, so this is an exciting first step of a giant voyage of discovery.

Please come and join us, take part in our events, and let us know what you most enjoy. I'll certainly be doing the same! Booking is now live at cirencesterhistoryfestival.org.

That our festival is happening is due to the effort of a wide range of committed individuals and organisations. I thank them all, and invite you to come along with me as we start something very special.

Fiona

Dame Fiona Reynolds, Festival President
and former Director General of the National Trust



CIRENCESTER HISTORY FESTIVAL is organised with Gloucester History Festival, Cirencester Community Development Trust (CCDT), Corinium Museum, Cirencester Civic Society, Cirencester Archaeological and Historical Society (CAHS) and more than 30 local organisations and businesses.

JANINA RAMIREZ Cirencester Parish Church, 4-5pm

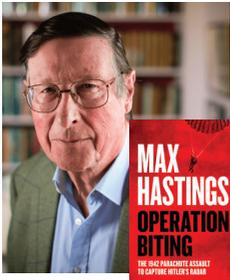
Medieval Mystical Women: From Julian of Norwich to Hildegard of Bingen. £12



Who were the women who shaped medieval Europe? Queens and warriors often spring to mind. Yet some of the most powerful women of the Middle Ages were in fact mystics. Women who often led a life locked away in convents yet whose influence shaped nations. In a brand new talk, **Janina Ramirez**, bestselling *Femina* author and star of BBC2's *Raiders of the Lost Past*, explores their remarkable lives. From Hildegard of Bingen to Julian of Norwich, Bridget of Sweden to Margery Kempe, she offers a groundbreaking new perspective on these women whose influence on the art and society of medieval Europe was profound and still endures today.

MAX HASTINGS Cirencester Parish Church, 6-7pm

Operation Biting: The 1942 Parachute Assault to Capture Hitler's Radar. £12



Max Hastings, former Daily Telegraph editor, is Britain's greatest military historian and the author of over 30 award-winning books. He tells the gripping story of the most thrilling British Special Forces raid of the Second World War and perhaps the most successful – the 1942 parachute assault on the cliffs of Bruneval, Normandy to steal Hitler's radar secrets which baffled RAF intelligence. Join him for a breathtaking journey from the War Room of Churchill and Mountbatten to boots-on-ground action in Occupied France, as he tells the tale of a remarkable triumph against heavy German fire that changed the course of the War.

TOURS



BEHIND THE SHOP FRONT The Long Table, 11-1pm

Upstairs, downstairs & behind the scenes at Rackhams. £FREE

The old House of Fraser building to some, Rackhams to others, and now Monastery & Co; this building has been the pride of Cirencester's Market Place for many centuries. Join Tom Herbert and his Long Table team for a guided tour into the past, from the dank gloom of forgotten cellars to the pokey maids' rooms in the Tudor eaves. See how a once magnificent department store is being transformed. Visit www.thelongtableonline.com for more information and to book your place.

ALISON WEIR & NICOLA TALLIS The Barn Theatre, 2-3pm

Sisters and Rivals: Mary I and Elizabeth I. £12



As heiresses of Henry VIII, bound by the bond of bastardy, and the daughters of warring mothers, Mary I and Elizabeth I were almost destined to be rivals. Despite loving Elizabeth as a child, Mary came to fear and resent her, and to deplore her embracing the Protestant faith. Bestselling historian **Alison Weir** and acclaimed biographer **Nicola Tallis** discuss the ties that bound the sisters, the issues that divided them and explore the extraordinary events that led to Elizabeth's imprisonment in the Tower, where she expected daily to be summoned to the scaffold. Chaired by Jo Durrant.

MATTHEW LEWIS, NATHEN AMIN & NICOLA TALLIS The Barn Theatre, 4-5pm

Who Killed the Princes in the Tower? £12



The murder of the Princes in the Tower in 1483 must be the most famous cold case in British history. Traditionally considered victims of their ruthless uncle Richard III, there are other suspects too often and too easily discounted. Three of Britain's leading Medieval and Tudor historians, **Matthew Lewis**, **Nathen Amin** and **Nicola Tallis**, offer fresh insights and radically different opinions on one of the classic mysteries of English history. Hear their evidence, have you say and vote at the end for the most convincing argument!



WRITE YOUR OWN HISTORICAL NOVEL Waterstones, 2-5pm

Writing workshop with local author **Jak Harrison**. Age 9+ £FREE

Drop in to Waterstones and join Jak Harrison, author of *Restless: A Novella*, to start your very own Victorian novel using real images and newspaper cuttings from the period. Find out how to use mind maps to plan your story's time, place, character, language and action, and find out about real Victorian people and locations for added authenticity and to keep your readers reading!

CHRISTIAN DIOR'S ENGLISH ROSE The Fleece Hotel, 11:45-2pm

Katya Galitzine Talk And Intimate Lunch. £25

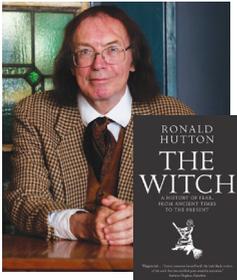


Jean Dawnay was a house model and muse for Christian Dior in Paris during 1949–50. Her transition from trained SOE Agent to polished New Look mannequin saw her become one of the original supermodels. Join her daughter, **Katya Galitzine**, for lunch and to hear this remarkable story with photographs never seen before. Tickets include a sharing platter; please advise dietary requirements at time of booking.

Partner event organised and ticketed via www.CirencesterRadio.co.uk

RONALD HUTTON Corinium Museum, 7-8pm

Witchcraft and the Pagan Roots of Halloween. £12



Witches and witchcraft have fascinated and frightened people throughout history. But who were witches and why has society been so wary of them? To answer these questions and more, join us for a talk by **Professor Ronald Hutton**, a leading authority on the history of the British Isles in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and on ancient and medieval paganism and magic.

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HISTORICAL COOKERY SCHOOL Baptist Church, 10-12:30pm & 1:30-4pm

Make a traditional English pie for your whole family! Age 6-12 £25

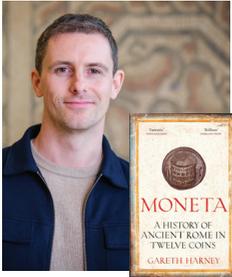
Invented by the Egyptians, wrapped in pastry by the Greeks, brought to Britain by the Romans and essential to the most exclusive Medieval banquets: the humble pie has a surprisingly long and illustrious history. Learn how to make a traditional pie (including pastry) with the Cotswold Cookery School. All ingredients included, meat and veggie options available and dinner for four to take home.



HALLOWEEN COSTUMES New Brewery Arts, 10-12:30pm & 1:30-4pm

Get ready for Historical Villains Trick or Treat! Drop in, £5 on the day.

Dick Turpin or Emperor Nero? Vlad The Impaler or Catherine de Medici? Get ready for our Historical Villains Halloween costume competition by making yourself a baddy's accessory (think ruffs, eyemasks, crowns & moustaches) with expert help from the crafting and costume teams at New Brewery Arts & The Barn Theatre. Adult supervision required; adults don't need a ticket.

BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH Corinium Museum, 7-8pmThe Murder of Julius Caesar with **Gareth Harney**. £12

Coin specialist **Gareth Harney** explores history's most gruesome and infamous assassination using clues hidden in contemporary Roman coinage. In this visual exploration, Gareth will examine the fascinating backstory and earth-shattering consequences of that most notorious of days: the Ides of March, 44BC. Gareth is author of *Moneta*, a new publication that brings the history of the Roman world to life through the vivid imagery on coinage from the period.

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**MEDIEVAL BESTIARIES** Cirencester Library, 11-12pm

Make your own beautiful beast-based book! Age 5+ £FREE

Bestiaries are compendiums of beasts that were popular with the Ancient Greeks and revived in beautiful illustrated volumes during the Middle Ages (about 500–1500). Join children's author Valija Evalds to explore the history of this gorgeous animal-y artform and make your own fantastical beast book. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking required via Cirencester Library.

**GRWM, ROMAN STYLE!** Monastery & Co, 2-4pmMeet Sabina, a Roman beautician from **Chedworth Roman Villa**. £FREE

Appearance was a serious business in Roman Britain, indicating your wealth, health and social status. Join Sabina to explore the beauty trends and treatments popular in Corinium, from painful plucking to curious cosmetics and trendy hairstyles copied from Rome. You may even like to try a couple yourself! Drop in on the day; no booking required. Kindly provided by the National Trust.

**CURRY: A VERY BRITISH STORY** Indian Rasoi, 6-8pm

A tour for the tastebuds, exploring Britain's long love of curry. £35

Enjoy a specially prepared seven-course tasting menu as your host, Roman, explains how the history of Indian food in the UK began during the Crusades and now occupies a unique space in British food culture. Ticket price includes a welcome drink. Vegetarian and vegan options available. Booking required.

Partner event organised and ticketed via www.indianrasoi.org

SHEEP FOR A REASON The Bothy, Ashcroft Rd, 12-1pm

The Surprising History of Sheep Farming in the Cotswolds. £10



A true story of the shepherding life: **Sue Andrews'** farming dream grew from small beginnings into breeding prize-winning pedigree Texels in the Cotswolds. The author of the *If Clouds Were Sheep* series shares the secrets of the historic prosperity that came from the backs of sheep, and how they've influenced everything from banking to the shape of our landscape.

CHEDWORTH ROMAN VILLA REWRITTEN Corinium Museum, 2-3pm

Martin Papworth & Julie Reynolds. £10



Julie Reynolds and **Martin Papworth** from the National Trust will share how the villa at Chedworth has been re-imagined over the past 150 years, and how Dr Papworth's exciting new research is rewriting the 'end story' of the villa, and perhaps even that of Roman Britain, through archaeological investigation both on site and at other Roman villas in the south west.

Event supported by The National Trust.

JOHN NEVIL MASKELYNE The Ashcroft Centre, 7:30 - 8:30pm

Gloucestershire's Master of Magic and Mystery with **Andy Meller**. £10



Born in Cheltenham in 1839, Maskelyne was a magician, showman, author and inventor who is honoured to this day by the Magic Circle. Join **Andy Meller** to explore the life of this fascinating man, with a trick or two along the way!

Sponsored by Cirencester Archaeological & Historical Society

FAMILIES



DISCOVER YOUR PAST DAY Cirencester Library, 11 - 3pm

Drop in to find out who you are & where you're from. £FREE

Did you know that your local library holds a trove of historical records and resources, including subscriptions to genealogy websites such as ancestry.com – all free to Gloucestershire Libraries members! Join experts from Gloucestershire Archives, Gloucester Family History Society and The Library to discover all the brilliant free tools available. Family history research Q&A at 1pm.

THE RABBIT HOLE DETECTIVES Bingham Hall, 7-8pmLive audience podcast with **Rev. Richard Coles**, **Dr Cat Jarman** and **Charles Spencer**. £12

Join national treasure **Reverend Richard Coles**, TV historian and bestselling archaeologist **Dr Cat Jarman** and historian **Charles Spencer** for a special recording of their smash hit podcast *The Rabbit Hole Detectives*, a fascinating journey of historical discovery. Our three stars will take a deep dive into the origin of some fascinating historical objects, with past topics ranging from Viking ring fortresses to posh priestesses via bagpipes and soap. Expect expert analysis combined with compelling storytelling, fascinating and frivolous facts, personal experience and plenty of humour!

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**GRUESOME GARGOYLES** Corinium Museum, 10:30-12pm

Gargoyle clay crafting workshop. Age 6+ £10 per child; £9 for museum members.

Meet in front of the Parish Church to investigate the gargoyles and grotesques that grace the building. Once inspired, head back to the museum to create your own gruesome gargoyle to take home. All craft materials and instruction will be provided. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Ticketed via coriniummuseum.org.

**HALLOWEEN CATS** New Brewery Arts, 10-12:30 & 1:30-4pm

Craft yourself a timely & historical cat decoration! Drop in, £5 on the day.

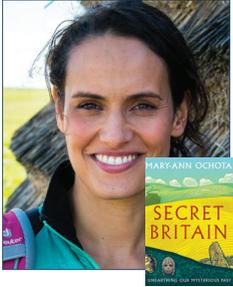
Black cats have a bad reputation. From Cat Sith of the Celtic festival Samhain to Grimalkin (who runs with the Witches in Macbeth) to Jiji in Kiki's Delivery Service, black cats have been entwined with Halloween and witches for centuries. Come along to make your own black cat decorations, purrfect for any Halloween party.

**HISTORICAL VILLAINS TRICK OR TREAT** Anywhere!Join our fancy dress contest to win a family ticket to **The Barn Theatre**. £FREE

Oliver Cromwell, Bloody Mary, Robespierre or Vlad The Impaler? Who's a villain; who decides? And which historical villain will you become for trick or treating this year? See our website for inspiration, join our accessory-making workshop (28th Oct) and share your outfits with the hashtag **#cirenhistoryfest** or by emailing hello@cirencesterhistoryfestival.org, telling us why you think your character is a villain. The best three will win a family ticket to *The Three Musketeers* at The Barn Theatre!

MARY-ANN OCHOTA Boutflour Hall, Royal Agricultural University, 6-7pm

Secret Britain: Unearthing Our Mysterious Past. £12



An Ice Age cannibal's skull cup, a hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold, a seventeenth-century witch bottle and a Roman child's bronze cockerel... Britain is full of ancient wonders: not grand like the Egyptian pyramids, but small, strange places and objects that hint at a deep and enduring relationship with the mystical. Join bestselling anthropologist and broadcaster **Mary-Ann Ochota** for a guided tour of Britain's most fascinating mysteries: archaeological sites and artefacts that take us deep into the lives of the many different peoples who have inhabited the island over the millennia. Introduced by Time Team's Mark Horton.

Event supported by The Royal Agricultural University.

FAMILIES



THE OTHERLANDS WALKING WORKSHOP Octavia's Bookshop, 10 -11:30am
Cirencester's forgotten, historic & magical spaces. **Age 7+ £8**

Trolls live under an abandoned railway bridge, magic awaits at the old copse, and folk tales come to life at City Bank: look for clues to a forgotten past with Steve Skinley, author of children's adventure *The Otherlands*, on a fun and creative walking workshop. Starts and finishes at Octavia's Bookshop. Bring a waterproof and wellies. Supervision required and adults need a ticket too.



STORIES FROM THE ROUNDHOUSE Cirencester Library, 10:30am & 1pm
An interactive story session based on prehistoric myths. **Age 7+ £FREE**

Find out about ancient tales and then make up your own to tell around the campfire! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking required via Cirencester Library.



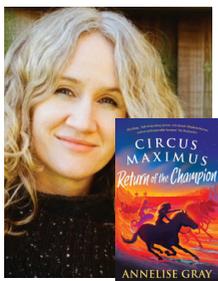
IRON AGE CIRENCESTER Corinium Museum, 12-1:30pm
'Picture the Past' local history workshop with Anne Buffoni. **Age 7+ £5**

What was the Cirencester area like during the Iron Age, before the Romans arrived? Find out with Anne Buffoni, author of *Kirin of the Dobunni*. Includes plenty of drawing, cutting and sticking. Booking required.

Event sponsored by Cirencester Archaeological and Historical Society.

ANNELISE GRAY Corinium Museum & Octavia's Bookshop, 10:30-12pm

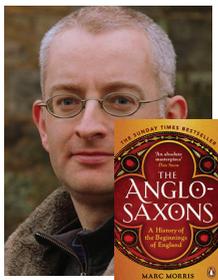
The World of Circus Maximus. Age 7+ £6



For lovers of history, horses and heart-stopping adventure! Join children's author Annelise Gray to hear what inspired her to write her much-loved *Circus Maximus* series – from *National Velvet* to Formula One motor racing – and the historical research that went into conjuring up a vivid and authentic portrait of the deadly Roman sport of chariot racing. Includes a reading from the book and time for Q&A. Annelise will be available to sign copies of her book at Octavia's Bookshop after the talk. Adults need a ticket too.

MARC MORRIS Cirencester Parish Church, 6:30-7:30pm

The Winstone Talk: The Anglo-Saxons: Myth and Reality. £12



Ever since the Norman Conquest, the English have looked back to the Anglo-Saxon era with nostalgia. The period between 450 and 1066, when England first came into being, has always been regarded as a golden age. Anglo-Saxon kings were elected and their church more pristine, women had better rights and people enjoyed greater freedoms, but how much of this is true and how much wishful thinking? Bestselling historian **Marc Morris**, presenter of the Channel 4 series *Castles*, is the author of *The Anglo-Saxons*, described by Dan Snow as 'an absolute masterpiece'. He shares the real story of the beginnings of England.

The Winstone Talk is supported by The K D Winstone Charitable Trust. Book tickets www.gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk



ROMAN MEDICINE UNVEILED Monastery & Co, 12-2pm

Meet Dr Quintus & Julia Medica from Chedworth Roman Villa. £FREE

Step into the world of ancient healing with Dr Quintus and Julia Medica, esteemed physicians to Corinium's elite. View their collection of authentic Roman medical instruments and watch as they demonstrate surgical techniques and secret remedies. Kindly provided by the National Trust. No appointment necessary!



TRADITIONAL BLOCK PRINTING New Brewery Arts, 10-4pm

Print your own festival tea towel with Jenny Stringer. Drop in, £7 on the day.

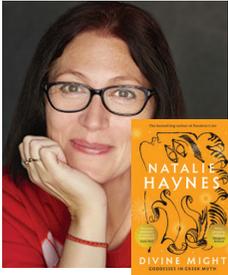
Jenny has been teaching the endangered craft of block printing for 30 years. Join her to learn how to make your own lino prints, and use her collection of Cirencester-history-inspired blocks to create your own organic cotton tea towel to take home. For adults and children (with supervision) alike.

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER

TALKS

NATALIE HAYNES The Barn Theatre, 2-3pm

Divine Might: Goddesses in Greek Myth. £12

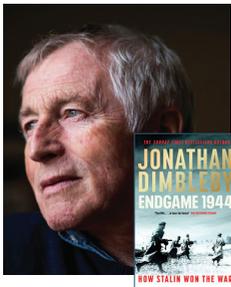


The comedian, rockstar mythologist and creator of Radio 4's Natalie Haynes Stands Up For The Classics brings the Goddesses of Ancient Greece kicking and screaming into the modern age, full of fire, fury and devotion! From Hera and Demeter to The Furies, **Natalie Haynes'** new book *Divine Might* overturns everything you thought you knew about Greek goddesses revealing them to be as complex, fearsome and powerful as their male counterparts. Join her for a electrifying one-woman show.

'Witty, gripping and ruthless' (Margaret Atwood)

JONATHAN DIMBLEBY The Barn Theatre, 4-5pm

Stalin, Putin and The West. £12



Three days before the US election, bestselling historian and hugely respected broadcaster **Jonathan Dimbleby** discusses his new book, *Endgame 44: How Stalin Won the War*, and how the events of 1944 laid the foundations for the Cold War and current tensions between Putin and The West. Find out how sophisticated new forms of deception and ruthless Partisan warfare shifted the Soviets' fortunes, how their triumphs effectively gave Stalin authority to occupy Eastern Europe and dictate the terms of the post-war settlement, and what that means for Ukraine and broader geopolitics in 2024. Chaired by Festival President, **Dame Fiona Reynolds**.

CIRENCESTER'S LOST BREWERY New Brewery Arts, 7-8:30pm

Beth Alden & Nick Hunt, plus a beer to end the festival! £10



In its heyday, Cirencester Brewery's three massive chimneys dominated the Cirencester skyline. The brewery complex included assembly rooms and a galleried inn. So where did it all go, and what would it have been like? New Brewery Arts occupies some of the former brewery site: join their CEO **Beth Alden** and Cotswold Lakes Brew Co's **Nick Hunt** to explore Cirencester's brewing past and present, along with a glass of a local beer to sign off the festival in style.

Event sponsored by Cotswold Lakes Brew Co.

WALKS, TOURS & HAPPENINGS GOING ON ALL WEEK!

**ALL EVENTS ON THIS PAGE ARE ORGANISED BY PARTNER ORGANISATIONS.
PLEASE VISIT THEIR WEBSITES FOR BOOKING DETAILS AND FURTHER INFORMATION.**

Bingham Gallery Exhibition at Bingham House in Dyer Street.

9:30am-4pm Mon-Fri and 10:30am-3:30pm Sat. £FREE; no booking required.

The Daniel Bingham Foundation has put together a new exhibition of local art for 2024-25 with guest curator Laurie Plant. Enjoy community, culture and history in the very heart of Cirencester.

CIRENCESTER AIR RAID SHELTER & MUSEUM, Sheep Street Car Park.

10:30am-4:30pm Sat 26 Oct & Sat 2 Nov. £FREE; no booking required.

Cirencester's original WWII air raid shelter will be open for both Saturdays of festival week, along with a wonderfully eclectic exhibition of wartime life in the Cotswolds and dedicated WWII walk (see below). Donations to the Living Memory Historical Association very welcome!

SAT 26 OCTOBER

10-11:30am Walk: History of Cirencester. Civic Society (free). Meet: church.
10-3pm Church tower open. No booking required; donations welcome.

SUN 27 OCTOBER

10-11:30am Walk: History of Cirencester. Civic Society (free). Meet: church.
7pm Historical film: *Gladiator* (15) at The Barn Theatre.

MON 28 OCTOBER

2-3:45pm Walk: WWII, Living Memory Historical Association (free).
Meet at Air Raid Shelter & optional visit to shelter & exhibition afterwards.

TUES 29 OCTOBER

10:30-11am Baby Bounce at The Library: Traditional Rhymes (free).
10:30am Church guided tour. No booking required; donations welcome.
11am Walk: Roman Cirencester. Book via coriniummuseum.org

WEDS 30 OCTOBER

10 & 11am Stories with Lisa at The Library: Princesses & Knights (free).
10:30am Church guided tour. No booking required; donations welcome.
11am Walk: Cirencester in the Civil War. Book via coriniummuseum.org

THURS 31 OCTOBER

10:30am Church guided tour. No booking required; donations welcome.
7pm Haunted Cirencester walk. Book via coriniummuseum.org
7:30pm Folk songs, Baunton Church: rebecca.shellenberger@freedom-leisure.co.uk

SAT 2 NOVEMBER

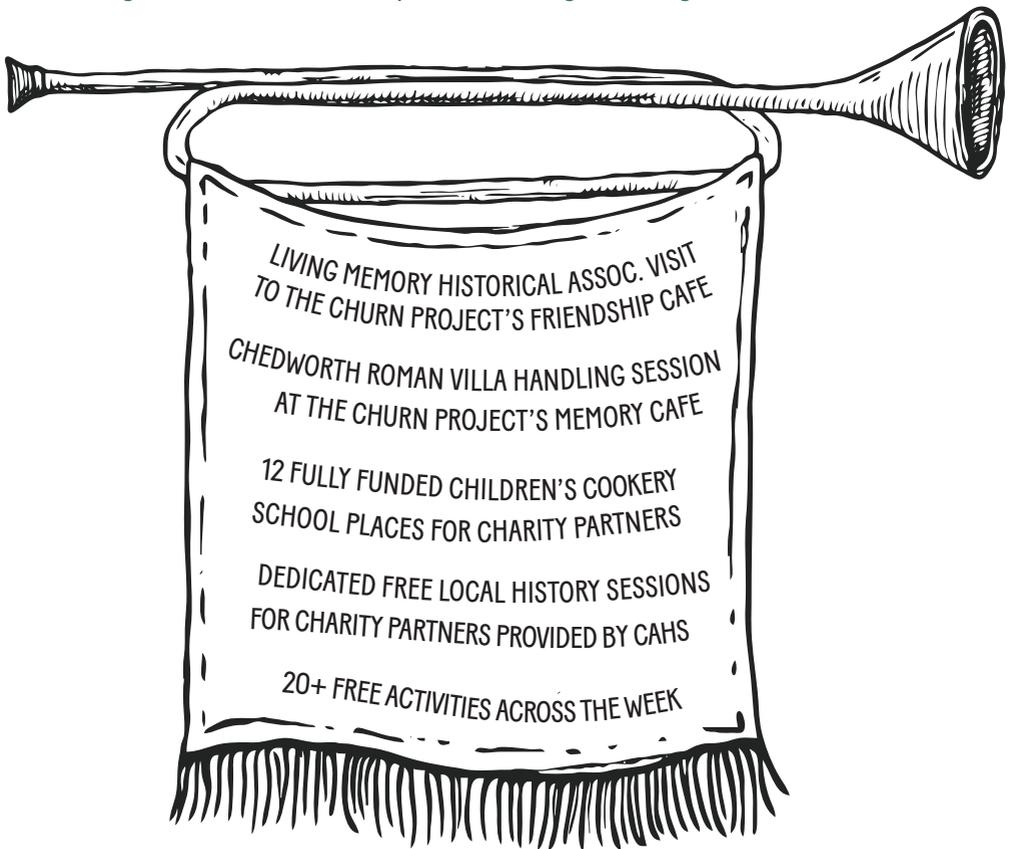
11am Cirencester Wool Walk. Book via coriniummuseum.org
10-3pm Church tower open. No booking required; donations welcome.
Celebrate Stratton at Stratton Flaggery Day! See www.makingplace.co.uk

SUN 3 NOVEMBER

10-12pm Walk: Pubs Past & Present. Civic Society (free). Meet at church.
7pm Historical film: *Chariots of Fire* (PG) at The Barn Theatre.

CIRENCESTER HISTORY FESTIVAL IN THE COMMUNITY.

We are very proud to work with local charities and cultural organisations to make sure everyone can enjoy the fun, creativity, learning and bonding that a local festival can bring. Here are some of the ways we're reaching out during festival week in 2024:



Please get in touch if you would like to help us provide even more free or subsidised content in 2025, whether by volunteering or making a donation. email: hello@cirencesterhistoryfestival.org

COMMUNITY UPSTART. See www.CirencesterRadio.co.uk for details of a range of history-related events from clubs and community groups, co-ordinated by Cirencester Radio in the lead up to festival week.

WITH HUGE THANKS TO OUR FOUNDING PATRONS:



Sir Michael McWilliam

Richard Mullings

Dame Fiona Reynolds

Paul & Vivian Styles

With special thanks to The Arts Society Corinium for their support helping young people to access the arts, culture and heritage.

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THE GLOUCESTER HISTORY FESTIVAL

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AUTUMN HISTORY FESTIVAL 7-22 SEPTEMBER 2024

Join one hundred of Britain's greatest historians and broadcasters in the magnificent surroundings of Blackfriars Priory. Speakers include David Olusoga, William Dalrymple, Dan Jones, Philippa Gregory, Mark Gatiss, Ranulph Fiennes, Helen Castor, Greg Jenner. Enjoy events in person or live-streamed.

HISTORY FESTIVAL SPRING WEEKEND 25-27 APRIL 2025

Every April the Festival returns with a mouth-watering three day programme of fifty top historians and thinkers. Join Bettany Hughes, Hallie Rubenhold, Robert Harris, Tracy Borman, Simon Jenkins, Zeinab Badawi and Bendor Grosvenor at the 2025 Spring Weekend.



THE WINSTONE TALK: THE ANGLO-SAXONS: MYTH AND REALITY

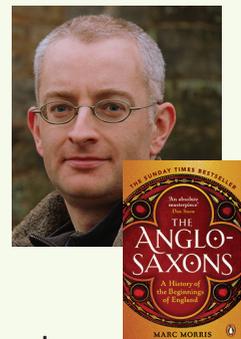
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SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 6.30-7.30PM

CIRENCESTER PARISH CHURCH, CIRENCESTER

The period between 450 and 1066, when England first came into being, has always been regarded as a golden age. Join bestselling historian and broadcaster Marc Morris to hear the compelling story of the beginnings of England.

The Winstone Talk is supported by The K D Winstone Charitable Trust



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