

**Annual Membership: £12 per person**  
(Covers all groups)

**Membership Year: January – December**

**For members joining after 1 October membership lasts until the end of the following year**

**For full joining information visit the website or phone the Membership Secretary**

**Event information for all groups appears on the noticeboard in the library foyer and on the website**

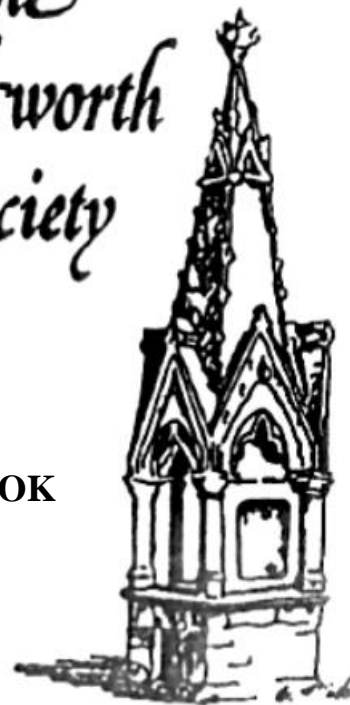
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*The  
Nailsworth  
Society*

**YEAR BOOK  
2026**



## OFFICERS

**Chairman** Kath Nielsen (07775 862529)  
**Vice Chairman:** Sharon Mansell (01453 835071)  
**Secretary:** Wendy Kelly (01453 839260)  
**Treasurer:** Allison Hope (07715 916924)  
**Membership Secretary:** Judith Haines (01453 833547)

## DATES FOR DIARY:

**Monday, 30 March 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in Sawyer Hall** Refreshments at 6.30pm for 7pm start, followed by a talk about the future of housing in Gloucestershire by Ian Crawley

**Saturday, 9 January 2027:** Social at 3pm in St George's Parish Rooms open to all members and prospective members. Annual membership available

## GROUP ACTIVITIES

All meetings except outside activities are held in the Sawyer Hall, Christ Church, Newmarket Road GL6 0DQ unless otherwise indicated. The charge per meeting is £2 for members and £5 for guests who are very welcome.

### Special Note

Speakers and subjects are liable to alteration in unforeseen circumstances. Up to date information is available on the website.

## RAMBLING GROUP

**Co-ordinators:** Mary Saunders (07970 376323)  
Allison Hope (07715 916924)

Meets on the **4th Thursday morning** of the month except January and December. We usually drive to a local pub then those who wish to, eat there at the end of the walk. Lifts can be arranged from the library if you contact organisers in advance. Walks are about 5+ miles. Details of each walk are circulated by email – please contact the organisers if you wish to be included. A poster is placed in the library foyer at the beginning of each month and on the website. More information from Mary Saunders – [mscottsloe@gmail.com](mailto:mscottsloe@gmail.com) or 01453 832749  
Nov 28th: Supper and AGM 7pm in St George's Parish Room

## CREATIVE WRITING GROUP 'TELL-TALES'

**Group Leader:** Tony Anhoury (07879 631141)

Meets on the **first Wednesday** of the month at participants' homes. Subject of each session is agreed between members and material can be short stories, prose, poetry or drama. Occasional tutorials and public performances are held.

## PERFORMING ARTS (THEATREGOERS)

**Group Leader (until 31 July):** Susan Staniforth (07891 436917)

Visits to plays, musicals, concert and dance performances are arranged throughout the year and publicised by email to Society members, on posters and in the Nailsworth News. Transport by coach or minibus is provided for regional events and the cost shared.

Email: [susanstaniforth@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susanstaniforth@hotmail.co.uk)

## LOCAL STUDIES GROUP

**Group Leaders: David Austin (07974 322302)**

### MEETINGS FOR 2026 ON 4th MONDAY IN THE MONTH at 7.30pm

Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	No meeting
Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Water Management in the Five Valleys – George Maslin
Mar 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Uphill Battle: gardening in the valleys – Rachael Austin
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Stroud Workhouse: a danger to sick people – Chas Townley
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	outdoor event – see below
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	joint outdoor event – see below
Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	No meeting – summer break
Sept 28 <sup>th</sup>	Trees under stress – John Parker
Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	Beasts of Forest and Vale – Dr Anthony Nansen
Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>	Shepherd's Crook Folk Choir
Dec 28 <sup>th</sup>	No meeting

### Outdoor Events & Visits

June 22<sup>nd</sup> Visit to Horsley Fishery – history, and demonstration of smoking process

June 30<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Minchinhampton Parish Church - Chiz Harwood

## GARDENING GROUP

**Leader(s): Vacancy**

### MEETINGS FOR 2026 ON 1st MONDAY IN THE MONTH

Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	No meeting.
Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	No meeting (Bank Holiday)
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	No meeting (Bank Holiday)
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	No meeting – summer break
Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	
Oct 5 <sup>th</sup>	
Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	

**SADLY, AT THE TIME OF PRINTING, THIS GROUP HAS NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED, BUT SHOULD THERE BE INTEREST IN CONTINUING, THE DATES ARE GIVEN AND DETAILS WILL BE EMAILED IN DUE COURSE**

## LOCAL HISTORY RESEARCH GROUP

**Group Leader: Brian Middleditch (07768 812401)**

### MEETINGS FOR 2026 ON 2nd MONDAY IN THE MONTH at 7.30 pm

Jan 12th	No meeting
Feb 9th	Nailsworth 1964 - 1984 – filmed by Lionel Bathe
March 9th	Stroud before Traffic Lights – filmed by Geoff and Bet King
April 13th	History of Brimscombe Mill – Sharon Mansell
May 11th	A Portrait of Nailsworth - Film and Words by Pip Heywood
June 30th	joint outdoor event - see below
July 13th	outdoor event - see below
Aug 10th	No meeting
Sept 14th	History of Thames and Severn Canal – John Morris
Oct 12th	St George's School, Theescombe – Jane Butler
Nov 9th	A Pictorial Journey of Nailsworth's Footpaths and Alleys - John Amos
Dec 14th	No meeting

### Outdoor Events & Visits

June 30th (Tues)	Holy Trinity Church Minchinhampton – Chiz Harwood
July 13th	Church of the Annunciation, Woodchester - Jane Bethell

## ARTS, CRAFT AND MUSIC GROUP

**Group Leader: Jane Bodkin (07905 030852)**

### MEETINGS FOR 2026 ON 3rd MONDAY IN THE MONTH at 7.30pm

Jan 19th	No meeting
Feb 16th	South Indian Palaces and places of worship – Ian Crawley
March 16th	The Thames – Odile Vanneau
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	History of the Blues – Tim Hughes
May 18th	Leonardo and his Dames – Sarah Middleton
June 15th	outdoor event – see below
July 20th	outdoor event – see below
Aug 17th	No meeting
Sept 21st	Lace making today – Jane Wright
Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	The Swinging Sixties and Design – Jacq Barber
Nov 16th	Pangolin (to be confirmed)
Dec 7th	Christmas Celebration

### Outdoor Events & Visits

June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon Visit to Quenington Sculpture Exhibition (car sharing)
July 20th	Arts and Crafts Tour of Painswick led by Sarah Middleton