



**Local History Today:
themes, challenges and opportunities**
Saturday 11th May 2019

University of Gloucestershire School of Business and Technology
Oxstalls campus, Oxstalls Lane, Gloucester, GL2 9HW
11.00 am - 3.15 pm

Programme

- 11.00** Doors open. Refreshments available.
11.25 Welcome and Introduction.
11.30 **Dr Matthew Cole - Mastering local history: an introduction to the programme at the University of Birmingham.**

Dr Matt Cole is the Deputy Convenor of the MA in West Midlands History at the University of Birmingham and has taught in the West Midlands for over 25 years. His research and writing on local history stretches back four decades, producing contributions to magazines such as *History West Midlands* and books including *Birmingham: Workshop of the World*. Matt is also a regular contributor to BBC radio and TV in the West Midlands commenting on local history and current affairs.

- 12.30** **Lunch break**
A sandwich lunch will be available. Donations gratefully received

- 1.45** Announcement of the winner of the **Bryan Jerrard Award** for what the judges believe to be the best article on an aspect of Gloucestershire's history in a local history publication during the preceding year. Prizes sponsored by The History Press.

- 2.00** **Dr Alan Crosby - Themes, challenges and opportunities: the current state of local history in Britain.**

Dr Alan Crosby is a freelance local and regional historian, writer, editor and lecturer who has taught and lectured for many universities during the past 30 years. He has always maintained a strong connection with the wider world of local and family history. He has published over 30 books and numerous articles, and has been the Editor of the British Association for Local History's Journal, *The Local Historian*, for seventeen years.

- 3.15** Close

Admission to the event is free.