

## LIZ WOOLLEY

A local historian specialising in the history of Oxford and Oxfordshire, particularly in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. An experienced speaker, guide, tutor, researcher, writer and community project co-ordinator, who is keen to help individuals and groups to enjoy finding out about the history of their local area.

### PERSONAL DETAILS

**Date of birth:** 03/05/1967

**Nationality:** British

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**Qualifications:** MSc in English Local History (Distinction), University of Oxford, 2009  
Diploma in English Local History (Distinction), University of Oxford, 2007  
BA (Hons) Pure and Applied Biology (Class 2.1), University of Oxford, 1988

### OCCUPATION

*January 2007 to present*

**Freelance local historian: writer, speaker, broadcaster, tutor, tour guide, project co-ordinator**, managing community history projects, researching and writing articles and reports (including house histories and company histories), giving talks and guided walks for Oxfordshire local history societies, WIs, U3As and other groups, and teaching local history courses.

*2010 to 2024*

Part-time **Tutor in history and local history, Oxford University Department for Continuing Education.**

*January 2008 to March 2016*

**Administrator, Friends of the University of Oxford Botanic Garden**, a charity supporting the work of the Garden and Harcourt Arboretum.

*September 2005 to September 2009*

**Part-time student** at Kellogg College, Oxford. **MSc in English Local History** completed September 2009;  
**Diploma in English Local History** completed September 2007.

*October to December 2007*

**Tour Guide, Oxford Castle Unlocked**, showing visitors the Saxon and Norman areas of the Castle and explaining the history of the site and of medieval Oxford.

*May to June 2007*

**Event Organiser, Oxford Preservation Trust (OPT)**, working on the *Opening Doors Opening Minds* local history community event, co-ordinating venues and volunteer stewards.

*May 2000 to April 2007*

**Supporters' Team Co-ordinator** in the Fundraising Department, **YWCA England & Wales**, a charity which supports vulnerable and disadvantaged young women.

*November 1993 to April 2000*

**Project Officer** in the Information for Development Programme of **CAB International (CABI)**, an intergovernmental scientific organisation based in Wallingford, Oxfordshire.

## **OCCUPATION (continued)**

*February 1989 to October 1993*

**Assistant to the Directors of the Environmental Research Group Oxford Ltd (ERGO) and Consultant to Resource Inventory and Management Ltd (RIM)**, companies which specialised in livestock, land use and socio-economic surveys in West Africa.

*July 1988 to January 1989*

**Office and field assistant for Bioscan (UK) Ltd**, a consultancy specialising in environmental impact assessment.

## **VOLUNTARY WORK**

*2022 to present*

**Advisor to the University of Oxford's Community History Programme.**

*2020 to present*

**Customer services volunteer at the Ultimate Picture Palace**, Oxford's oldest cinema.

*2019 to present*

**Cataloguer, Oxford City Council Town Hall archives**, cataloging post-1934 building plans.

*2016 to present*

**Member of the Buildings Awards Panel, Oxford Preservation Trust (OPT).**

*2009 to present*

**Treasurer, Membership Secretary, website manager and e-bulletin editor, Oxfordshire Local History Association (OLHA).**

*2007 to 2022*

**Honorary Secretary, Listed Buildings Sub-Committee of the Oxfordshire Archaeological and Historical Society (OAHS)**, responsible for co-ordinating expert comments on planning applications affecting listed buildings throughout Oxfordshire.

*2012 to 2019*

**Member of the Heritage Advisory Panel, Oxford Preservation Trust (OPT).**

*2010 to 2018*

**Member of the Academic Advisory Panel, Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust (SOF0).**

*March to July 2006*

**Photographic cataloguer, Oxfordshire Studies**, Westgate Library, Oxford.

*2004 to 2005*

**Co-ordinator of a successful campaign to prevent the demolition of the parish school of St Thomas the Martyr, Oxford** (built 1904).

*2001 to 2003*

**Chair of the Board of Trustees and Management Committee of the Oxfordshire Befriending Network**, a charity which matched volunteer befrienders with individuals suffering from terminal illnesses. I had particular responsibility for the development and direction of the charity's fundraising strategy.

*1995 to 1999*

**Qualified swimming instructor and volunteer trainer and mentor with Oxford Swans**, a charitable club at which disabled people learnt to enjoy the water.

**VOLUNTARY WORK (continued)**

1988 to 1990

**Volunteer worker at the Mill**, a day centre for people with severe long-term mental health problems, run by **Oxford MIND**.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Woolley, Liz, *A history of Wood Farm. Oxford*, Oxford Preservation Trust, 2024.

Woolley, Liz, *Lowe & Oliver: A Century in Power, a Centennial Celebration, 1923-2023*, Lowe & Oliver, 2023.

Woolley, Liz, *A history of Rose Hill, Oxford*, Oxford Preservation Trust, 2021.

Woolley, Liz, “**Four Generations of the Kingerlee Family in Banbury, 1841-1963**”, *Cake & Cockhorse* (Banbury Historical Society), Vol 23, 2021.

Woolley, Liz, *A Short History of Lloyds Bank, 1-5 High Street, Oxford*, Brasenose College, Oxford, 2019.

Woolley, Liz, *Changing Oxford: Fifty years of Oxford Civic Society 1969 – 2019*, Oxford Civic Society, 2019.

Woolley, Liz & Smith, Siân, *Kingerlee Ltd: celebrating 150 years of craftsmanship in construction, 1868 – 2018*, Kingerlee Ltd, 2018.

Haynes, Simon & Woolley, Liz, *66 Men of Grandpont 1914-18* (a 40-minute documentary film), 2016.

Farman, Chris, Rose, Valery & Woolley, Liz, *No Other Way: Oxfordshire and the Spanish Civil War, 1936-39*, International Brigade Memorial Trust, 2015.

Clarke, David & Woolley, Liz, “**A History of St Luke’s Church, Cold Harbour, Oxford**”, *Oxoniensia*, Vol 79, 2014.

Woolley, Liz, “**How the Railway Changed Oxford**”, *Oxfordshire Local History*, Vol 9, no 4, 2014.

Woolley, Liz, *Oxford’s Working Past: Walking Tours of Victorian and Edwardian Industrial Buildings*, Huxley Scientific Press, 2012 (second edition 2013).

Woolley, Liz, “**Industrial Architecture in Oxford, 1870 to 1914**”, *Oxoniensia*, Vol LXXV, 2010.

Woolley, Liz, “**“Disreputable housing in a disreputable parish”?: Common Lodging-houses in St Thomas’, Oxford, 1841 - 1901**”, *Midland History*, Vol XXXV, no. 2, 2010.

Woolley, Liz, “**Osney: a Railway Enclave?**”, *Oxfordshire Local History*, Vol 8, no 3, 2008.

Woolley, Liz, “**In the Footsteps of the Past**”, *Oxford Times, Limited Edition Magazine*, February 2008.

Coyer, C & Woolley, E, “**More Topics in International Health**”, *International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP) Newsletter*, 12, 1999.

FitzSimons, D & Woolley, E, “**From Brazzaville to Nairobi: CABI follows up on AHILA 5**”, *International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP) Newsletter*, 8, 1997.

Gooch, P, Gashaw, KG & Woolley, E, “**Evaluating the Impact of CD-ROM Databases on Agricultural Development in Africa**”, *Information Development*, Vol 11, no 4, 1995.

Bourn, D, Wint, W, Blench, R & Woolley, E, “**The Nigerian Livestock Resources Survey**”, *World Animal Review* (FAO of the United Nations), 78, 1994.

Bourn, D, Wint, W, Blench, R & Woolley, E, *Nigerian Livestock Resources*, four-volume report to the Federal Government of Nigeria by Resource Inventory and Management Ltd, 1992.

**MEMBERSHIP OF SOCIETIES**

Oxfordshire Architectural and Historical Society	2001 to present
Oxford Civic Society	2002 to present
Oxford Preservation Trust	2002 to present
Oxfordshire Buildings Record	2006 to present
Oxfordshire Local History Association	2006 to present
Victorian Society	2009 to present
Twentieth Century Society	2009 to present
Historic Buildings & Places (formerly Ancient Monuments Society)	2011 to present
Friends of Friendless Churches	2011 to present
Combe Mill Society	2012 to present
Writers in Oxford	2024 to present

**EDUCATION**

2007 - 2009	Oxford University Department for Continuing Education MSc in English Local History (Distinction)
2005 - 2007	Oxford University Department for Continuing Education Diploma in English Local History (Distinction)
1985 - 1988	St Catherine's College, University of Oxford BA (Hons) in Pure and Applied Biology (Class 2.1)
1981 - 1984	Wycliffe College, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire 2 O'levels and 4 A'levels
1972 - 1981	Convent of St Clotilde, Lechlade, Gloucestershire 8 O'levels