

STOW & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

PROGRAMME

2009 – 2010

Tuesday 6th October 2009

“Cotswold Stone Barns” – Tim Jordan

A fascinating illustrated talk on the design, construction and changing patterns of use of Cotswold Stone Barns – a familiar feature of our local landscape. From the Middle Ages to modern day their use has changed markedly following development in farming practices and can now be seen in many guises.

Wednesday 28th October 2009

Autumn Dinner – “The Old Stocks Hotel”

Tuesday 1st December 2009

“The Life & Times of William (Strata) Smith” – Owen Green

Discover the story of our newest celebrity in Stow-on-the-Wold! This illustrated talk reveals the background of the ‘Father of English Geology.’ Through bankruptcy and imprisonment to final recognition by the establishment, where would the modern mining, gas and oil industries be without him?

Tuesday 2nd February 2010

“Cotswold Enigmas” – Aylwin Sampson

Who was the Bisley Boy? Who or what was the Campden Wonder? These and other fascinating Cotswold puzzles and secrets will all be revealed by local author, artist and ‘teller of strange tales’, Aylwin Sampson, in this charming illustrated talk.

Tuesday 6th April 2010

“Not Above Borrowing from Tradition: Living & Working with Stone & Plaster” – Rory Young

Highly acclaimed local designer, stone carver and conservator of historic buildings, Rory Young will explain his work both ‘hands on’ and as Advisory Committee member of St. Paul’s and Worcester Cathedrals. Exquisite slides show commissioned work from statues through to his renovation work on York Minster.

Wednesday 26th May 2010

Organised Trip – “Coughton Court” – an imposing Tudor house, home to the Throckmorton family for 600 years with fascinating links to the Gunpowder plot.

Tuesday 1st June 2010

“Rodmarton Manor: English Arts & Crafts Movement at its Best” – Simon Biddulph

Who lives in a house like this? We are taken on an illustrated personal tour of a home near Cirencester, commissioned by grandparents in 1909 and built over the next 20 years. This was one of the last country houses constructed according to Arts and Crafts ideals using local stone, local timber and local craftsmen.

Thursday 29th July 2010

Organised Trip – “Rodmarton Manor” - a supreme example of a house built in the Arts and Crafts style responsible for reviving many traditional crafts in the Cotswolds which were in danger of dying out.

All Meetings in Church Room, Stow: 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.