

# STOW & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

## PROGRAMME

2010 – 2011

*Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010*

**“Cattle Droving through the Midlands; its impact on Stow & the Cotswolds”** – Bruce Smith

Did you realize that in 1800 one and a half million sheep were driven through the Midlands to London? Or that cattle were regularly driven from Wales to the capital to satisfy the meat market? Just how was this done? Bruce Smith will explain the people and logistics behind this feat and the effect it had on our local landscape with more than 500 droves per year passing through the area.

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*Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010*

**Autumn Dinner – “The Talbot”, Stow-on-the-Wold**

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*Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010*

**“Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust”** – Hugh Tollemache

We are delighted to welcome the Hon. Hugh Tollemache, Chairman of Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and a local resident near Stow. His illustrated talk will outline the diversity of the Trust, the problems and threats it faces today and the work it undertakes locally to protect, restore and monitor habitats and the special wildlife they attract.

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*Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011*

**“The War Memorial in Stow-on-the-Wold”** – Susan Brattin

Popular resident and member of our Civic Society, Susan Brattin has over the years researched the history of the War Memorial in Stow. We are very pleased she will be giving her fascinating talk to the Society in which we will also discover much about the lives of those commemorated by our Memorial in the Church.

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*Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011 - to be held at St. Edward's Hall*

**“The Battle of Stow and the English Civil War”** – panel of speakers to be announced

Just exactly where was the Battle of Stow? To highlight the Society's support of the Battlefields Trust's endeavours to answer this question, and to help raise more local awareness of this project, we are delighted to host this special meeting for both members and the public at this fitting and apposite historic venue. We will be inviting not only expert speakers but hope to engage the audience with an 'Any Questions' style session to follow.

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*Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011*

**Organised Trip – “Ashmolean Museum & Bodleian Library, Oxford”** – enjoy fully guided tours around the inspirational newly redeveloped Ashmolean Museum and the Bodleian Library complex which shows the interior of the buildings that form the historic heart of the world-famous University.

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*Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011*

**“Chatelaines of Chastleton”** – Nicola Dyer

The Curator of this local rare gem of a Jacobean country house will focus her entertaining talk on the men and women of Chastleton House. We will hear about some of the strong personalities who have lived there over the years and particularly its proud history of ladies who have saved the day!

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*Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011*

**Organised Trip – “Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon”** - a fascinating chance to experience a 'behind the scenes' tour of the multi-million pound newly re-opened theatre in Stratford.

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