

STOW & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

PROGRAMME 2011 – 2012

Wednesday 5th October 2011

“Music, Friendship & the Cotswold Hills – a life of Gustav Holst” – Angela Applegate

Volunteer with the Holst Birthplace Museum & Civic Society member, Angela Applegate will give a general, illustrated talk about the life, interests & influences of this local British composer, born in Cheltenham & perhaps most famous for his masterpiece “The Planets.” We will also hear about the recently opened Gustav Holst Way – a rambler’s route linking some of the beautiful Cotswold places associated with him.

Wednesday 26th October 2011

Autumn Dinner – “The Old Stocks Hotel”, Stow-on-the-Wold

Wednesday 7th December 2011

“Edward Wilson – Captain Scott’s Antarctic companion” – Ann-Rachael Harwood

In the month preceding the centenary of Captain Scott’s ill-fated expedition to the South Pole we are delighted to welcome the Curator of Human History at Cheltenham Art Gallery & Museum to talk about Edward Wilson – a local man from Cheltenham who was Scott’s friend, colleague and doctor on that Antarctic trip and who died together with Scott in their lonely hut on the ice. He was also an expert ornithologist & gifted artist whose illustrations of birds in Antarctica are amongst the great treasures recovered from the expedition.

Thursday 2nd February 2012

“The Cotswolds & the Gas Pipeline” – Malcolm Watt

Do you remember when a huge 44 km-long gas pipeline was laid between the Cotswold villages of Wormington & Sapperton two summers ago? And can you even see now where it all actually happened? Malcolm Watt, Planning Officer of the Cotswold Conservation Board, will explain how the CCB and the National Grid worked closely side-by-side to restore all of the land to its original condition & where possible actively enhanced the local surroundings.

Thursday 5th April 2012

“The Cotswold Olimpicks” – Graham Greenall

It’s 2012. The Olimpicks are coming to Stow! No, not the Olympics you might be thinking of this year but “Robert Dover’s Games” or “the Cotswold Olimpicks” which celebrate their 400th anniversary this year & are considered to be the forerunner of the modern Olympic movement. The Chairman of these Games will explain more!

Wednesday 16th May 2012

Organised Trip – “Outing to Brunel’s SS Great Britain, Bristol” – enjoy a fully guided tour of Brunel’s special steam-powered ship which changed maritime history. Launched in 1843 Brunel’s vision made her the great-great grandmother of all modern ships. She now rests in the original Dry Dock where Brunel built her after 1 million miles at sea.

Thursday 7th June 2012 – AGM

“The Story of Batsford Arboretum” – Sue Burn

This local arboretum, founded in the late 19th century & renowned for its Asian woodland planting, is considered one of the finest in Britain. It has recently expanded its boundaries adding more than 500 new plants to its collection, under a £2 million development programme, making it one of the largest private collections in the UK. Sue Burn will tell the history of the Arboretum & take us on an illustrated tour month by month of this lovely garden.

Thursday 5th July 2012

Organised Trip – “The Morgan Sports Car Factory, near Great Malvern” - a fascinating fully guided tour of the factory witnessing the traditional skills of the craftsmen & women who hand-make these iconic cars.

All Meetings in the Baptist Hall, Stow: 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.