



PROGRAMME 2018 – 2019

Stow & District Civic Society

Please keep your diaries free for two special events on Friday 14th September and Friday 19th October 2018.
Details to follow shortly!

Friday, 5th October 2018

“The History of RAF Little Rissington” – David Brown

David Brown, who served at RAF Little Rissington for 5 years prior to its closure in 1976, will outline the history of the base, covering its distinguished wartime service and its post war role as home of the Central Flying School and the Red Arrows. RAF Little Rissington is such an important part of our local history and the talk, full of many humorous observations, will conclude with a selection of fascinating historic film clips showing Royal visits, the formation flying teams and even Frederick the Pelican!

Monday, 5th November 2018 “Autumn Lunch”- Wyck Hill House Hotel, nr Stow

Speaker: Helen Plumb – leading gemstone expert.

Friday, 30th November 2018

“Sister Edith Appleton – Front Line nurse and diarist in the Great War” – Dick and Lisa Robinson

This month marks the centenary of the end of World War I and husband and wife, Dick and Lisa Robinson, will tell the remarkable story of his great aunt who served as a Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve in Northern France throughout the Great War. Often working near the front line and under fire, she wrote an amazing daily journal ending just after the Armistice. Her diaries lay undiscovered for almost 50 years after her death but have since been published by the Imperial War Museum. Lisa Robinson will read extracts from the diaries and we will also learn how Michael Morpurgo came to write the Foreword to the book.

Friday, 1st February 2019

“Winchcombeshire – the forgotten county” – Tim Porter

Just over a thousand years ago a shire centred on the town of nearby Winchcombe existed – but for just ten years only! This talk by respected local historian Tim Porter tells its story: why it appeared and then disappeared so suddenly; the ancient importance of Winchcombe itself; the people and the politics involved; and the extent of its territory which of course included Stow-on-the-Wold. Come and discover some little-known history of our local area.

Friday, 29th March 2019 – Spring Quiz – St. Edward’s Hall

Friday, 5th April 2019

“Art and Crafts in the Cotswolds” – Sarah McCormick Healy

We think we all know of the connection between the Arts and Crafts movement and our own part of the world. But why was the Cotswolds so popular with the followers of the Arts and Crafts movement? And what was so special about it? Our speaker, Curator of award-winning Court Barn Museum in Chipping Campden, will explore these questions primarily through the life of Charles Robert Ashbee and including other leading figures of the movement.

May 2019 – Organised Visit – to be confirmed

Friday, 1st June 2019 – A.G.M. – please note this starts at 7.30 p.m. immediately followed by our talk:-

“The History and Meaning of Gloucestershire Pub Signs” – Angela Panrucker

The humble inn sign is recognised as an iconic image and rightly regarded as being of local interest and distinction. Focussing on a number of well-known and some lesser well-known designs, this entertaining talk will give a snapshot of the heritage, history, characters and legends of our local area. So let’s all drink to that!

July 2019 – Organised Visit – to be confirmed

***** Regular theatre trips throughout the year – dates to be advised *****

All Meetings in St. Edward’s Hall, Stow: 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start

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