

REPTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

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1. The programme for the remainder of 2013 is as follows:

June 18 th	Archive evening.
July 17 th	Visit to RR Heritage Trust in Derby
August 7 th	Visit to Ticknall Lime Works.
September 17 th	Rowena Lovatt - Leek Embroidery Guild.
October 15 th	Wendy Freer - 'Carrying Coals'.
November 19 th	Patsie Jarman - 'They Brewed A Good Jug Of Ale'.
December 3 rd	Social and (hopefully with Richard Farman's talk 'A Tram ride to Ashby')

Many thanks to Gillian Hartley, Joanna Stamford and Richard Wain for providing excellent talks on our 10 minute talk evening. Something we will try again next year.

The programme for 2014 is partially complete and meetings will still be on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month (except December and the visits):

January	Shirley Horton - Derbyshire Explorers and Adventurers II
February	4 ten minute talks
March	TBA
April	TBA
May	Richard Stone followed by our AGM
June	Archive evening or major display.
July	Visit
August	Visit
September	TBA
October	Robert Mee 'Fellon's societies'
November	Wendy Freer 'Black Diamonds'.
December	Social

2. Visit arrangements.

2.1. RR Heritage Trust. This has to be pre booked with Andy as we have to submit names in advance of the visit.

We meet at the RR Light Alloy Foundry site on Osmaston Rd at 10.15 for a 10.30 visit which will last about 2 hours. There is plenty of parking but contact me please if you want a lift or can offer one. There are no facilities for food there.

Directions: The simplest route is to make your way to the Derby Ring Road and pick up Osmaston Road at the Spider Bridge. Following this into town, the Light Alloy Foundry site is on the left just before the railway bridge. DE24 8AE will get you very close if you are using SatNav.

2.2. Ticknall Lime Kilns: Meet in Ticknall Village hall car park at 10.15 for 10.30 and we will be taken round by Rachael Hall - archaeological consultant to the National Trust. We should be finished in time for lunch at Calke Abbey for those that fancy the idea. They do not charge for these visits and so I'd like to suggest a charge of £3 per person as a donation to Calke Abbey.

It is important that you book with Andy on 01283 702448 or austens@talktalk.net please.

3. AGM.

Unfortunately Richard Farman - the speaker - suffered a migraine at the last minute and so we had to resort to a slide show of Repton Past. A challenge to identification was added because we had inadvertently (but consistently) got the slides back to front. Thank you to all who helped with the scramble to get organised.

At our AGM the officer's reports and accounts were accepted and the committee was appointed. Committee members are: Ivor Sandars: Chairman, Neil Cumming: Vice chairman, Janine Appleby: Treasurer, Andy Austen: Secretary, Glenys Shakespeare: Membership Secretary, Alan Kimber: Photographic Archivist.

4. **Membership.**

Memberships are now overdue for renewal, so if you haven't already done so, please renew - you can pay Glenys at any of our meetings or any committee member or by some other arrangement. Glenys is on 01283 544085 or glenysandfrank@talktalk.net

5. **Village Party.**

Many thanks to all who visited our stand and helped us to collect a bumper harvest of names for people on our photographs. This is definitely something we will repeat.

6. **"Campaigns"**

The Well Lane right of way: The DVD of the 1762 Wyatt's map has been located and enables us to confirm in detail the location of the public bridle way mentioned in the enclosures act. We have also tracked down a photographic slide with the finger post in the Square. It is just readable and confirms the foot path to Winshill (3 miles).

7. **The Archive:**

7.1. Main recent additions:

- 7.1.1. We have completed the cataloguing of Bunty Marshall's Repton materials and have now started on David Guest's. The materials will be accessible by prior arrangement.
- 7.1.2. Thanks to Bunty and Joan Measham, we have copies of two comprehensive papers about the Measham Family of Repton who can be traced back to 1275. We have also received a comprehensive Measham family tree from Andy Timms who is married into the family and has traced their line back to 1675. We were able to provide Andy with Measham information and a photograph of Simney Lane showing roughly where the family were in the 1860s.
- 7.1.3. We have photographed the 1914 - 1920 Parish magazines to support the WWI research.

8. **Projects:**

If you feel you can contribute to any of these projects, please let Andy Austen know.

- 8.1. We still need more help to write a visitor's history of Repton.
 - 8.2. We have still to produce a leaflet for visitors to the Commonwealth War Graves in the churchyard. These would be available in the church porch. The information is all available now.
 - 8.3. Transcription of the taped oral histories has stopped pending completion of the WWI research.
 - 8.4. Repton's bells: This research will restart once the spire is repaired and access to the belfry is again possible. We need to copy the detailed inscriptions of the 6th bell to determine if it is a Braysher bell from before 1496 or a later Leicester foundry bell.
 - 8.5. Relating the 1881 census to the 1881 map has restarted and is increasingly supported by photographic evidence from the archive.
 - 8.6. We have a number of volunteers now to make a photographic record of the village this summer but we could use more please. You need a digital camera but no special photographic skills are needed.
 - 8.7. The work on the Mitre Inn and Star public house is about as complete as we can get it. There are still some queries about the Mitre's location at the Cross between 1865 and 1875. Work on the other pubs continues.
 - 8.8. Margaret and Janine are just completing their work on those men on the WWI memorials. Janine has now moved onto WWII men and Margaret is seeking information on the men from Milton whose memorial is lost. We think all those from Milton who fell in WWI are on the Repton memorial but would like to be sure.
9. For further information or for comments, please contact Andy Austen - Secretary - on austens@talktalk.net or 01283 702448.