

REPTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

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1. The remaining monthly meetings for this year are:

- Tuesday 20th November 2012
'Derbyshire Adventurers and Explorers' An illustrated talk by Shirley Horton.
- Tuesday 4th December 2012
'Why the Norkies came to Burton' A talk by Ian Hingley - plus our Christmas social.

2. The programme for 2013 is as follows:

January 15 th	Keith Blood - 'Repton - The Early Days'.
February 19 th	Four 10 minute talks on Repton projects
March 19 th	Janet Spavold and Sue Brown - 'History of Ticknall'.
April 16 th	Richard Stone - 'Painting with Light' the art of stained glass.
May 21 st	Richard Farman - 'Tram Ride to Ashby' - followed by our AGM
June 18 th	Archives evening.
July	Outing - Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust?
August	Outing - TBA
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.

We have yet to organise the July and August outings, but suggestions are Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust (hopefully to meet the Jam Roll in person), Newton Solney Church, the Ticknall Limeyards, Elford Hall Gardens and Holy Angels church at Hoar Cross.

The 10 minute talks are an opportunity for members to talk for just 10 minutes or so on any topic of their choice. We have a couple of volunteers so far but need a couple more please. For those less comfortable with doing this, it could be conducted 'interview style'.

All meetings are, as usual, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm (except July and August).

Members and visitors welcome to all meetings and visits. Admittance remains at £2.00 for members and £3.00 for visitors and includes refreshments.

3. "Campaigns"

- The gun mount on Jeremiah's Walk
Roy Ward brought this mount to our attention. We were afraid that the mount would be under the footprint of the new Science Priory and the Bursar was sympathetic to the idea of rescuing it. However at the moment it seems it might survive anyway.
- We attended the local extraction plan consultation at Hilton and were reassured by the assessment of the area adjacent to Repton. It scores high in terms of social impact and landscape/historical importance but low in terms of ecology. So it is not at serious risk of being selected at present.

4. The Archive:

4.1. Recent additions include:

- Richard Wain has very kindly written up his talk on Bretby and this is added to the archive and generally available.
- Roger Wetton has lent us a newspaper cutting of the Cross area in April 1928 - interesting because it shows the area before the Hurricane crash-landed there. We are trying to make a good copy of it.
- We have a copy now of the parish records for St Giles, Calke.
- Neil Cumming has donated the score of 'Santa Claus at the School', the order of service for the Lieutenancy Service in St Wystan's in 1991, a war time food parcel (empty!) from South Africa found in Mr Sanders workshop, and parish magazine articles including Mr Sanders obituary. He was organist at the URC and a piano tuner.

- Ivor Sandars has provided 3 scrap books of press cuttings which need indexing and, in one case, copying. And some local leaflets.
 - Bunty Marshall has turned up an account of a very early camp of the Scouts in 1929. I think this was actually the Repton School Troop but that needs clarifying as most of the names are good village names. We have also received 2 more Scout's personal record books.
 - A copy of Colin Kitching's book 'Squire of Calke Abbey' (journals of Sir George Crewe) has been added along with a digital copy of Bigsby's Historical and Topographical Description of Repton (1854) and a digital copy of F C Hipkins' 'Repton and its Neighbourhood' (1899)
- 4.2. We have been able to help another researcher. Again Janine Appleby has done most of the work but we have been able to use the archives and indeed, have added to them in the course of the research. Briefly, we were approached by Pat from Sydney. She was hunting for Mary Smith of Repton - the 3rd wife of her gggfather who went to Tasmania to farm. He was born in India as Johnstone Need but later changed his name to John Johnston. His father was Lieutenant General Samuel Need and his grandfather was the financing partner with Strutt and Arkwright in building the Cromford mills in 1771. His sister, Caroline Need, married Edmund Lewis Crewe and they went to live in Repton Park. Surprisingly, she was half Indian. It was their son - John Edmund Crewe who was evicted when he fell out with Sir Vauncey - who demolished the house in spectacular fashion. It was in trying to identify where Mary Smith lived, that a start was made on matching the 1881 map and census. It seems to have been on the site of where the Chemists shop/billiards hall was - between the Star Inn (now 37 High St) and Tudor Lodge.
- 4.3. In the last edition, I mentioned that Mrs Fulton (Tom Collier's daughter) had lived in Kelston Lane opposite the Stone House on High Street. In fact, we have now determined that this lane was properly Kelston Lodge Drive. Kelston Lodge being Dr Hands' house now. However information from Brian and Hilary Hazelwood means that we will have to do more research on exactly where Mrs Fulton lived.

5. Projects:

- 5.1. The Village Map that Ken Ash designed in 1983 has been brought up to date with a surprising number of changes and reprinted. It is available in the Post Office or from me (£1).
- 5.2. Shirley from the Post Office reported that she has many requests for a visitor's history to Repton and if anyone is interested in getting involved in helping to write one, then please let me know.
- 5.3. Transcriptions, by Margaret, of the audio tapes made by David Guest and others continues slowly. David has passed over the collection of tapes and they will be added to the archive.
Recently, Margaret and I had a long conversation with Bertie Warner in the Tea Rooms and his recollections have been typed up and are available. Other transcriptions are of Elsie Aldred, Walter Archer, Margaret Argyle, Baden Sandars, Iris Bentley, Michael Charlesworth, Eleanor Goodwin, Lillian Ash, Ken Croft, Brian Hollis, Lucy Harrison, Kitty Whirlidge, Cecil Rowland and Bernard Whitfield (part 1 is missing).
- 5.4. Repton's bells. This research has paused pending the gleaning of more information about the minor bell marks and lettering styles on other Brasyer bells. 1513 is the date ascribed to the 5th bell in St Wystans and so a 500th birthday party was considered for next year. However better information about the Brasyer's marks casts doubt on this - the bell could actually be made by Richard Brasyer's father in the 1490s.
- 5.5. We are in the process of trying to set the 1881 census against the 1881 map. A fascinating and revealing process with many detailed conundrums to resolve.
- 5.6. Alan is continuing work on shops and businesses in Repton and any information you can provide will be much appreciated.
- 5.7. Gillian Hartley is keen to help make a photographic record of the village and we would appreciate more help please.

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