

REPTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

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DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

With great regret the committee has had to cancel the members' evening due to be held on December 6th. At the meeting when the arrangements had to be finalised the interest shown for tickets was far below that for previous years at the same time. We will be looking at the arrangements for 2013.

POSTAL SCAM.

This has been confirmed by the Royal Mail and The Trading Standards Office.

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a premium rate number). **DO NOT** call this number, as it is a mail scam originating from Belize. If you do call the number and you start to hear a recorded message **YOU WILL HAVE ALREADY HAVE BEEN BILLED £315 FOR THE PHONE CALL.**

If you do receive such a card please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 020 7239 6655. This information has come via Neighbourhood Watch.

In the last few newsletters we have pointed out the benefits of receiving information via email from the Society and this is a good example because it is pure coincidence that this item has arrived in time for a newsletter and can be distributed as hard copy as well as by email. Please email Linda Shortt (rvssec@yahoo.co.uk) if you would like to receive newsletters and these sorts of other items electronically in future.

South Derbyshire Local Plan

The Committee have spent considerable time on two occasions completing answers to questions posed by the SDDC in connection with this plan and we have just completed a third set. All the proposals have been aired at "Drop in Events" open to the public and broadly they have all been concerned with future growth, future housing needs and where these should be, transport links etc. In the early part of 2013 there will be more questions regarding housing developments nearer to Repton. Details will be available at another "Drop - in Event" to be announced. The latest document was some 54 pages long.

Derby and Derbyshire Minerals Plan

Derby and Derbyshire will have to find sites to provide a further 18 million tons of sand and gravel to 2030 under the National Planning Policy Framework, and another recent "Drop- in Event," also open to the public, outlined the proposals. Possible sites include one close to Repton between the village and the Trent. Again the Committee have spent time answering a set of questions and we have expressed our concern about the noise, traffic, effect on the view of the village, disruption of footpaths, loss of grassland etc., if extraction were to go ahead.

Annual Subscriptions. The bad news is that these are due in January; the good news is that they remain at 2012 levels: £3 single membership, £6 households.

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Future Programme.

Thursday January 3rd. Sir Henry Every, who was High Sheriff of Derbyshire in 2009, will be describing the challenging and exciting aspects of this historic role.

Thursday February 7th. “In the Footsteps of Flamsteed.” John Flamsteed (1646-1719) was born in Denby and became the first Astronomer Royal setting up, under the patronage of King Charles II, the Royal Observatory at Greenwich. Mike Lancaster will be outlining the life and work of this remarkable man during his wide ranging talk.

Saturday February 9th. Bill Smith will be with his Strictly Swing Quintet for another evening of Jazz. As previously this is a “bring your own food and drink” occasion but by popular request will finish at approx. 10.15p.m. All the proceeds will be going towards the “Save the Spire” appeal. Tickets are £8. Bill has said that if there are requests for a particular tune he will try and include it in the programme provided he has some notice. Please let me know accordingly.

Thursday March 7th. “ The Derby Canal; Past Present and Future.” The Chairman of the Derby and Sandiacre Canal Society, Chris Mudge and Doug Flack will outline some of the history of the canal and what made it unique and give an update on the strenuous efforts to restore it. The talk will be followed by the **Annual General Meeting** and cheese and wine. N.B. Any nominations for the election of officers or committee members must be made in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days before the AGM must be supported by a seconder and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained.

Coach Trips in 2013

There are four planned as listed in the programme. Brief details are as follows:

Saturday April 27th. Coach leaves the Church at 8.30 a.m. for Chester. There will be time for coffee before a 60-90 minute guided tour of the City finishing at lunchtime. The rest of the day is free with departure at 4p.m arriving back at approx. 6 p.m. Cost –including guides: £17 members, £19 visitors. Maps will be provided and the coach will set down and pick up from a central car park.

Wednesday June 12th. Colin Bagshaw will be on the coach leaving the Church at 8.30 a.m. to guide us through Derbyshire looking at the geology that featured in his talk on June 6th arriving in Castleton for lunch and free time before returning to Repton via a different route by about 6 p.m. There will be very little walking involved. Cost: £16 members, £18 visitors.

Saturday July 6th. Rod Pearson will be the guide on the coach leaving the Church at 8.30 a.m. for Halifax where he will visit the Piece Hall, Town Hall and other buildings of note. It is hoped to arrange a tour of the interior of the Town Hall in the afternoon and the coach will leave at 4 p.m. and be back in Repton by about 6.30 p.m. Cost: £17 members, £19 visitors. More details later.

Wednesday September 11th. Coach leaves the Church at 8.45 a.m to visit firstly Winterbourne House in Edgbaston which was built for the Nettlefold family (the largest manufacturer of wood screws in the world at the time) in 1903 in the Arts and Crafts style with furniture to match. It is one of the best surviving examples of an Edwardian suburban villa and is set in 7 acres of superb garden. There is a tea room and the cakes are excellent! We will then move on to the Avoncroft Outdoor Museum of Ancient Buildings at about mid-day. This site contains 25 buildings that have been rescued and re-erected and range from a 1940’s prefab to a medieval merchant’s house, a windmill and a working Edwardian Tearoom. The coach will leave at 3.30 p.m and arrive in Repton at approx. 5.15 p.m. Cost, to include all entry fees: £20 members, £22 visitors.

And finally the Committee wishes you all that you wish for yourself for Christmas and 2013.

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