

# REPTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

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## May 2016 Newsletter.

Since the Annual General Meeting Barbara McArdle has agreed to become the Hon. Secretary when Linda Shortt retires later in the year and Peter Rainey has agreed to become the Vice Chairman now and to become the Chairman from January. We are most grateful to them both. However we are still seeking somebody to devise and run the 2017 programme and we would welcome a volunteer.

### Future Programme.

**Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>.** “A Dinosaur from the Antarctic.” Between 1955 and 1981 Professor (Emeritus) Rainer Goldsmith travelled to the Continent three times with various expeditions. His talk will be about the purpose of these journeys, the people who choose to work there and the animals and landscapes that make this region so fascinating.

**Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup>** This meeting will mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society. It will be held in the Walled Garden of the now demolished Elford Hall. Elford is a village near the National Memorial Arboretum and the Walled Garden is being restored, after years of lying abandoned, by a group of volunteers. The garden now has allotments, orchard, flower borders, rose garden, sensory garden, boules pitch, activities for children, many historical buildings and features and is open to all free of charge.

The story behind the reasons for the neglect and subsequent restoration will be the subject of an introductory talk by the Chairman of Elford Hall Garden Project Ltd, David Watton, and he will then lead a walk round the garden to see this truly remarkable transformation before returning to the marquee for a cold buffet, anniversary cake and something with which to toast the occasion plus tea/coffee.

The evening starts at 6p.m and we will be leaving at 9p.m at the latest so there will be time to revisit the many features. The walk will take about 35 minutes and is over hard surfaces and grass and is flat. There are seats outside if fine as well as those in the marquee if you would prefer not to do the walk. Directions to the Garden are attached to this newsletter. Please let the Committee know if you would like a lift. There will be no charge for this evening - all the costs will be met from funds. Normally the Society would have to pay for the talk, tour and use of the facilities but this has been very kindly waived and therefore we will be making a donation. If members would like to make an additional contribution there is a box on the garden wall at the entrance. **Please advise by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May if you would like to attend -the numbers are limited to 55.**

**P.T.O.**

**Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>**. The coach leaves Repton Church at 8.30a.m. for the Arley Hall Garden Festival. The Hall, near Northwich, is the Jacobean home of Lord and Lady Ashbrook. In the grounds there will be many stalls selling plants, horticultural accessories, crafts and food as well as an exhibition of classic cars and a large Floral Marquee. Lord Ashbrook and the Head Gardener will conduct guided tours of the renowned gardens. The town band will be performing in the bandstand and a jazz group will be wandering amongst the stalls. The Hall will be open (entrance included in the cost) and there is a restaurant. The coach leaves at 3p.m arriving back in Repton at approx. 5p.m. and the cost is £22 for members, £24 for visitors. **The Society went to this event in 2015 and it really was a great day out, not too crowded and with a countryside atmosphere – even if you weren't a gardener. Many members have requested this return visit.**

**Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup>**. The area in which we live has a fascinating variety of rock formations which cover a large period of geological time. In Charnwood Forest we find some of the oldest rocks in England. Further east and north the rocks are much younger and are responsible for the vales and scarps of the Vale of Belvoir and Lincolnshire. The contrasting building stones of these areas reflect the underlying types of rock and scenery to be found within them. The origins and geological history of these formations will be explained by Colin Bagshaw in his talk "Aspects of the Geology of the East Midlands." Colin is no stranger to the Society and his talks have always been full of interest and much appreciated.

**Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>**. Following the above talk Colin will be our guide on a coach leaving Repton church at 8.30a.m. for a tour of the East Midlands that will include Charnwood Forest and the Vale of Belvoir with stops at various points. There will be a coffee stop probably near to the Beacon in Charnwood Forest and the lunch stop will be in Stamford. The return journey will be via Grantham arriving back in Repton at about 5.30p.m. Cost: £16 for members, £18 for visitors (not including coffee and lunch).

There are no events in August.

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