

REPTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Pauline Little has agreed to join the committee as Membership Secretary and Robin Russian has agreed to audit and certify the accounts following the departure of Wendy and Colin Bateman. We are most grateful to them both for their help.

Please note that the March meeting (Thursday 1st) will include our Annual General Meeting. It is a requirement under our constitution that any nominations for Officers or Committee Members must be received in writing by the Secretary at least fourteen days before the meeting. Such nominations shall be supported by a seconder and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained.

Just a reminder that the annual subs are due: £3 for a single and £6 for a household membership.

There are many events being planned for the Jubilee celebrations. One of them is a jazz evening organised by the Society for villagers and All Society members, starting at 7.30p.m on Sunday 3rd June in Pears School. It will be a “bring your own food, drink and glasses” event with Barbara and All That Jazz playing trad and blues. There are eight in the band. As well as many local appearances they played at the Upton, Bromyard and Abersoch Jazz Festivals in 2011. Tickets will cost £1 to reflect the Jubilee theme (perhaps this would have been the cost of a similar ticket then?), with the shortfall in funding being met by the Society. Make a note in you diary and/or reserve a ticket. Further details will be in the next newsletter.

There is excellent news about the Broomhills Playing Fields. Votes from members of the RVS have helped the parish council ensure that it will be a permanently protected outdoor space under the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge. In addition the Parish Council has been awarded a grant of up to £2,500 for improvements to the Iris Bentley Pavilion, which is on the fields. Many thanks to everyone who voted – we couldn't have done it without you!

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Future Programme.

Just a brief reminder about the February events: on Thursday 2nd Professor Mark Sims will be exploring whether there is or was life on Mars and on Saturday 11th Bill Smith and Gypsy Jazz are returning for an evening of Easy Listening Swing. Bring your own food, drink and glasses. Further details and tickets (£8) from 701838.

Thursday March 1st. Colin Bagshaw returns for “Volcanoes – the Good the Bad and the Ugly.” Volcanoes across the world vary considerably in their activity and the rocks they produce. Some are so benign that they can be observed from a few yards away. Others are so dangerous that whole populations are endangered and sometimes annihilated. Examples of these extremes will be discussed along with some explanation of their causes. The title of this talk has been changed from that advertised but the content remains the same.

The **Annual General Meeting** follows (see note re nominations above) and the evening finishes with cheese and wine. Attached are some minor proposed changes to the Constitution for discussion at the meeting.

Thursday April 5th. Following their excellent visit to Repton in 2011, members of the Shires Branch of the Betjeman Society have agreed to return to discuss further his life, work and connection with Repton. If you have a particular item of his work that you would either like to read yourself or have read by one of the Branch members please let me know.

WEDNESDAY April 25th. The first coach trip of the year when Jane Curran will join us at the coffee stop just outside Oxford to be our guide through the Vale of the White Horse to Wantage, where there are a variety of places for lunch, returning via Ewelme, for a guided walk around the village to see the church, almshouses and watercress beds etc. and Dorchester on Thames (hopefully seeing the 12th Century Abbey if time permits) before beginning the journey back to Repton. We will be stopping briefly at the morning coffee stop to part company with Jane who was the excellent Blue Badge guide for some of those on the Oxford trip last year. The coach will leave Repton at 8a.m and will leave Oxford at 4.30p.m. ETA in Repton - 6.30p.m. Cost: £17 for members, £19 for visitors.

Thursday May 10th. “A Warden’s View of Calke Park.” Bill Cove is the Head Warden at Calke and will be outlining the many aspects of his work.

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