

REPTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

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It is with much regret that the Society has learnt of the recent death of Denis Dalton. Denis took over the role of Treasurer at short notice, and whilst in office very successfully remodelled the accounts to make them manageable and easier to understand. Sadly he had to relinquish the post because of ill health and only attended one or two events thereafter. His funeral will be at Bretby Crematorium on Tuesday 2nd September at 1.30p.m.

East Midlands Intermodal Park (close to Toyota roundabout.)

In the previous newsletter the response by the Society to this proposed rail/road interchange and storage facility was summarised. For clarity the following is the full response.

“It is understood that there will be up to 7000 people on a three shift basis working on the site and there is concern that the additional traffic flows to serve just the on-site staff may well have an impact on the surrounding villages adding to already heavily loaded roads. It seems likely that this workforce will come from the Swadlincote area, as is the case with Toyota, and will adversely affect the traffic flow in Willington and Repton, quite likely causing grid lock at shift change, particularly if it conflicts with rush hour traffic.

A relief road to by-pass Willington and Repton could feed traffic from the A50/A38 Toyota island or from just south of the island down the A38 to the A511 in Swadlincote.

Traffic flows throughout the day around the Toyota island will increase dramatically due to staff and carrier vehicles leaving and entering site. It has been suggested there will be 19,000 traffic movements per day on the island. All of this extra traffic will have an indirect impact on Willington and Repton in that it will cause delays to normal traffic flows.

Flooding is also a concern. The site will be covered either by buildings or surfaced areas for parking or goods transfer, all of these areas will be impermeable to water resulting in a considerable run-off in times of heavy rainfall or snow. The natural fall of the land from the site is towards Egginton and Willington, either from the natural terrain or existing water courses and this run-off needs to be managed to prevent flooding. Balancing ponds are shown on the plans but these need to be carefully maintained and be of adequate capacity. Any flooding in Willington resulting from mismanagement of the water flows will result in disruption to Repton residents, whose route north through Willington would be cut off.”

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We have received a response, almost as long as the above, in which we have been assured that our views are very much appreciated and noted and that we will be informed when the report, in response to all the comments and questions received, is to be published.

Future Programme.

Thursday October 2nd. Karl Tazzyman, who is the manager of the Derby branch of Majestic Wines, will be bringing 6 Chilean wines for us to sample. He will be describing the geography of the country and the various wine growing regions as well as giving tips on wine appreciation during the tasting. There will not be any pressure to purchase but there will be discount vouchers available for future purchases. **In order to make the evening a success we need to know how many tasters there will be and so tickets at £6 are available.**

Saturday October 11th. **The following has been received from the Village Hall Appeal Committee.** “We have been very kindly offered a ‘Quiz Evening’ at Burton on Trent Constitution Club, on Saturday 11th October, to help raise money for the Repton Village Hall Appeal. It will start at 7.30, £6 for a table of 4. There will also be a raffle. Drinks are available from the bar.

There is room for 20 tables, and we would like as much support from the village as possible. To do that, we hoped that perhaps each of the clubs and societies that use the Village Hall could field a team, or perhaps more than one. We would be very pleased if you could support us. The address of the Constitution Club is 150 High Street, opposite Scope Shop. You can park by the Library and only pay until 8.00pm.”

If any members would like to take part individually, or better still make up a table, please contact me.

Thursday November 6th. “Life at the Chestnut Centre – Otter, Owl and Wildlife Park.” This is a 50 acre site at Chapel – en – le - Frith and is home to Otters, Owls, Deer, Polecats, Harvest Mice, Scottish Wildcat, Red Fox and Pine Martens, and is open to the public with tearoom, shop etc. One of the owners will be describing the centre in detail.

It will be followed by the photographic competition results. This year the judges will be the members at the talk and the prizes awarded over cheese and wine. Rules for the competition are attached.

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