

REPTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2013

Village Party. The Society mounted a small exhibition at this very successful event that involved the whole village so well. We also helped by providing financial services, insurance, carrying out the risk assessment, selling programmes and checking the field before and after the event.

Jazz Concert. Some 160 were at the Barbara and All That Jazz evening held in Pears School to raise money for the Village Hall Redevelopment Fund. Repton School very kindly made this magnificent building available to the Society free of charge for which we are most grateful. We have donated to the Fund directly previously, but on this occasion decided that we would cover the remaining costs instead and so all the money raised, £1510 from ticket sales and £500 from the raffle, has gone to the Fund. It is hoped that the evening also raised the profile of this very necessary effort to redevelop what is a very important building in village life and one that would be sorely missed. We are most grateful to those members who helped with the publicity, donated raffle prizes, offered to help and brought their friends, all of which helped to make the evening such a success.

Future Programme.

Thursday July 4th. “Halifax – a Yorkshire Odyssey” with Rod Pearson. Then on **Saturday July 6th** Rod will be the guide on a coach trip to Halifax. The first stop will be the magnificent Victorian Town Hall designed by Charles Barry (who was the architect for the Houses of Parliament) which has been opened especially for the Society with a guided tour by Town Hall staff. We will then walk to the famous Grade I listed Piece Hall with Rod. This was the building where handloom weavers came to sell their “pieces” of woollen cloth to merchants. It now contains many small unique shops and cafes. After time for lunch Rod will lead a walk, for those who would like to do so, round the town looking at the many other interesting buildings. He has arranged similar days for the Society all of which have been very worthwhile. The cost of the trip is £17 and the coach leaves the Church at 8.30 a.m and should be back by about 6p.m. Maps will be provided. Please tell your friends: there are several seats left. Tickets: 01283 701838.

There are no meetings in August.

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Thursday September 5th. Alan Hopkin will be reminiscing about his years spent as an Army bandsman. This is a return visit for Alan he came at short notice last year because of a cancellation and gave a well received talk about his life in the world of music.

WEDNESDAY September 11th. The coach leaves the Church at 8.45a.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 Craft 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. The tea room is great also! We will then move on to the Avoncroft Museum of Ancient Buildings at Bromsgrove at about mid-day. The 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 3.30p.m and arrive back in Repton at about 5.15p.m. Cost, to include all entry fees: £20 members, £22 visitors.

Return visit to the Houses of Parliament with afternoon tea on the Terrace. In 2011 Heather Wheeler MP sponsored such a visit and tea as many will recall. Because of transport delays for various reasons we were late arriving and some did not see the House of Lords and the tour was somewhat rushed. Heather has very kindly agreed to sponsor another visit on Monday June 2nd 2014 for a tour and afternoon tea on the famous terrace as before. It is a long way ahead but bookings for tea are much in demand and those who missed out last time or who would like to go again might wish to put a note in their diaries. Costs for 2014 are not yet available but are likely to be slightly more than the 2011 figure of £30.

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