

REPTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

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WINTER NEWSLETTER 2013

Attached to this newsletter is the 2014 programme and it is hoped that you will find it interesting. Despite increases in speakers' fees and hall hire the admission charges for the talks will remain at £2 for members and £3 for visitors for another year. This has only been possible because of your continued support.

We commented on the proposed development off Longlands as reported in the last newsletter. But we have also contacted the SDDC regarding funding for the Village Hall under the sustained village element of the Local Plan.

Members are reminded that the annual subscription of £3 single and £6 household becomes due in January.

Future Programme.

Thursday January 2nd. "Bird Ringing in Rybachy." Rybachy is a small village in the Kaliningrad region of Russia. Our speaker, Colin Mcshane, and friends were the first westerners to visit after the fall of communism. They have returned many times since and his talk is about the region, the study of bird migration and how the inhabitants have coped with the changes in their way of life.

Thursday February 6th. "The Chatsworth Library and Archive." The library and archive collections at Chatsworth form an extraordinary resource and in his talk James Towe, the Librarian and Archivist, will explain how they came to be, the treasures they contain and how they tell the story of the Cavendish family and the Devonshire estates.

Saturday February 15th. Another evening of music with Bill Smith and his "Simply Swing Quintet." This is a bring your own food, drink and glasses occasion and tickets at the same price as last year at £8 are now available. His music always helps create a most pleasant atmosphere in the hall – much enjoyed by everyone. You can either make up a table with friends beforehand or else leave it up to us to place you.

Thursday March 6th. "Catherine Booth – The Mother of the Salvation Army." Born in Ashbourne, Catherine was a major inspiration behind the Salvation Army, and left a lasting legacy to the world. Danny Wells will be telling the story of this remarkable lady. His talk will be followed by the **Annual General Meeting** and cheese, wine and soft drinks.

Overleaf the four coach trips are detailed for those who like to put the dates in their diaries early.

The garden centres are full of Christmas items so it must be time to sincerely wish you all that you wish yourselves for 2014. Alan Webster 01283 701838

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Coach Trips.

Saturday April 26th The coach leaves the Church at 8.30a.m for the Black Country Living Museum and will leave the museum at 4p.m. On this 26 acre site over fifty authentic shops, houses and workshops have been carefully reconstructed to preserve the character of the region. There is a unique collection of boats and road vehicles including cars, motorcycles, trolley buses and a working tram. Costumed staff provide demonstrations from metal working to glass cutting and sweet making and operate the working cinema. Three cafes and a pub provide a variety of food. Cost: Members £23, Visitors £25. Price includes admission.

Monday June 2nd. A tour of the Houses of Parliament with afternoon tea on the Terrace overlooking the Thames made possible with the help and sponsorship of Heather Wheeler MP. Two years ago a similar tour was organised and it was a sell out with a waiting list. Also for various reasons some in the group did not see the House of Lords, and so this repeat tour has been arranged. The opportunity to take in the world famous river scene from the terrace is much sought after. 21 places on the coach have already been booked. The cost is £33. Coach hire is more expensive than usual because we will be leaving Repton at 7.30a.m and not leaving London until 5.45p.m to allow maximum time for tea. Restrictions on drivers' hours mean that a second driver is necessary.

Saturday July 5th Wendy Freer will be on the coach for a visit to Gloucester Docks following her talk on July 3rd. It leaves the Church at 8.30a.m with a stop for coffee at a canal complex in Warwick. At the docks Wendy will lead an optional walk pointing out the various museums and other features and architecture. There is also a Designer Outlet complex to be explored (again optional)! Plus coffee shops restaurants and boat trips. The Cathedral (free entry) is 10-15 minutes walk away. Visitor guides will be given out on the coach. Departure time is 4p.m. Cost: £17 members, £19 visitors.

Saturday September 13th The coach leaves the Church at 8.30a.m for Stratford on Avon. After coffee etc. a guide will come on board for a 90 minute tour of the town with several stops for photographs and viewing. The afternoon will be free for further unguided exploration with a departure time of 4p.m. Maps will be provided. Cost: £15 for members, £17 visitors.