

REPTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

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At the recent AGM three proposed changes to the constitution were discussed and it was agreed that the Charity Commission should be approached with a view to seeking permission to making the changes and this has now been done. Two of them, relating to sub-committees and disposal of records (should the Society cease to exist), are likely to be approved but the third, concerning the disposal of funds (again if the Society ceased to exist), would not because as a charity all such funds have to be passed to another charity with similar aims and cannot be shared out between the members. We will now be composing a written request to make the two changes in due course.

The Society is involved in the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in several ways. At no additional cost, our public liability insurance will provide cover for many events and we have organised two contributions to the very comprehensive programme.

We have been successful in our bid for an aircraft from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight to make a flypast and a Spitfire will be over the village at approx. 3.05p.m on Saturday 2nd. As things stand at present it will approach from the North East, fly over the allotments and village hall, and over the western edge of Broomhills playing field, and will then make a further two circuits. Clearly these arrangements may alter and more up to date information will be in the June Parish Magazine, in the Post Office and Spar shop windows and will also be available on 01283 701838.

The Spitfire was designed by R.J. Mitchell (1895-1937) who was born in Stoke on Trent and who lived there until 1917 when he went to work at Supermarine in Southampton.

Rolls - Royce designed and built many of the Merlin engines for this aircraft so there is a close association, past and present, with Repton. Many historians and certainly Winston Churchill maintain that if it hadn't been for the Spitfire and Hurricane, and all those who flew, built, maintained and directed them during the Battle of Britain and prevented the Germans from achieving air superiority over the Channel, the invasion of England would have gone ahead. If it had, we would probably not be celebrating this Jubilee and so it is perhaps very appropriate that this aircraft is present on the Saturday.

We did also bid for a flypast by the Red Arrows during the weekend but will not know the outcome until nearer the date. In the unlikely event of success, details will be provided as for the Spitfire flypast.

Then on Sunday 3rd Barbara Taylor and All That Jazz will be playing Trad and Blues in Pears School from 7.30p.m. They are a local 8 piece jazz band that have played at several well known Jazz Festivals. It is a "bring your own food, drink and glasses" evening. There will be plenty of bunting and Union Jacks, and song sheets will be provided for a rousing finale – singing is obligatory and any local residents have been warned! Tickets are just £1 and are limited to villagers and RVS members. Round tables will seat 10. The Society is funding this event and tickets are available from Alan Webster 701838, Linda Shortt 702702 and Martin Wimbush 703180, and are likely to be in demand.

N.B. Any photographs taken at these two events will be eligible for the annual competition.

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Future Programme.

Thursday June 7th.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF SPEAKER.

Belatedly we find that Antony Jinman is leading an expedition in connection with the Jubilee and cannot be in Repton on June 7th. Hopefully his talk will now be early in 2013. Instead Alan Hopkin, who has been in the music business for fifty years, will give a talk entitled “An Extraordinary Career in Music” with live accompaniment spanning his early days in a music shop (Wishers in Derby), as a military bandsman etc. Apologies for the change.

Saturday June 30th. The coach will leave Repton Church at 8a.m for Kew Gardens and/or Kew Bridge Steam Museum, returning from Kew at 4.30p.m with an ETA of 7.15p.m. The gardens cover a large area and there is a ‘hop on and off’ transport system that covers all the main sites including Kew Palace, which was the country home of George III, glasshouses, cafés and restaurants. The cost of £28 includes the coach and admission to the Palace, but the use of the transport system (£4) is not included and is payable on the day. Maps of the gardens will be available on the coach.

10 minutes walk away is the Steam Museum housed in an old pumping station where some of the engines will be in steam. There is a café and a good display showing water distribution through the ages. The cost for the coach and Museum is £21 each for a group of 10 or more - £23 if less than 10.

And then about 15 minutes walk from the Gardens, or 10 minutes from the Museum, is Strand on the Green – a quiet collection of delightful and interesting houses, pubs etc. in a traffic free environment directly alongside the Thames. It is where the Royal Barge was moored. Again maps will be available on the coach.

The coach fare is £15 for those who just want to do their own thing.

Thursday July 5th “The Forest of Dean with Dr. Wendy Freer. Though peaceful and unspoilt now, the Forest was once a very different place; a Royal hunting forest since Norman times, it has always been a secretive place where visitors were once shunned and banned from taking up residence. Her talk looks at its fascinating working past, from free mining to iron production.

Saturday July 21st. Following her talk on the 5th Wendy will be the guide for the coach trip to the Forest of Dean. Stops will be made at various points of interest mentioned in her talk, with a lunch stop in Monmouth, and calling at Symonds Yat Rock on the return. The coach will leave Repton Church at 8a.m and should arrive back at approx. 7p.m. Cost: £13.

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