

REPTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

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The Society will be commenting on the South Derbyshire Pre-Submission Plan Part 1. This document will be available for inspection at the Village Hall on 28th March, 2.30p.m – 7.30p.m when members of the Planning Policy Team will be on hand to answer questions.

The 2014 programme issued with the last newsletter has had to be altered and the new programme is attached. Briefly, the talk on Stoneywell in November has been moved to early 2015 and is replaced by the Chestnut Centre talk that was originally scheduled for May 8th. Details of the new May talk are detailed below.

Future Programme.

Thursday April 3rd “The Contradictions of Quaker Pegg.” William “Quaker” Pegg (1775-1851) was the finest flower painter at the Derby Porcelain Factory whose work is now displayed in national and local galleries and is avidly collected, yet his output was confined to two short periods because he came to believe that painting was not in keeping with his strict Quaker beliefs. Our speaker, George Drury, will examine the contrasts between his exuberant paintings and his religious beliefs by drawing on an extensive manuscript archive and photographic illustrations of his ceramic and watercolour works. George has written a book on this subject and copies will be on sale.

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 £11 admission.

Thursday May 8th (2nd Thursday). Jolyon Maclain will be outlining his 22 years in the RAF in his talk entitled “ The Ups and Downs of a Helicopter Pilot.”

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. 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. **N.B. There are only 2 vacant seats on the coach.**

P.T.O.

Thursday June 5th Simon Gulliver is a professional horticulturalist, botanist and teacher who was trained at the RHS and Edinburgh Botanical Gardens. “Round the World in Eighty Plants” is the story of a world tour, travelling overland and by train where possible, that he made in 1995. Countries visited included Eastern Russia, Mongolia, China, South East Asia, Australasia and Canada. It is a combined travelogue of the journey and cameos of the people and strange and familiar plants he found on his travels.

Photographic Competition. For several years we have run this event with entries of Society events being judged by an outside source and the prizes awarded at the November meeting. All the entries are scanned and mounted by Roger Paulson and the excellent results now provide a colourful and interesting addition to our meetings. This year the members in the audience at the November meeting will be the judges and the prizes presented at what we hope will be a social evening with food and drink following the talk, with members sitting at tables throughout. So please find that camera (or phone) and take part.

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