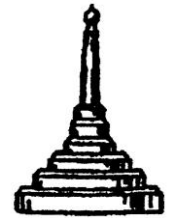


# REPTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

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## NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions will be due from 1<sup>st</sup> January. After much discussion your committee have decided that once again because the membership is still 120+ and attendance at meetings remains high no increase is necessary and so the rates are £3 for single and £6 for household membership.

Attached is the programme for 2016 and it is hoped that you will find it interesting enough to continue to support the Society.

However our Secretary, Linda Shortt, is retiring at the AGM in March after many willing, committed and reliable years and we have been unable to find a replacement despite several enquiries. **Not to put too fine a point on it the Society cannot continue without someone in this position.** The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society occurs in 2016 and it would be ironic if it also marked its demise. Please help. Either myself or Linda (01283 702702) would be pleased to provide details. Thanks.

### Future Programme.

**Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup>.** In his two previous talks Colin McShane has described his experiences whilst studying birds in Russia and North Africa. In this one he will be setting out his involvement in the establishing, in the past four years, of the most northerly bird observatory in the world and also the results so far including images of some of the stunning species and their migration patterns.

**Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup>.** Dr. Elaine Harwood is a historian with Historic England (formerly English Heritage) and in her talk “Our Post War Heritage; the Best Buildings of the 1950’s, 60’s and 70’s” will look at a variety of buildings of this period from all over England and argue that there is much to enjoy in this era of economic and scientific change – despite what Prince Charles and others claimed in the 1980’s. The talk will follow the publication of her book, “Space, Hope and Brutalism”.

**P.T.O.**

**Saturday February 27th 7.30p.m.** “Another Evening with Cantata.”

Cantata is an ensemble of about 14 very talented musicians who have performed many concerts since their formation in 1992 in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire at private parties, Rotary events and Masonic Lodge dinners as well as in Derby cathedral and many other churches, Melbourne Hall etc. Their programme includes West End and Broadway musicals, popular hits and movie classics.

Their performance last year was very well received and there were many requests for their return. Bring your own food, drink and glasses and be prepared for another great evening. Either make up a table with friends or else leave it up to us to place you (it has worked over many years now). Please support this event. The proceeds will go towards the purchase of projection equipment for the Village Hall. Tickets required in advance to help table seating: £7.

**Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>.** “John Smedley (1803 – 1874) – More than a Mill Owner” with Jane Middleton Smith (Archivist – John Smedley Ltd). John Smedley is a shadowy amongst 19<sup>th</sup> century mill owners, yet was a most interesting character and a man of immense drive and energy. He made a fortune from his mill and subsequently started a hugely successful hydropathic hotel in Matlock. The talk will explore aspects of his character and life and the impact he made on his industry and locality. The Company continues to make high quality fine knitwear. The AGM will follow with cheese and wine.

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