

REPTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

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WINTER 2016 NEWSLETTER

We are most grateful to Shelagh Wain who has taken over as programme secretary because I am retiring and her excellent result is attached.

The annual subscription is now due but it remains at £3(single) and £6(household) for another year.

At the Medical Detection Dogs talk £177 was raised from sales and donations and an appreciative letter has been received from the charity.

Four members entered a total of 24 photographs, taken at Society events, into the annual competition - judged by those members at the November meeting. Gillian Hartley won 1st and 3rd prizes whilst Sandra Raby won 3rd prize and the Highly Commended category.

During WW2 Bletchley Park operated as a code breaking establishment. It became famous for its contribution to the war effort and also for the remarkable fact that the many staff employed kept the workings secret and following the way in which the events at the last talk unfolded Pam and I think that you would all have met those standards.

It was such a wonderful surprise to receive so many cards, messages of appreciation, wine flowers and the very generous cheque. We were overwhelmed and would like you to know that it was an occasion that we will treasure. Thank you very much. We sincerely wish the Society continued success.

Future Programme.

Thursday January 5th when Richard Spowage from the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust will be talking about the Willington Nature Reserve. The flooded gravel pits form an important wetland habitat in the Trent Valley that attracts many rare birds as well as a variety of more common species. In addition to birds the site attracts dragonflies, damselflies and otters.

Thursday February 2nd "Well Dressing" with Desiree Noons who is a member of the Etwall Well-dressing Group. Etwall is the nearest village that still practices this ancient custom and during her talk she will be demonstrating the technique.

P.T.O.

Thursday March 2nd “Robert Bakewell – Ironsmith” with Richard Stone. Robert Bakewell was born in Uttoxeter in 1706 and lived in Melbourne whilst creating the famous arbour, known as the Birdcage, in the garden of Melbourne Hall. His other works include the magnificent wrought iron rood screen in Derby Cathedral as well as gates by the Silk Mill. The **AGM** will follow.

Saturday March 4th. “Another Evening with Cantata.” Members will recall that this group of very talented singers have delighted us on two previous occasions with their programme of songs from the shows etc and we are delighted to welcome them back.

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). Tickets required in advance to help table seating: £7.

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