

Repton Parish Magazine
May 2007

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Dear Friends,

A recent newspaper article made me ashamed to be British. It told the story of an asylum seeker who, having fled torture at home, was treated shamefully by the authorities here. He was deprived of his freedom without been convicted of any crime. He was so abused by those who held him, that when his case was eventually rejected he was relieved to seek refuge in another state.

Many of us will be aware of instances where foreign workers and their families have settled in this country, have built up relationships in the host community, sometimes being part of Anglican churches, and yet after two or three years been refused permission to stay.

What kind of society are we becoming that we should be so paranoid about asylum seekers? We are happy to welcome migrant workers from Eastern Europe, pay them a pittance, house them in barns, make them work exceptionally long hours doing back-breaking work in the fields for our short term economic benefit, and then refuse entry to those who desperately need our hospitality, and who would make a long term contribution to the economy of the country. Why do we welcome thousands of migrant workers but refuse entry to a few hundred asylum seekers?

I haven't yet seen 'Amazing Grace', but it is well known that Wilberforce was endowed with a passionate compassion for the treatment of slaves, and was willing to confront the established authorities with his vision of human dignity and worth. His conscience was supported by his Christian belief.

Many seem to believe that the quality of Christian compassion which motivated Wilberforce is something only for individuals and cannot impinge upon society. By his relentless campaigning Wilberforce proved otherwise. Jesus' message was the proclamation of the Kingdom of God. Yes, this was and is a spiritual kingdom, but it has social implications. It is a vision of social justice and love to which Christians of every denomination aspire.

When the risen Christ came and stood among his disciples, he reassured them, saying: "Peace be with you". In fact, in John's account he brought them more than peace, for he breathed into them the Holy Spirit. It was the Holy Spirit that transformed them from frightened disciples to courageous apostles, willing to confront the authorities with the good news of Jesus' risen life.

May is the month of local elections and we have the opportunity to exercise a little local democracy. I hope that both our local legislators and all of us who vote will also be motivated by courageous compassion and the values of the kingdom of God, rather than the culture of fear and cynicism which seems to be so pervasive.

With prayers and best wishes

Peter Paine

Pentecost

There will be a special Pentecost Praise service at the United Reformed Church on the evening of Pentecost, Sunday 27th May.

Pentecost is one of the three most important festivals of the Christian Church, alongside Christmas and Easter. In northern cities until quite recently there were school holidays and Whitsunday parades. Today the Church is discovering the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, who transformed the Apostles from frightened disciples into fearless proclaimers of the risen Christ. In that sense Pentecost was and is the birthday of the Church. The Holy Spirit is an essential member of the Trinity - he comes with the package, so to speak.

We prepare ourselves for Easter during the penitential 40 days of Lent, and similarly we should prepare ourselves for Pentecost during the glorious 40 days between Easter and Pentecost by joyful prayer and praise, just as Jesus told the disciples to pray in the Temple and wait for the gift from above.

It is very appropriate that our Pentecost celebration should be an ecumenical event so I hope that there will be many of us at the URC church to celebrate together.

Peter Paine

Santiago de Compostela

11th - 18th September

Travel the Camino de Santiago. Call in on many cathedrals, monasteries, castles and hostels along this famous route.

Celebrate Sunday service at the Santiago Cathedral when we hope the great botafumerio will be swung.

Finally, visit La Coruna, where in 1588 the Armada weighed anchor, and where in 1809, British troops under Sir John Moore were evacuated.

Call Peter Paine, 703317, for a full brochure and booking form.

Travel by deluxe air-conditioned coach.

English-speaking guide

Trip arranged by Worldwide Christian Travel

Christians Together in Repton

Twice a year, representatives from the United Reformed Church, the Catholic and Parish Churches meet to share ideas and arrange joint events.

At our last meeting in March we discussed the Covenant and Remembrance Sunday services, the Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity, and the possibility of a joint evening service at Pentecost. Other matters included the One World Fair,

to be renamed the Christmas Charity Market, Christian Aid Week, the booklet 'It's our Move', and the Christmas Card competition.

Gerald Gibbs was pleased to report that the URC recently received the 'Child-Friendly Church Award'. This was only the third such award to be given in the country. Gerald also told the meeting how successful the 170th anniversary celebration had been.

Repton M.U.

In March we enjoyed Colin Kitching's excellent talk on the Repton Dig, backed by the Village History Group's photo display.

April began with a drive in the sunshine to Buxton for lunch at the Dome. At our meeting we welcomed another Repton resident. From his description of his training and experiences as a veterinary surgeon, it was clear that Martin Jones could have rivalled James Herriot, if only the latter had not produced his books first.

Next Meeting: On Wednesday 16th May at 2.30 pm in the Fisher Close Room the Rev'd Peter Paine will speak on 'A Repton Pilgrimage'.

Newton Solney Church Roof

Since last summer, St Mary's has been swathed in scaffolding while work was proceeding on various areas of the roof. By now the restoration work should be complete, and indeed, an architect from English Heritage is due to inspect the roof during the last week of April. The Church Council is profoundly grateful to the hard-working Roof Appeal Committee and to all the individuals and groups who have supported this project; its results are expected to last for the rest of the century. Spring-cleaning must now follow, but once that is done, arrangements will be made for a thanksgiving service.

Repton School Concerts Society

Tuesday 8th May

AGM, 6.30 pm in the Music School

The Society's Annual General Meeting is open to all subscribers. As well as a financial update, the current season will be reviewed and plans for next season outlined.

Final of Repton School Annual Music Competition

This exciting event follows at 7.30 pm and is open to all.

Please note the starting times which are earlier than usual.

For further information contact:

The Secretary (Sue Parker), 01283 702550
or Repton Music School, 01283 559319

Christian Aid

'We cannot turn the clock back, but we can begin to listen to God's call to care for our world and to share its resources'.

Life-giving water

'When the well is dry, we know the worth of water' said Benjamin Franklin, expressing the universal truth that when we are deprived of something we rely on, we learn its true value.

Some 250 years later, the world is facing a water shortage and water has become its most valuable commodity. For millions of people in the developing world, water is a luxury. In some places, a barrel of water costs more than a barrel of oil; few can afford it.

In Kenya, people face starvation because severe drought has destroyed their crops. Cattle lie dead in the roads, the markets and the fields, a picture repeated across East Africa, as communities walk the tightrope of survival. Christian Aid speaks of the 'overwhelming' numbers of people who have lost their cattle. 'We have never seen anything like this before - this drought is terrible.'

Global warming causes flooding in some areas of the globe, but elsewhere valuable agricultural land is turning into desert.

By supporting Christian Aid Week, you are among millions of people who think poverty is a scandal we do not have to accept. Your actions, commitment and contributions will bring about a better life for people in poor communities all over the world.

Christian Aid Week Collection, 13th – 19th May

During the first week of May you will receive an envelope from Christian Aid. Christian Aid is asking us to make a donation, and also to

sign the Gift Aid form!

If you are a UK taxpayer, the Gift Aid form allows Christian Aid to claim back the tax; every £1 you give is then worth £1.28 to Christian Aid. All you need to do is fill in the declaration on the red CAW envelope. If everyone does this, it will raise at least an extra £1 million for the world's poorest communities.

The envelope will be collected during the week commencing 13th May. If for some reason it is not, the Post Offices in Newton Solney and Repton have kindly agreed to have a box where you can place your envelope.

Christian Aid is a Christian agency sponsored by forty churches in the UK and Ireland. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

If you can help collect or distribute envelopes, please get in touch. We still need collectors for all areas. Even if you can only collect this once we would be grateful if you would contact Jackie Hurrell, 702089, or Melodie Kettle, 559217. For Newton Solney the contact is Jennifer Haynes, 703827.

The Repton Village Party

Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May, 2 to 5.30 pm
The Den & the Scout Field (Mitre Drive)

Enjoy our 'Village Green'.

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| ❖ Entertainment around a maypole | ❖ Live music |
| ❖ Traditional games | ❖ Displays |
| ❖ Competitions | |
| ❖ Tug-o-War | ❖ Refreshments |
| ❖ Demonstrations | ❖ Family Football |

**Something for everyone to enjoy,
so come and enjoy the fun.**

Look out for the posters and programmes around the village.

Repton Village Party, 5/6 a side football and tug of war

Repton Casuals FC will be organising a 5/6 a side football, inter-family/friends competition on the day of the party. For further details contact Bob Errington on 701183.

There will also be an inter-street / family / friends tug of war knock-out competition. Each team will be asked to nominate a coach to agree with the opposing team coach that the teams are reasonably matched. The plan is to encourage teams of mums, dads and children of all ages. To date, interest has been shown from Chestnut Way, Brookside, Mill Hill and Pinfold Close. For further details contact Roger Denniss on 702269.

Repton Casuals Football Club

Ball skills sessions at Broomhills Lane Playing Fields will finish for the summer on Saturday 19th May, starting again on Saturday 8th September. For further information contact Bob Errington on 701183.

Great News for Repton Primary!

It's Official! Repton Primary School is totally outstanding!

At the end of March, Repton Primary School was visited by a team of Ofsted inspectors. They examined Teaching and Learning, Care and Guidance, Leadership and Management, and Attainment and Standards in the school. Every area was found to be outstanding. In fact, the Ofsted team described the school as 'remarkable' and said that what had been done here was 'inspirational'.

So a huge 'well done' to all the staff, parents, pupils and governors at Repton Primary, and a big thank you to all those who have worked so hard to make this achievement possible.

Newton Solney CE Aided Infant School Outstanding

Our Ofsted Inspection last term judged the school to be 'outstanding', which is a great tribute to everyone involved in the work of the school.

We were even more delighted when, later in the term, the Church Schools Inspection concluded that the school 'is an outstanding school where pupils are nurtured and supported as part of an extended Christian family and community'. At the end of last term, a special party for all pupils celebrated the school's success with lots of fun to mark these achievements.

St Mary's Flowers

Grateful thanks to all who brought flowers or foliage for Mothering Sunday and Easter, or who helped to arrange them. Many thanks also to Newton Solney School for setting up an Easter Garden for their own Easter service, and leaving it in church for the rest of the congregation to enjoy throughout the festival. Now that Lent is over, anyone wishing to provide flowers, perhaps to mark a personal anniversary, is invited to sign the flower rota in the church porch.

Thank You, Christmas Tree Festival Coffee Morning

The coffee morning held in Newton Solney in aid of the Christmas Tree Festival raised over £180! A very big 'thank you' for all the generosity and tremendous support given to this event.

Pam Atkin

St Mary's Church Newton Solney

'Salad Days' - a Buffet Lunch

Newton Solney Village Hall

Sunday 10th June at 1 pm

Adults £7

Children £3

Raffle

Bring your own bottle!

Tickets from Jennifer Haynes, 6 Newton Close, Newton Solney. t: 703827

Thank you, Table Top Sale

St Wystan's Table Top Sale in March made £298.98. After expenses, a donation of £90 was made to the Derbyshire Children's Holiday Home at Skegness, which provides holidays for under-privileged children in Derbyshire. Many thanks to everyone who supported the sale either with a table or buying. Look out for the next one and book your table early, or come and enjoy the many bargains over a coffee and bacon roll and a chat with your friends.

St Wystan's Church
Illustrated Talk and Bring & Share Supper

Repton Village Hall. Tuesday 22nd May at 7.30 pm

Clare Paine will speak on her time in Uganda.

For a Bring & Share, the idea is that everyone who attends brings a dish for 6.

However, to make sure we don't end up eating pork pie
or chocolate pudding for all three courses . . .

Please sign the list in church or ring Carol Lloyd, 702410,
or Karen Perks, 702392, for details.

Everyone welcome. Bring your own drink & glasses.

Parish Walk in the Peak, Saturday 19th May

As in previous years, we are walking a figure-of-eight route, centred on lunch at a pub. The overall length of the walk, 10 miles, is the same as in previous years, but this year the morning loop of about 6 miles is not only longer, but also more undulating than the afternoon loop. The latter does have uphill and downhill stretches, but there are rewarding views. The pub where we start and finish is notable for its food, and the afternoon loop passes an excellent beer-drinkers' pub!

You may prefer to walk both loops, just the one, or simply stroll in the valley where the pub is. If you are interested, contact Roger Juneau, 702384, or John Perks, 702392. Ring as soon as possible if you want to be included in the pub lunch.

Repton Village History Group, www.reptonvillage.org.uk

In March we had an evening full of reminiscences. 'The Swinging Sixties' was hosted by David and Lilwen Guest, and included memories from the sixties related by several of our members. These ranged from fashions to National Service, holidays to marriage and bringing up a family, not forgetting the headlines of the decade. It was a most enjoyable evening, full of nostalgia.

'A Backward Look at Everyday Items' and agm, Tuesday 15th May

Following the agm, our speaker is Maureen Newton. Last year Maureen gave us a very enjoyable and amusing talk about 'Childhood Games', so we have invited her back to remind us of household items that were in everyday use many years ago but are now all but forgotten. It should be another evening of memories. Everyone is welcome. Entrance is £1.50 for members and £2.50 for visitors. Village Hall, 7.30 pm.

Alan Kimber

Repton Village Society, Meetings 7.30 pm, Repton Village Hall
David Tideswell made a welcome return to the society, this time talking about blue tits. His photographs showed the story of a nest built in one of his nest boxes (with a removable top) through the laying and hatching of the eggs, the growth of the chicks to their final flying the nest.

'Stories of the Severn (from Source to Sea)', TUESDAY 1st May

N.B. Because of the local elections, our talk will be on the **Tuesday** night. This should be really interesting, as our speaker, Pam Powis, is a Blue Badge Guide with a lot of experience of the Severn and its surrounding area.

'Guided tour of the Severn Valley', Saturday 5th May

For those with tickets, the coach will leave Repton Church at 8 am, returning at approximately 6.30 pm. For those who have signed up for it, the tour will include a trip on the Severn Valley Railway.

Another Wine Tasting, Thursday 7th June

Keith Granger will be with us again, this time looking at wines from the South of France. **Entry by ticket only;** please contact Alan Webster on 701838.

Peter Rainey

Repton Village Hall agm

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee takes place in the Village Hall on Monday 21st May at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

Little Bo's Animal Welfare

an invitation to our James Bond theme



Charity Summer Ball

Saturday 9th June at Burton Town Hall Civic Function Suite

Complimentary Welcome Drink

Shirley Bassey Tribute Singer

Pierce Brosnan Film Double

Casino: Roulette & Blackjack

Win a night's stay at Mardon House

3 Course Meal & Coffee

Charity Auction

Raffle

Treasure Trove

Magicians

Dancers

Pianist

Disco

Event Photographer

Bond Film Clips

Vodka Martini Promotion

Tickets £45

Black Tie

Reception 7 pm - Dinner 7.30 pm - Carriages 1 am

Bookings 01283 704714 or 01246 569818

email littlebosanimalwelfare@yahoo.co.uk

Repton Parish Council, www.repton-pc.gov.uk

Council minutes and details of planning applications can be viewed on the website, which also gives access to parish, district and county council services.

A brief review of a few items discussed by Repton Parish Council at the meeting held on 16th April.

➤ As this was the last meeting of the current parish council before the local elections on 3rd May, those members who are not seeking re-election were warmly thanked for their work on behalf of our community over many years. There are eleven seats on the parish council, and by coincidence eleven candidates have been nominated; this means there will not be the expense of a contested election this time. The composition of the new council will be announced as soon as councillors assume office in May.

➤ During gales in January a large tree was blown down across the popular footpath that runs from the village, alongside the brook, to Sledge Wood. Many people have complained about the delay in clearing the blockage. After repeated efforts by the parish council to engineer its removal, SDDC has at last advised that they will ensure it is dealt with this month.

➤ There is concern for the wellbeing of a flowering cherry tree beside the Cinder Track, near the new houses that are being built there. A letter has been sent to the developer asking that he take particular care to ensure it is not damaged. The tree is quite old and enquiries are being made about having it professionally pruned. It's difficult to see what else can be done - more ornamental trees along this path would be attractive, but vandals have sabotaged previous plantings.

➤ A proposal to erect a 'Jumbrella' at the rear of the Bulls Head, to provide cover for a dining area on the rear patio, was one of four planning applications considered. There were no objections to any.

➤ Plans were laid to hire play equipment for the free use and enjoyment of local children one afternoon a week during the summer holidays. Anything to get them from under their parent's feet and keep them out of mischief has to be welcomed! The items being requested from SDDC are a skateboard park, climbing wall, sportsmobile and laser games. More details of time, location, age groups, etc., will be widely advertised near the date. This type of equipment is quite expensive to hire, so let's all hope it's put to good use.

The first meeting of the new Repton Parish Council will be held on Monday 14th May at 7.30 pm in Repton Village Hall. *John Shortt*

Repton Village Party, Monday 7th May, 2 to 5.30 pm, The Den & Scout Field, Admission FREE

May at the United Reformed Church

Minister: Rev'd Brian Norris, tel. 01332 296863

Services and Preachers

6th May	11 am	Gerald Gibbs
	6.30 pm	Service at Fisher Close Community Lounge
13th May	11 am	Gerald Gibbs
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion: Gerald Gibbs
20th May	11 am	Family Service: Rev'd Brian Norris, including presentation of 'The Child Friendly Church Award' by Mr. Colin Udall
	6.30 pm	Gerald Gibbs
27th May	11 am	Holy Communion: Gerald Gibbs
	6.30 pm	Pentecost Praise - an ecumenical service to celebrate Pentecost, here at the URC.

Coffee Morning, Saturday 12th May, 10.30 to 11.30 am

This month's coffee morning will feature the spring range of cards and wrapping paper from the Webb Ivory collection, as well as the usual home-made cakes, scones and marmalade, and the children's game. Come and enjoy a coffee and a chat with friends - everyone is welcome!

Child Friendly Church Award Presentation: Sunday 20th May at 11 am

In 2006, the United Reformed Church instituted the Child Friendly Church Award. This is awarded to churches that offer a range of activities for children and young people, including Junior Church groups for all ages, services for all the family, opportunities for children to take part in services, and mid-week activities. The church has to provide planning sessions for leaders, and ensure that all leaders have an enhanced CRB check. We are among the first churches to receive the award, which will be presented by our Youth and Children's Work Development Officer, Colin Udall, in the family service on Sunday 20th May.

Shell Group (aged 7+)

The Shell group meets on Mondays 14th and 21st May from 6.30 to 7.30 pm. New members are always welcome.

Thanks

... to everyone who supported us on our 170th Anniversary Weekend in March. The events were well attended by friends from the village, as well as from other United Reformed Churches in the area. The Gift Day offerings amounted to almost £1,000.

Many thanks to you all for your support.

Services in May

ST WYSTAN'S, REPTON

EVERY Weekday

8 am Morning Prayer

EVERY Wednesday

10 am Holy Communion

Sunday 6th 5th Sunday of Easter

8 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Morning Worship

11.15 am Matins

6.30 pm Taizé Worship

Sunday 13th 6th Sunday of Easter

8 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Evensong

Thursday 17th Ascension Day

8.30 pm Holy Communion at
Repton School

Sunday 20th 7th Sunday of Easter

8 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Family Communion

6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 27th Pentecost

8 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Pentecost Praise
at the URC

ST SAVIOUR'S, FOREMARK

Sunday 13th 6th Sunday of Easter

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 27th Pentecost

6.30 pm Pentecost Praise / URC

ST MARY'S, NEWTON SOLNEY

Sunday 6th 5th Sunday of Easter

10 am All-age Worship

Sunday 13th 6th Sunday of Easter

8 am Holy Communion

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 20th 7th Sunday of Easter

11.15 am Parish Communion

Sunday 27th Pentecost

6.30 pm Pentecost Praise / URC

Readers, Intercessors and Offertory at St Wystan's

6th 11.15 am Acts 11: 1 - 18

13th 9.45 am Acts 16: 9 - 15

Intercessions:

Offertory:

20th 9.45 am Acts 16: 16 - 34

Offertory:

27th 9.45 am Acts 2: 1 - 21

Intercessions:

Offertory:

Kathleen Muir

Frances Wimbush

Helen Jowett

Nicola & Josh Boyle

Anne Yates

Carol & Chris Lloyd

Tom Hyde

Ruth Attwood

Anne & Tim Shone

Altar Flowers at St Wystan's

6th: Margaret Blackshaw. 13th: Beth Rogers. 20th: Rosie Carpenter.

27th: Mary Vincent.

Brasses at St Wystan's

6th: Hazel Finch. 13th & 20th: Sheila Bates. 27th: Melody Kettle.

Altar Flowers & Cleaning at St Saviour's:

13th: Heather Lowe. 20th: Claire Owen. 27th: Fran Archer.

Repton Village Hall Lottery Bid

Repton Village Hall Management Committee has submitted a bid to the Big Lottery Fund (BLF) for support to demolish the village hall and replace it with a slightly larger, more flexible building designed to modern standards.

The village hall is a major focus of activity in Repton. It supports nearly 40 local societies and interest groups, as well as private parties. In 2006 it was used on 505 occasions by 38 organisations, and 79 times by private users. We cannot accommodate everyone, and in particular there is an unmet demand for small rooms. As the only hall locally that can affordably house large gatherings it is indispensable and often packed for events such as: the Village Show; Open Gardens teas; concerts, plays and shows; suppers; art, flower and history displays; dances; quizzes; talks; sales. The hall is classed as a 'Strategic Hall' by South Derbyshire District council. It is the nominated place of safety in Repton Primary School's emergency plan. It is also the local polling station.

What's wrong with the present building?

The village hall opened in October 1971. It is timber-framed and relies on the infill panels to provide lateral stability. In the early 1970's the structural uprights at the north end were cut through to make a stage. The resulting weakness caused the stage lintel to drop and the roof to sag. Apart from that, it has been carefully maintained, and has survived at least a decade past its 25 year design life. Now, however, a survey has found significant rot in both the wooden structure and the infill panels. We are advised that repair would not be cost-effective.

Apart from that: disabled access is poor; there are no disabled toilets; the kitchen is not suitable for food preparation and does not meet current good practice; the hall is very inflexible; the building is poorly insulated and wastes energy.

How does the bid for lottery funding work?

As we are applying for a great deal of money, about £400,000, there are two stages to the bid. Initially, in stage 1, we have to convince the BLF that we have a case. If we clear that hurdle (and the BLF has money left over from the London Olympics!), we move on to stage 2 and will be given a grant to cover the cost of all the professional work needed to prepare detailed plans: architect; quantity surveyor; structural engineer; planning applications; building regulations; site investigation; construction; design and management regulations; asbestos survey; site decontamination; archaeological survey. At the same time, we shall be canvassing ideas again as to what you want to see in the new hall.

The BLF will not fund the whole redevelopment; we shall have to find well over £100,000 from our own resources, and from appeals locally.

Malvern Show Trip

Saturday 12th May

dep. Repton 8 am

dep. Malvern 4.30 pm

RHS Floral Marquee

Trade & Craft Stalls

Plant Stalls

Food Outlets

Set in the Malvern Hills

There are just 2 tickets left at £21 inc. Transport and Show Entrance

Contact Margaret Rainey, 703748

Organised by Repton Show Committee

National Garden Scheme: Open Garden

Wendy and Stephen Longden are opening their garden at Woodend Cottage, 134 Main Street, from 1 - 5 pm on Sunday 27th May.

Admission is £2 (children free) in aid of NGS charities. Teas and home-made cakes will be provided in aid of St Saviour's Church, Foremark, with plants for sale in the nursery. The garden will be open again in June as part of Repton Open Gardens.

Scarecrows

Repton Open Gardens weekend is now on the horizon; how are plans for your scarecrow coming on? With Nick Wells, the winner of the scarecrow competition for the last two years, now donning the judge's mantle, we can all feel we have a chance of winning, and once again we are relying on you to come up with fun and inventive ideas.



And if you haven't yet tried your hand, Morag Hill will be giving tips and demonstrating how to build a scarecrow at the Village Party on Bank Holiday Monday. Make a point of looking out for her.

Further competition details and entry forms in next month's Parish Magazine.

Fresh Approach

A premier cleaning service, based in Willington, covering all surrounding areas.

A flexible approach to all your domestic requirements.

Regular assistance available and periodic 'wonder cleans'.

All branded products are used, and I am qualified in food hygiene.

Call Clare on 01283 704033 or 07903 957104 to arrange a home visit to discuss your fresh requirements.

Repton W.I.

The April meeting was Members' Night. We heard reminiscences of childhood holidays, of Repton's shops and school, and of Burton with its level crossings. Two members described unusual experiences. One had unexpectedly become a town councillor after allowing her name to go forward on the understanding that she had no chance of being elected. The other had gone off at 17 on a year's exchange to America. Her flight was long and uncomfortable, and became frightening when, after they had taken off from their refuelling stop, the pilot told them that part of the landing gear had been found on the runway. Fortunately they did land safely.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th May, 7.15 pm in the Village Hall: There is a change to our programme: Blue Badge Guide, Keith Blood, will be telling 'Ghost Stories of Derby'. Visitors are always welcome.

Newton Solney W.I.

At the April meeting, Alan Gifford gave an interesting talk about the restoration of the Heage Windmill, one of the few six-sail windmills in the country. We heard about the early history of the mill, its subsequent decline, its restoration in 2002 by a dedicated band of enthusiasts, and its opening to the public.

Jo Parfitt, President, reminded everyone that the next meeting would cover the resolutions and include the handicraft competition. We were also given the date, 10th May, for the Cutthorpe Tea, when we entertain a group of Derbyshire Pensioners for tea after their day out. On 16th May there is a theatre trip to see The Mellow Dramatic Society in 'Goodnight, Mr. Tom'.

The monthly whist drive is on 24th April and the Mulberry Rooms lunch on 25th April.
Margaret Acford

Parking - the police can prosecute if necessary

The Parish Council has received complaints about cars and vans parked on the grass verges and the pavements in Repton. The council feels strongly that the verges are a part of Repton's character, and it is important to keep them in good condition. The District Council has a contract to mow the verges, but when these are rutted they are very difficult to maintain; they also look unsightly and spoil the village.

If you park your vehicles on the pavement you are causing an obstruction. The local police will be looking into complaints and can prosecute if necessary. We know that it can be difficult to park at the roadside, but if you park on the path and block it completely, then pedestrians, pushchairs and wheelchairs are forced onto the road to get past. This is dangerous for them and we feel sure that it is not what you intend.

Please do try to park considerately.

The Garden in May

There are many plants that help to fill the gap in the border before high summer. And many of these can be out of the way by the middle of June. Aquilegia and honesty seed prolifically. Iris japonica, Solomon's seal, late flowering tulips and the first of the lupins are useful. Oriental poppies come in different colours.

Papaver Perry's White, Patty's Plum, Black and White, and Goliath - a dark red, also known as Beauty of Livermore - are all reliable varieties, and there are also pinks and the original oranges.

Paeonies are available in a good range of colours and varieties, and some have fine foliage: p. tenuifolia has finely dissected leaves and crimson flowers; p. obovata has single white flowers; p. cambessedesii has glaucous sea-green leaves, whilst p. mlokoewitschii is a well known favourite with large, single, yellow flowers, and dark purple emerging shoots.

Prick out bedding plants sown earlier and harden them off before planting out. Plant up containers, but don't put them out too early. Plant out sweet peas previously sown in a cold frame; seed sown outside now will flower in mid to late summer. Taller plants in the border will need staking.

If necessary, prune forsythia, winter jasmine and evergreen, spring flowering ceanothus after flowering. Tie in climbers, especially clematis and roses. Give clematis a spring feed with tomato feed or similar. Where the large flowered clematis often die from clematis wilt, the smaller flowered varieties, such as c. macropetala and c. alpina, and the later flowering viticellae seem to be immune.

Sow French and runner beans under glass or directly outside. Both can be damaged by frost and need a temperature of at least 12°C to germinate. Sow marrows in pots or modules under glass. Peppers sown under glass in March should be ready for planting on, and tomatoes can be planted in a frost-free greenhouse. Celery sown in February can be planted out now. Continue successional sowings of lettuce, salad onions, cabbages and other brassicas, beetroot and carrot.

Thinning carrots bruises the foliage and releases the scent, attracting carrot fly. The fly lays its eggs near the plants in April and May. After a week the larvae

hatch and enter the carrots. A second generation appears later in the summer. It also attacks parsnip, celery and parsley. The first sign of attack is stunted growth and reddening of the foliage. Protect carrots by covering with a fine mesh. Growing them next to onions also seems to help.

Lay straw under strawberries to keep the fruit clean. Tidy up hellebores, mulch and apply a general fertiliser. At the same time, tidy pulmonaria and euphorbia. Euphorbia sap can be an irritant, so wear long sleeves and gloves.

Control aphids by encouraging beneficial insects, particularly ladybirds, lacewings and hover flies, and the plants they feed on; they prefer single flowers where the nectar and pollen are more readily accessible. It also helps to recognise their larvae. Ladybird larvae are fairly large, black with yellow spots. Chemical sprays are indiscriminate, so if you feel you must spray, do so late in the day. Contact sprays may miss the insects hidden under curled leaves, so systemic sprays are more effective, killing insects as they suck the sap. Sprays with bifenthrin seem to be safest. Biological controls are also available, but are really only effective in greenhouses or frames, and are dependent on a temperature of 16°C or thereabouts.

Butterflies have been about earlier this year. Brimstones often appear from hibernation on a warm day in late February. Peacocks, small tortoiseshells and commas also hibernate, and appear in April and May, when the orange tip will appear with the holly blue. The caterpillars of small tortoiseshells, commas, peacocks and red admirals all feed on nettles. Flowers, particularly single flowers, where the nectar and pollen are the most accessible, are the main food source for adult butterflies, although other flowers such as buddleja, scabious, echinacea and eupatorium are great favourites. Some will also feed on tree sap and the sugary secretions from aphids and overripe fruit. *Ken Robinson*

Mickleover 95 Junior Football Club

. . . is recruiting strikers and defenders to join an existing squad which plays in the Derby Sunday league (starting in September). Boys must be 10 and under 11 on 1st September 2007.

A trial session will be held on Friday 11th May at 6 pm at Repton School to assess ability and enthusiasm. Training by a qualified FA level 2 coach will be held on a weekday at Repton School.

If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to call Wendy on 07818 063667.

Marriages

Matthew Robert Dixon and Carmel Margaret Canavan were married at St Saviour's Church, Foremark, on Saturday 31st March.

We offer them our congratulations
and very best wishes for their future lives together

St Wystan's Churchyard and Garden of Remembrance

Please note that the churchwardens are responsible for the churchyard and will remove items that appear neglected.

When you clear away dead flowers etc., please do not throw them under the yew trees; there are both black and brown bins by the church porch.

JOGS agm

The Annual General Meeting of the committee that runs the Scout and Guide headquarters in Repton takes place at The Den on 7th June at 7.30 pm. For further information contact Andy Austen on 702448.

Local Events

This list is intended to help organisers plan events and avoid clashes; please submit dates as early as possible. To put an event on the list, contact the editor. A more detailed and extended list can be found on the website at www.reptonchurch.org.uk

MVH=Milton Village Hall Committee. RSM = Repton School Music.

RSMS = Repton School Music Society. RSSC = Repton School Subscription Concert.

RVH = Repton Village History Group. RVS = Repton Village Society.

SDC = South Derbyshire Conservatives.

Regular weekly and monthly events taking place this month

Every Monday	Bridge	Repton Community Room, Fisher Close	2.00 pm
Every Tuesday	Badminton	Rptn V Hall	1.45 - 3.30 pm
Second Tuesday	Repton W.I.	Rptn Village Hall	7.15 pm
Second Tuesday	Newton Solney W.I.	NS Village Hall	7.15 pm
Last Tuesday	NS W.I. Whist Drive	NS Village Hall	7.30 pm
Every Wednesday	Whist Drive	Rptn British Legion	7.30 pm

Tu 1st May	RVS: 'Stories of the Severn'	Rptn Village Hall	7.30 pm
Th 3rd May	Local elections		
Sat 5th May	RVS: Guided tour of the Severn Valley		
Sat 5th May	Repton Primary PTA Jumble Sale	Rptn Village Hall	11 am
Mon 7th May	Repton Village Party	Mitre Field	afternoon
Tu 8th May	RSSC: AGM Music Competition Final	Beldam Hall	7.45 pm
Sat 12th May	Visit to Malvern Spring Gardening Show	dep.	8.00 am
Tu 15th May	RVH: Backward Look at Everyday Items	Rptn V Hall	7.30 pm

Sat 19th May	Parish Walk in the Peak District		
Sun 20th May	MVH: Walk, 11am; Swan Inn, 12.30pm; Lunch in Mltn VHall, 2pm		
Tu 22nd May	St Wys Ch Bring & Share Supper	Rptn Village Hall 7.30 pm	
Th 31st May	Evergreens Trip to the Peak District	dep. Rptn V Hall	10.00 am
Th 7th June	RVS: Wine Tasting with Keith Grainger	Rptn Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sun 10th June	St Mary's Summer Buffet Lunch	NS Village Hall	1.00 pm
Sun 10th June	Milton Open Gardens		2 - 6 pm
Sat 16th June	RSSC: Rothwell Temperance Band	Beldam Hall	7.45 pm
Mon 18th June	Dr. John Masson: Bowel Cancer	Graduate Medical Centre	
		Queen's Hospital, Burton	6 pm
23rd / 24th June	Repton Open Gardens		2 - 6 pm
Sat 30th June	RVS Coach trip to Brooklands & Wisley	dep.	8.00 am
Th 5th July	RVS: Evening visit to Shardlow	Rptn Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sat 7th July	Live Nation Concert	Repton School	
Sun 8th July	Live Nation Concert	Repton School	
Mon 27th Aug	St Wystan's Church Garden Party	Vicarage Garden	3 - 5 pm
Sat 1st Sept	Repton Village Show	Rptn Village Hall	2.30 pm
Th 6th Sept	RVS: 'Repton School 1557 - 2007'	Rptn School Library	7.30 pm
Tu 18th Sept	RVH: Members' Evening	Rptn Village Hall	7.30 pm
20-23 Sept	Son et Lumière	Repton School	
Th 4th Oct	RVS: 'The English Landscape'	Rptn Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fr 5th Oct	MVH: Milton Harvest Supper	Mltn Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sat 13th Oct	St Wystan's Church Harvest Supper	Rptn Village Hall	7.30 pm
Tu 16th Oct	RVH: 'The History of Trams'	Rptn Village Hall	7.30 pm
Th 1st Nov	RVS: 'The County Air Ambulance'	Rptn Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sat 17th Nov	Christmas Charity Market	Rptn Village Hall 2 - 4 pm	
Tu 20th Nov	RVH: 'Derbyshire Ghosts'	Rptn Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sat 24th Nov	Quiz Night	Rptn Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sat 1st Dec	RVS Coffee Morning	Rptn V Hall	10 am - 12.30 pm
Sat 1st Dec	RVH: Christmas Social Event	Rptn Village Hall	
Fr 7th Dec	MVH: Milton Christmas Supper	Mltn Village Hall	7.30 pm
7th / 10th Dec	Christmas Tree Festival	St Wystan's Church	
7th / 10th Dec	Christmas Tree Festival	St Mary's Church	

Trains from Willington

A reminder that the timetable changes from 19th May; the new times are not yet available, but on past experience, most changes are very minor. However, do check at www.centraltrains.co.uk or at www.nationalrail.co.uk.

Using Willington station is much easier than fighting for a parking space at Derby. However, before going up to the platform, it is wise to check with the passenger information service at the foot of the stairs that your train is running on time.

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