

MEET THE MEMBERS & THE GREAT PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

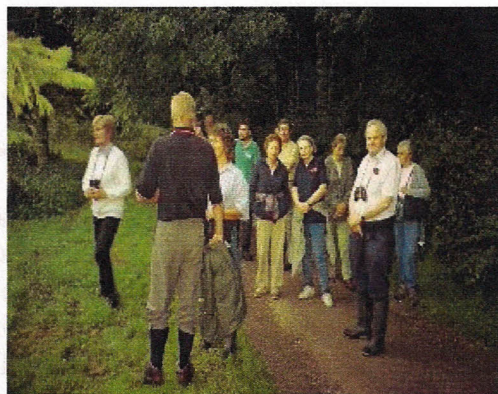
Our annual Meet the Members evening will be at Louis Scott's Restaurant on Wednesday 27th November. Space is limited and the response has been so good that we are fully booked with 50 members. There is a waiting list and you will be contacted should there be any cancellations.

That evening the photographic

competition will be professionally judged.

Entries must be in by 9th November.

Remember, 7"x 5" or 6" x 4", mounted on A4 card, titled underneath, and name and address on reverse. Please send your entries to Clifford Jones as soon as possible.



NATIONAL FOREST, THE WOODLAND TRUST & MARTINS WOOD

The Society has given some funds for repair of damaged stone walls at Martin's Wood and the Woodland Trust is about to undertake a comprehensive scheme. You will notice the work in progress very shortly.

We have made a donation towards the Woodland Trust's £30,000

appeal for the Willesley Wood extension. The extension area will be a really valuable addition to what has already been achieved and from the highest point views stretch into Derbyshire and Staffordshire, with Lichfield Cathedral visible on the skyline

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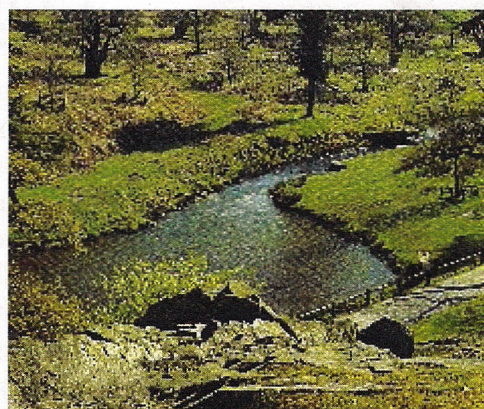
Coming Events

- *Meet the Members-27th November 2002*
- *Garendon Abbey-20th January 2003*
- *AGM & Colin Green-17th March 2003*
- *Brian Kibble—6 September 2003*

GEOLOGICAL WALK IN BRADGATE PARK—FABULOUS!



We had a lovely day for this walk and many of our members attended and enjoyed it. In fact one Committee Member said it was absolutely fabulous. She said that she had seen the oldest fossils in the world (but she was not referring to the members!) We try to have a walk in Bradgate Park every year, each time concentrating on a different feature.



RENEWABLE ENERGY-WHITTLE HILL FARM BUILDINGS

Our evening at the Renewable Energy Technology Centre at Whittle Hill Farm Buildings was a great success. Members will know that this is a special project of Professor Tony Marmont, husband of committee member Angela Marmont.

We saw the transformation of a 200 year-old ruin into a 21st century working complex. The centre is energy

efficient, set in the heart of the English countryside. In cooperation with the Universities of Nottingham, Loughborough and Leicester practical research is going on to produce answers to the world's needs when fossil fuels run out.

The centre is not connected to a sewage system, is self-sufficient in water and generates much of its own

electricity. It is air-conditioned and a fine working example to us all of a pleasant, efficient working environment. Tony Marmont, a real enthusiast, gave us a thought provoking evening.

MEETINGS FOR 2003

We have already fixed the date for the AGM as the 17th March 2003 at Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall. The speaker will be Colin Green of Severn Trent who is already well known to most of us. Please make a note in your diary.



To start the new year a talk is to be given by Brian Williams at Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall on Monday 20th January 2003 at 7.30pm. Brian Williams' subject is: "The Search for Garendon Abbey"

Many of us have heard Brian before and he is very interesting. Mark your diary.