



## The Right to Roam

### The Countryside and Rights of Way Act

The Act provides for a new right of access on foot to areas of open land comprising

1. mountain (land over 600 metres)
2. moorland
3. heath
4. downland
5. registered common land

There are provisions to consider extending the right to coastal land, but not woodland despite some early publicity suggesting this.

There are various restrictions, and definitions which place certain limits on the right of access, and the rights do not come totally into effect until the mapping exercise is completed, estimated to be late 2004.

The Committee has purchased an early map, from which it appears that there is very little common land in Leicestershire.

The Ordnance Survey will shortly be publishing maps which will show exactly which areas are affected by the new legislation.

Your Committee will purchase each of the new maps, as they are published and will keep members informed on their applicability to Charnwood Forest.

There have already been a number of scare stories, suggesting that the new Act will give unbridled licence to invade private gardens or walk over growing crops. Members are advised to discount such stories and await the hard facts! For instance, rumours that dogs have unfettered access are incorrect. They are permitted with walkers but not if there are animals, nesting birds etc which could be harmed. English Nature has agreed such sites and others will be considered.

## Recent Advances in the Geology of Charnwood Forest

Dr John Carney of the British Geological Survey first talked to us ten years ago. At our meeting on 13th September, he showed us, with many pictures and diagrams, how the local landscape has developed, from 600 million years ago to the present day.

From the volcanoes to the West have

developed the upturned rocks of today (see the photograph above.)

Dr Carney talked for over an hour and then took lots of questions from his fascinated audience.

As usual, the wine and nibbles were organized by Frank and Barbara Bassett

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### Coming Events

- Neil Pilcher-October 18th
- Meet the Members-November 24th
- Brian Kimberley-January 24th
- AGM and Colin Green-21st March
- Garden at Rainbows-June 13th
- Stuart Pearson-September 12th



# Visit to West Beacon Farm

June 23rd-It rained and it rained!

Professor Tony Marmont had invited us to his energy efficient home but the weather was dreadful! Tony and Angela each took separate parties round and all enjoyed the tour.

We were not sure whether a mid-week meeting would prove popular but we had more than 40 applications and almost all turned up. As can be seen they all came well prepared.

Our members were unanimous in praise of this most interesting visit and we shall probably repeat a mid-week visit in future.

*Good Boots and Umbrellas were the order of the day!*



## Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust

On Monday 18th October, at Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Neil Pilcher will be talking about the work of the Trust.

The Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust has six sites within Charnwood. They are at Ulverscroft, Lea Meadows, Charley Woods, Charnwood Lodge, Blacksmiths Field and Rocky Plantation.

Neil Pilcher is responsible for their management. In all the Trust has 35 nature reserves under its care and Neil is the

Senior Reserves Officer. He is also responsible for the LRWT's 5 year Heritage Lottery Fund.

*35 nature reserves ,  
6 within Charnwood*

## Grab a Granny-or even a Grandson!

We look forward to seeing as many members as possible for Neil Pilcher's talk.

But why stop there?

We are always looking for new members and the best way to recruit them is to invite guests to come

along, enjoy an interesting evening, meet other members and if all else fails, enjoy a glass of wine in congenial company!

Its up to you!





# Meet the Committee

The summer meeting of the committee was held at The Brand Stables, home of our President, Lady Martin, on Monday 14th June. It was a hot night so everyone was in relaxed dress.

From Left to Right:

Dick Howard, Secretary,

Lady Martin, President

Paul Day

Barbara Bassett

Dick Burrows

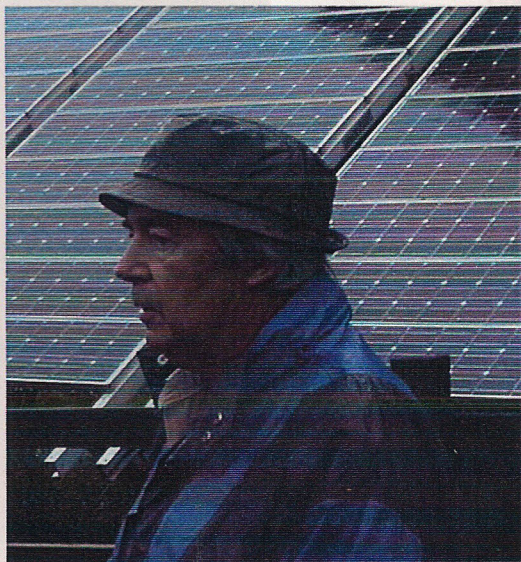
Clifford Jones

Chairman Peter Bertram took the photograph and Angela Marmont Tony Milner and Kim Turner, Treasurer, were not available but Angela is pictured below.



## Tony Marmont

Professor Tony Marmont is an expert in conservation and renewable energy. On June 23rd he invited our members to his own house to see some of his energy saving equipment, (see page 2)



## Angela Marmont

Mrs Angela Marmont has been a member of the committee since 2002 and supports her husband in all his environmental work.





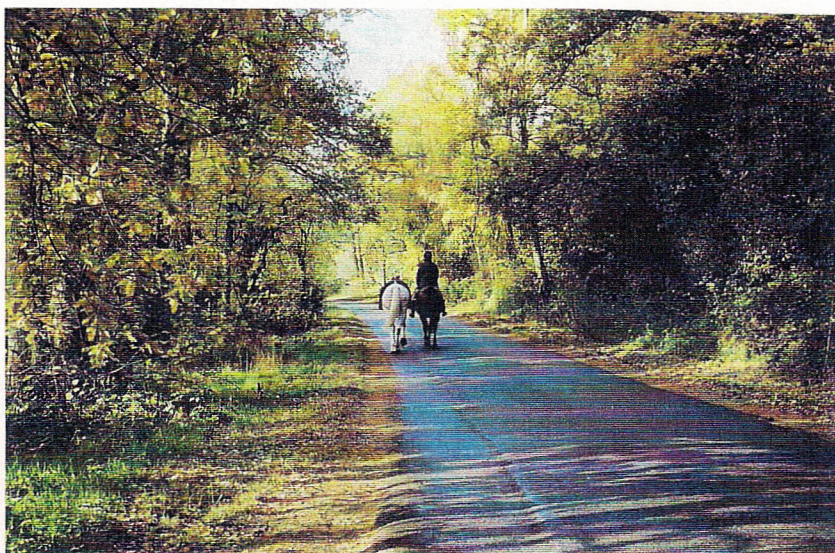
# Our Own Postcards

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When we had our photographic competition last year we had many entries and hoped to use some of them in the Society's first publication of postcards. We may still, but for the first edition local countryman and photographer Harry Coleman took these beautiful pictures on behalf of Friends of Charnwood Forest.

We hope that local shops will sell them and that all our members will use them for correspondence and spreading the word.

They are available in packs of 10 of each design from the Secretary, Dick Howard or committeeman Clifford Jones at £4 per pack.

They will be available at the Neil Pilcher talk and at the "Meet the Members" dinner.

*On the right is the second design, The Ruins of Bradgate House.*

