

The National Forest

The fifteenth Annual General Meeting of The Friends of Charnwood Forest was held at Woodhouse Eaves on Monday 26 March. About 40 members attended and after conducting the formal business in about half an hour, we heard a very interesting talk from Simon Evans of The National Forest.

Some facts:

2598 hectares of land are committed to the National Forest

Of the 200 square miles in the National Forest Area woodland cover has increased from 6% to 11.2%. The target is 33%.

Contact Helen Fenby at the Visitor Centre on 01283-216663

Visit the web-site at www.nationalforest.org

The Friends have supported The National Forest from the start and the purchase of our site at Martin's Wood was made with its co-operation and assistance

Biodiversity

Francoise Scire, of Charnwood Wildlife, gave us a fascinating talk on February 12th which was very well attended. She talked of many areas of habitat with particular reference to the Forest and Ancient Semi natural Woodland, Mature Trees, Hedgerows, Neutral Grassland and the lakes, Mesotrophic (nutrient poor) and Eutrophic (nutrient rich).

She illustrated her talk by reference to four particular species; Bats, Black Poplar, White-clawed Crayfish and the Song Thrush. To learn more or to obtain leaflets ring Francoise on Loughborough 264714

To learn more about the Song Thrush and its decline (up to 75%) contact Ken Goodrich of Leicestershire Garden Bird Survey on 01162 674813

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Attention!

- ☐ The next Committee Meeting will be on Monday 9 April at Nanpantan
- ☐ We urgently need new committee members. We are not getting younger!
- ☐ Contact the Chairman on Loughborough 239253
- ☐ Contact the Secretary on 01530-245373

Accounts for 2000

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
	£		£
Opening Balance	2441	Meeting Expenses	462
Subscriptions and Donations	623	Stationery, Printing etc	149
Bank Interest	51	Retirement Gift	120
Legacy	1000	Woodlands Trust Seat	675
		Closing Balance at Bank	2709
TOTAL	£ 4115	TOTAL	£ 4115

Foot and Mouth Disease

At the time of writing, there had been no reported cases of this terrible scourge within Charnwood Forest. Nevertheless all parks, footpaths etc have been closed and the Committee has decided not to attempt to arrange walks and visits in the countryside until all infection has ceased. We shall, however, try to arrange a visit of general interest within the urban areas this summer.

NO ENTRY!

Subscriptions

A big thank you to so many members who have renewed their subscriptions promptly.

If you have not yet done so please send to Mrs Barbara Bassett at

2a Mill Lane

Woodhouse Eaves

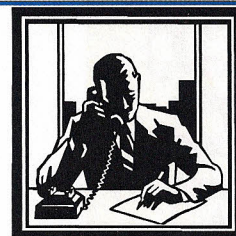
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Corporate Members £10

Individual Members £ 5

Family Members £ 8

Junior or Senior £2.50



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