

## What a Carillon!

It was a lovely evening... but then the rain came. We had 62 acceptances for our visit to the Charnwood Museum and the Loughborough Carillon on April 26th although eventually our party was reduced to 44. We split the group in two, the first party going to the Carillon whilst the others had a most interesting tour of the museum guided by Susan, the curator.

We changed places after about an hour and explored the Carillon tower. Over 200 feet high the Carillon was built in 1923 as a memorial to those who fell in the Great War of 1914/1918. It cost over £20,000, entirely paid for by local subscription when wages were £3 per week.

Most of our members (some over 80) managed to explore the three floors and outside gallery. The views were spectacular although the rainy evening blotted out most of the Forest.



## Annual General Meeting and "The wildlife of Charnwood Forest" by Ian Evans.

We managed to deal with the formalities in about half an hour and then we had a fascinating talk, animal, vegetable and mineral, from Ian Evans, Conservation Officer, English Nature.

His photographs were truly

outstanding, highlighting species which were declining or even threatened with extinction.

The evening concluded as ever with wine and nibbles, organized as usual by Frank and Barbara Bassett.

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### Coming Events

- 23rd June West Beacon Farm
- 13th September Dr John Carney ( British Geological Survey) *Geology of Charnwood*
- 18th October Neil Pilcher (Leicestershire & Rutland Wild Life Trust)
- 24th November Meet the Members - at Louis Scott's Restaurant



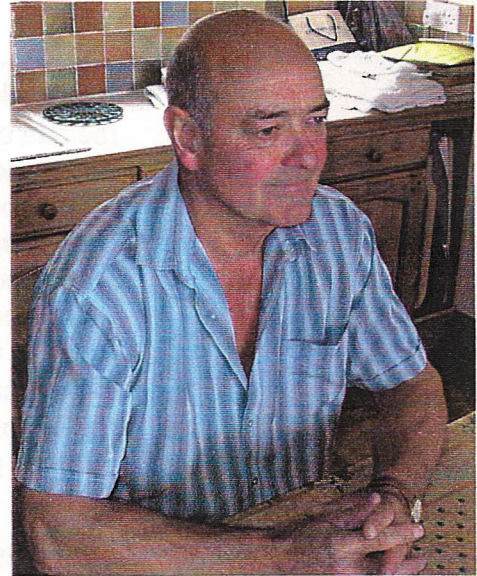
# Dick Burrows rejoins the committee.

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We are delighted to welcome back to the committee Dick Burrows. Dick has farmed in the Forest all his life and his local knowledge and experience will be invaluable.

He was a founder member of The Friends of Charnwood Forest and served on the Committee until 1992, when pressure of work forced him to give up some of his activities. He lives at Cropston.

He is seen here at home in a short break from the farming day.



## Charnwood Forest

### "A place of distinctive buildings and settlements"

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Our winter talk on the 9th of February by Martin Tincknell (Principal Conservation and Design Officer, Charnwood Borough Council) was as well attended as usual. Thanks as ever to Frank and Barbara Bassett who organize the wine and nibbles, so that members have a chance to chat informally with the speaker and with the committee members.

*Don't forget the Meet the Members  
evening at Louis Scott's Restaurant on  
Wednesday November 24th.  
Put it in your diary now!*

## West Beacon Farm-Save Energy, Save the Planet

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Members will recall the very successful visit, two years ago to Whittle Hill Buildings, Tony Marmont's energy efficient offices.

Now he and his wife (committee member Angela) have agreed to host a visit to their home, West Beacon Farm on Dean's Lane on Wednesday 23rd June to see how wind and solar power can fit into the domestic environment.

Sorry about some problems  
with standing orders for  
subscriptions. As always-  
blame the bank!