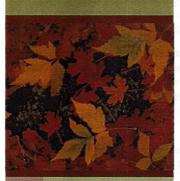
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Colin Green-enthusiastic as ever!

Colin Green, M.B.E. is a sure fire speaker and we have heard him several times at our meetings.

Colin, who has worked for Severn Trent for over 30 years, has few equals as a publicist with his infectious enthusiasm.

This year he spoke after our AGM on "Selling the Green Image" With the aid of a splendid collection of pictures he showed just how he caught the attention of the media and the public to interest them and to show how Severn Trent, our principal water supplier, was doing so much to safeguard our environment.

With "badger hotels" and hedgehog tunnels he made sure of headlines in the press and regular exposure on TV.



Colin in full flow

Bradgate Park and the Greys of Groby

Tony Squires has recently published a book on the Grey Family (Lady Jane Grey-Queen for 9 days) and is uniquely qualified to tell us about the family and how their life influenced the park that we know and love today.

Come and hear Tony at Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall on October 20th at 7.30 p.m.



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Coming Events

- Tony Squires— the Greys of Groby 20th October
- Louis Scotts-26th November
- A.G.M. March 15th at Woodhouse Eaves

What do we do....and who does it?

New members may not always be aware of what the Friends of Charnwood Forest actually do, and who does it.

- Constant monitoring of planning applications and vigorous opposition to those deemed unsuitable
- A keen watch on mineral extraction
- The fight against litter
- A voice in planning for the future
- Propagation of the message of conservation
- Visits to sites of historic interest and natural beauty
- Lectures, discussion groups and social meetings.

Your committee meets regularly to review our activities and develop our aims. Thanks to Lady Martin, our President, we have gathered in her dining room every two months or so to look at proposals and to plan for the future.

- Our indefatigable Secretary, Dick Howard deals with all these matters. Typically he will report on 14 or 15 items, many of which he will have dealt with himself, reserving major matters for committee review. He works daily on proposals large and small and we could not manage without him.
- Our Treasurer, Kim Turner, manages our finances, collects subscriptions and keeps us solvent.
- Our Social Secretary, Clifford Jones looks for, and arranges, visits, lectures and meetings to ensure the continued interest and participation of our members.
- We are continually grateful to Frank and Barbara
 Bassett, assisted by Ann Mayes, who organise the wine
 and nibbles that keep our gatherings so pleasant and
 popular.

The members at Stinking Wood





Stinking Wood...and a lovely evening

The name was not inviting but nevertheless a really good turnout of members came to explore Stinking Wood and Sandhills Farm, led as ever by Clifford Jones and illuminated by Colin Green.

After the 1939/45 war a charity was set up to provide homes for servicemen and it is still in existence. Part of their funds went on the purchase of these two sites although the farm was never too successful. In fact much of it is now a nature reserve and on a

fine dry evening in June we had a most enjoyable walk. The photograph above shows us assembled. It was not possible to provide our usual refreshments but we rounded off the evening at the Field Head Hotel.

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