

TCHT Novers Events Spring-Summer 2012

- 28th April: - BENSONS BROOK HYDRO**, a guided walk from Bitterley along the beech lined Bensons Brook to the 19th c. Hydro dam
- 11th May: - MOTH AND BAT evening**, a full evening with Food: - local produce including a forage salad, £10 adult, family ticket £15
- 13th May: - DAWN CHORUS**, led by bird song expert John Tucker with breakfast at the Royal Oak to follow, £10 per individual
- 20th May:- CREATIVE WRITING WORK SHOP**, led by Paul Evans & in Association with CFGA. Sacred Spaces Project.
- 2nd June: - JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY** join TCHT et al in Ludlow for a celebration of past & future crafts at the Bishops Maskell Centre.
- August Bank Holiday: - **TCHT Country Fair & Highland Games**
- 9th Sept: - AUTUMN FORAGE**. fruit gathering and pudding eating in the Novers Round House, £5 per individual
- 14th Sept:- AUTUMN MOTHS evening**. Mulled wine and rabbit stew to end the Novers summer season £10

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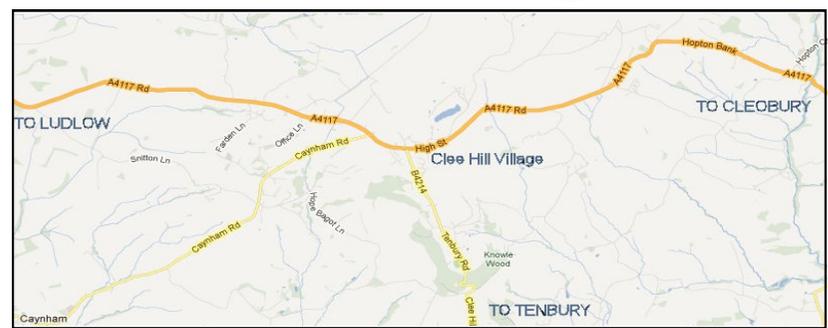
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The Novers Forest comprises some 28 acres of deciduous woodland at Knowlegate on the Tenbury road. It is a uniquely intact example of the early lime quarrying industry which flourished on Clee Hill from the 17th century to the early 20th century. The site is one of Titterstone's secret places, an important historic site designated as a Scheduled Ancient Monument of National Importance. Perhaps more importantly it is one of the few pockets of relic woodland left on Titterstone Clee. When the quarrying ceased the site was abandoned and slowly the native woodland came back, regenerated from the ancient forest seed bank. Hidden within the woodland lie ancient quarry working, remains of buildings, a mine and lime kilns, it is also home to a wealth of wildlife and **a truly magical place which captures the imagination of all who visit it.**

TCHT purchased the woodland in September 2010. It will be managed as a sustainable woodland to increase its biodiversity setting aside areas for wildlife. TCHT will also organize and deliver various activities for people to become practically involved in. Environmental courses including coppicing, processing coppiced products, fence construction, wildlife watching. The archaeological elements of the site will be used to explain the history of Clee Hill and to allow people experience of recording and conserving our local heritage. And in the longer term there will be the creation of a forest garden. Robert Hart pioneered the concept of the Forest Garden at Much Wenlock in the 1960s. The Novers Project will take this concept and explore how a one acre area of the forest may be used to produce a range of forage foods. This will be available as a renewable forage resource and educational facility to local and more distant schools and educational institutions.

The Novers can be found by taking the A4117 from either Ludlow in the west or Clebury in the east, follow the B road from Clee Hill village south towards Tenbury Wells, past Clee Hill Primary school down hill, past the rugby club, uphill at Knowle. The Novers gated car park is down a small track alongside Knowle sportsfield.



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