

## Annual General Meeting

The AGM was well attended, the upstairs room in Springfield House being filled to capacity. In view of the inclement weather during July we were glad to have chosen an indoor venue.

John Spiers, Chairman, summarized our activities since the last AGM and outlined future plans. Past Newsletters have reported the former in detail and the present one deals with the latter. The committee (see back page) was re-elected en bloc with the welcome addition of Michael Catty who valiantly volunteered to increase the male presence.

After the business we were entertained by two local musicians, introduced to us by Hilary Spiers. Soprano Emily Dunn sang a selection of twentieth century songs which were popular during Forster's lifetime. She was accompanied by pianist Ben Ward.

Tea, home-made cakes and conversation were appreciated by attendees to round off the afternoon.



Photo Rick Ohlendorf

## JOHN HEPWORTH MEMORIAL LECTURE

The inaugural Memorial Lecture will be held, by kind permission of Sharon Taylor, Leader of the Council, in the Council Chamber of Daneshill House, Stevenage, on Saturday, 24th November at 2pm. It will be given by John Catt and the subject will be the

rocks of Hertfordshire with a special emphasis on Puddingstone. Professor Catt was a friend and colleague of John Hepworth and has recently published a book on the Geology of Hertfordshire. The lecture will be followed by refreshments.

Tickets cost £3 and may be obtained from Angela Hepworth, Dominic Cottage, Rectory Lane, Stevenage SG1 4DA  
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## Waymarked Walk

We are planning to institute a signposted Forster Walk from the Old Town up The Avenue and across Forster Country with a figure of eight route from St Nicholas' Church.

We are most grateful for a generous donation from Barbara and Ken Follett,

made in memory of John Hepworth, which will enable us to pay for the signs and their erection.

We are also indebted to Committee Member, Anne Conchie, for her hard work on this project.



## CPRE

We are now members of CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) which we regard as an umbrella organization.

They are holding a Hertfordshire Planning Training Day in Knebworth Village Hall on 9th October to which we hope to send a representative.

## Last chance ...

This is a reminder that the closing date for entries to the Photographic Competition is September 30th.

For details refer to the Newsletter of December 2011 or consult the website - [www.forstercountry.org.uk](http://www.forstercountry.org.uk)

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We are pleased to welcome Ru Litherland as a trustee of the Friends of the Forster Country. He joins Margaret Ashby, Stephen Pollock-Hill, Marion Ohlendorf, June Pitcher and John Spiers.

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