



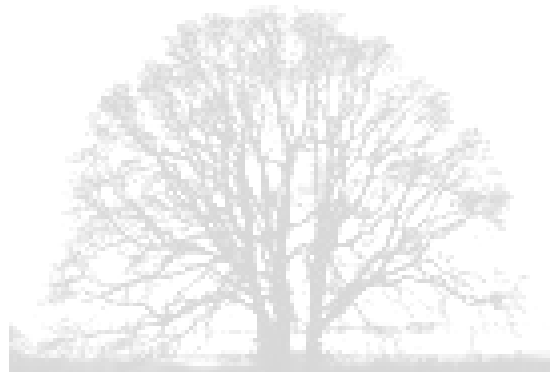
Annual Conference 2008 & Encaenia

A Living Forest: Epping Forest



*Guest of Honour and recipient of
the BNA Peter Scott Memorial Award*
Simon King

Saturday, 10 May 2008
Forest School, Snaresbrook
Epping Forest



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Programme of the Day



- 09.00 Register in Great Hall
09.15 Welcome in Great Hall by BNA Chairman Roger Tabor
09.20 Sponsors' welcome to delegates : Jordans Conservation Grade Cereals
09.25 **Launch of the British Naturalists' Association book**
"An Introduction to Bryophytes" - Dr June Chatfield & Professor David Bellamy

- 09.35 **Field Workshops Session (start from Great Hall)**
A programme of field workshops held in the immediately adjacent area of Epping Forest
- **Professor David Bellamy, Dr June Chatfield & Dr Ken Adams** : Bryophyte Bonanza!
- Finding Mosses & Liverworts,
- **Tom Thomas** : Spider Safari,
- **Michael Demidecki** : Owl pellets analysis.
- **Dr Tim Gardiner** : Spring butterfly walk
- **Martin Hicks** : Small Mammal Live Trapping
Pond dipping for aquatic invertebrates and other activities



- 10.30 **Teal/Coffee**: Book signing Prof Bellamy, Dr Chatfield, Endymion Beer

- 11.00 **Lecture session** in the Theatre
Introduction by Professor David Bellamy, chairman of lecture session
11.10 **Professor Alastair Fitter**, Pro Vice Chancellor, York University
"Out of sight, Out of Mind, Ecology in the underground"
11.50 **Roger Tabor**, BNA Chairman, "Non-native species in Epping Forest, from cats to parakeets"
12.25 **Dr Jeremy Dagley**, Conservation Manager of Epping Forest, City of London,
"Management of Veteran Pollards in Epping Forest"

11.00 - 12.45 Some **Field Workshops** will run in parallel to the lectures

- 13.00 **Buffet Lunch** (wine/soft drinks) served in the Great Hall + view displays including:
- Wren Conservation Group "Wildlife of the southern Forest"
- BNA's "Introduction to Bryophytes; Mosses & Liverwort photographs from the Association's new book"
- British Naturalists' Association's Coxhead Bequest of Botanic Illustrations
- British Naturalists' Association & Jordans Cereals "Conservation Farming"

Afternoon Encaenia

(For those robing, change if necessary from casual to more formal attire ahead of robing)

- 14.25 **Robe in the Cloisters and assemble in Chapel**: Greeting from Chaplain, Rev James Gascoigne
Gowned Procession to Theatre via Cloister Garden & Cloisters:
Welcome from The Warden of Forest School, Andrew Boggis, thanks from the Chairman
Presentation and Recognition of ABNAs, MBNAs and FBNAs by President David Bellamy. Orator for achievements, Michael Demidecki.
Chairman introduces the new Richard Fitter Memorial Medal
"A Remarkable Naturalist" Professor Alastair Fitter recalls his father
Presentation of the BNA Richard Fitter Memorial Medal by Professor Alastair Fitter to Endymion Beer.
Presentation of the BNA David Bellamy Award by David Bellamy to Phil Richardson.
Bestowing of Fellowship Honoris Causa upon Professor Alastair Fitter by President.

14.30 - 15.45 A **field walk** will run in parallel to the Encaenia

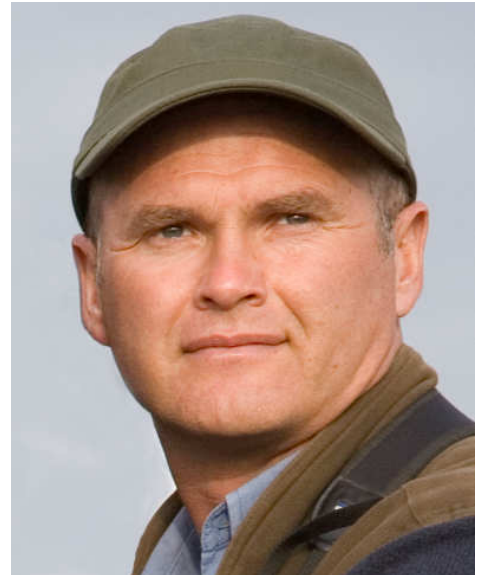
- 16.00 **Afternoon Tea**

- 16.30 **Presentation of the BNA Peter Scott Memorial Award** to Simon King
16.40 **Simon King responds**: "Naturalist and Camera"
17.25 Chairman thanks Simon King, and invites the President to
Bestow Fellowship Honoris Causa on Simon King

- 17.30 Chairman concludes Conference.



Recipient of the 2008 BNA Peter Scott Memorial Award & Fellowship Honoris Causa



Simon King

Simon was born in Nairobi, Kenya but moved to the UK in 1964 and has been working in the field of Natural History film making for almost 30 years. In 1976 he accompanied naturalist Mike Kendall in the BBC series *Man and Boy* in which they searched the country for Britain's wildlife.

His first film for television in 1979, - *The Willow*, was a study of the wildlife which surrounds a willow tree. This was shown in *The World About Us* series, as was his following film - *The Hidden Land*, a study of the wildlife which exists around the hotels in Spain's Costa del Sol. He has since gone on to produce in excess of 80 natural history films as principal cameraman, director, producer and many more as presenter.

Simon made two series of *King's Country* and a series of *King's Country Diary* for the BBC. He was also responsible for the annual BBC Two Christmas dramas including *Rannoch the Red Deer*, *Dusk the Badger*, *Shadow the Peregrine* and the award winning *Aliya the Asian Elephant* and *Tyto the Barn Owl* which won an RTS Technical Excellence Award, a Japan Wildlife Festival Environmental Award and a Silver medal at The New York Festival of International Programming.

He presented the highly successful six-part series *King and Company* and *A Walk on the Wildside* which was two and a half years in the making. Since 1992, Simon has worked out of the BBC's Natural History Unit on programmes such as *Nature Detectives* and *Wild Nights with Simon King* and won a BAFTA for his camerawork on *Life in the Freezer*.

As well as being a regular presenter on BBC Two's *Tracks*, Simon fronted *Watchout* on the same channel and filmed all over the world for *Hot Shots*, a series which looked at the making of natural history films. He has been a regular presenter on the NHU's Live Watch programmes and fronts *Big Cat Diary*, which follows the progress of lions, leopards and cheetahs in the Masai Mara. He also presents *Autumnwatch*, & *Springwatch* from some of Britain's wildest places. He had principal camera credits for *Wild Africa* and *The Blue Planet*.

Recipient of Fellowship Honoris Causa

Professor Alastair Fitter

The ecologist and naturalist Professor Alastair Fitter BA PhD FRS HonFBNA is Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research for York University, Council member of the Natural Environment Research Council and son of the distinguished naturalist Richard Fitter who was a long standing Vice President of the Association. Professor Fitter is a leading authority on mycorrhizal associations, the link of plant roots and fungal hyphae, and has also produced many natural history field guides, a number of which were in collaboration with his father. Alastair and Richard notably jointly published an article in 2002 in "Science" on wild flower phenology relating to climate change.



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City of London

The BNA are delighted that the City of London are again supporting this important occasion. As protectors of Epping Forest, the City of London works hard to ensure future generations will be able to value and enjoy our precious natural environment.

Epping Forest is one of the largest Sites of Special Scientific Interest and Special Areas of Conservation in south east England. It is also one of the largest public open space in the London area and is visited by millions of people each year. It is managed in such a way as to conserve its natural and built heritage to a very high standard. Over 6,000 acres of Oak, Beech and Hornbeam woodland, grassy plains, lakes, ponds, heathlands and meadows provide a mosaic of habitats for both wildlife and people. Epping Forest is a sanctuary away from the pressures of busy urban life as well as a place in which to enjoy activities such as walking, cycling, horse-riding, orienteering, to name a few.



Forest School

We are indebted to the generous hospitality and support for the second year running of the Warden, Mr Andrew Boggis, Chartwells Manager, Mr Stephen Moore, the staff and pupils of The Forest School for allowing us to use their wonderful premises and providing all the catering for the day.



Founded in 1834 with just 22 pupils, Forest School has developed to number 1,200 boys and girls in equal proportions across the age range of 4-18.

Set in a stunning location on the edge of Epping Forest, the buildings are a blend of the historic and traditional alongside those of the 20th/21st centuries at a site which is open, accessible and spacious.



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