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PAW OPEN DAY

Ron Bishop and Andy Mydellton represented FES at the Partnership for Action Against Wildlife Crime (PAW) Open Day Seminar in February at Kew Gardens. They set up a promotion stall for FES in the foyer which received plenty of positive feedback, as it was the best display at the meeting. As a result the Scottish police asked them if they could use the photograph of the Green Amazon Parrot that is the front cover photo. FES agreed, and now it is as part of their present exhibition to prevent wildlife crime. Moreover, this photo was also an attraction to another photographic exhibition at Rickmansworth Library, Hertfordshire in March. This FES exhibition was also aimed at preventing and raising awareness of wildlife crime. The display was deemed so successful that FES will return to the library in June for another 2 weeks.

- It can advise on WAFS and can help set up certain projects
- Other Wildlife Zone projects are also educationally useful and inter-active such as photographic exhibitions, radio programmes, newsletter, etc
- A 'blogpage' is soon to be available for sharing comments and expressing views and experiences
- FES give presentations, assemblies and formal class lessons
- A library of natural history books, DVDs, CDs, records, tape recordings, videos etc
- The FES Award for raising awareness
- Membership if FREE!
- In the near future ECAFFES plans to have some factsheets
- More educational programmes will be added, when confirmed

The following organizations include some of inaugural members and supporters who have had a direct link with the Foundation. This list reveals the array and diversity of organizations in Nepal and the UK although many more ethically minded supporters could also be named.

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| The Nepalese-Anglo Conservation and wildlife Educational Association of Nepal (NACWEASSON) | |

The Forum is growing and becoming more popular, and we will expect it to expand quite rapidly when the blog site is up and running in the near future. ECAFFES is still available for organizations to join. Therefore if you know of any organization of group that would make use of this Forum, or who would like to join, then by all means contact us accordingly.

Embassy of Nepal supports FES

The Embassy of Nepal in the UK at Kensington Palace Gardens has supported FES on their official website www.nepembassy.org.uk This is what is said about us.

The Foundation for Endangered Species founded in 2003 protects and promotes the natural and physical environment as well trying to stop animals suffering the horrors of extinction. The charity is member of the UK's Commission of UNESCO; in particular the Associated Schools Working Group where the CEO Andy Mydellton is the Advisor for 'Environmental Concern'.

The Foundation is a member of the Partnership for Action against Wildlife Crime (PAW) and the UK government's watchdog, the Sustainable Development Commission, and consistently promotes their interests.

As part of the Foundation's UNESCO work links are created between the two countries' school's for mutual benefit. The Foundation is also creating a nature reserve in the north of Nepal that will both benefit local children's education and fulfill a role in 'Sustainable Development'. Children will be able to visit and study natural history and sustainable development in the reserve. Endemic species will also have their often much needed protection where they can continue to survive. This is particularly important for scientists predict that it will be these types of animals that will be amongst the first groups that will face extinction due to Global Warming and Climate Change.

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Environmental Concern Advisor Forum of the Foundation for Endangered Species (ECAFFES)

The Foundation for Endangered Species has unveiled ECAFFES, one of its featured programmes that have already made impacts in the field of education. It is an auxiliary project that has formed a platform for natural history learning. However there are also adult groups, institutes and businesses that are supporters of the Foundation and wish to help raise public awareness of these important issues.

The Forum is primarily aimed for educational institutes such as schools, colleges, scouts amongst others. It has linked and established a network of these groups and has focused mainly with the UK and Nepal. Binod Neupane has been the Foundation's liaison officer and has also created links with the Nepalese Embassy in Kensington.

It got its name because Andy Mydellton is the Environmental Concern Advisor for the Schools' Group of the UK commission for the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Membership has been made open to all UNESCO Schools' Group members. Similar minded organizations, including those who cannot or who prefer not to join the UNESCO Schools Group are also eligible for membership. However, we do advise all groups to formally join the UNESCO Schools Group whenever possible, as UNESCO membership will increase the benefits of ECAFFES.

The Forum is based on UNESCO'S Schools Group's 4th study theme entitled 'Environmental Concern' -

"This theme allows students to link international issues affecting the global environment to individual, local or national realities. Within this framework, they can be encouraged to confront problems of local concern, which may lead them to develop strategies for the same or similar problems at both national and international levels. Activities in this area include studies on pollution, energy, forest conservation, marine and atmospheric research, soil erosion and conservation of natural resources, desertification, the "greenhouse effect", sustainable development, recycling "Agenda 21", etc. and ultimately on how science contributes to the future of humanity. Subsequent to reflection in the classroom, community-oriented projects are often conducted to improve immediate local needs."

International Conferences where the notion or activities of ECAFFES has been discussed include the European Parliament (2008 and 2009), the United Nation's Palce at Geneva (2008 and 2009), the UNDESD UK launch (2005) in London and the Earth Charter International Conference at Amsterdam (2005). ECAFFES is one aspect of the Foundation's continuing involvement with the United Nation's Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (UNDESD).

In simple terms, this is what the Forum has to offer:-

- It offers all sorts of links and networks for its members
- It informally offers most benefits of UNESCO School's involvement
- It is availbale to all sorts of non-school groups and organizations that cannot be part of the UNESCO Schools Group.



My appearance on the Wildlife Zone by Ahmed Assem

Ahmed is an Egyptian wildlife enthusiast and is one of a number of international conservationists who have appeared on the Wildlife Zone radio programme in the last four years. This is an account of his personal experience.

I appeared on Andy Mydellton's Wildlife Zone, in 2007, which was an excellent occasion.

Arriving at the radio station, I was impressed by Andy's professionalism and the well equipped facilities. The first compartment, consisted with a well stocked library; the second, was the transmitting studio itself and the third; the mixing room, which we did not actually use.

Andy quickly put me at ease. After a cup of tea, he explained the format of the show and we ran through the topics I would cover, as guest speaker. After introducing me, I soon settled into my appearance, which was interspersed with music, the Top Ten Hit Parade and various wildlife bulletins written by Andy. Detailed below is a brief synopsis of some of the main topics we covered.

My first words were:-

Let's start Andy, with the scarab beetle, which as you may know is one of the well-known symbols of ancient Egypt, representing rebirth and it is associated with the rising sun. The image of the scarab beetle is prominent in the royal funerary decoration of the New Kingdom. After laying its eggs in a ball of dung, the scarab beetle rolls the ball before it wherever it goes. When the young beetles hatch they appear, apparently miraculously, from the dung. If you go to the British Museum you can see a sculpture of the beetle and there is another large scarab near the Sacred Lake in the Temple of Karnak. Andy, I would definitely recommend a trip Luxor, to you and your listeners.

As people here may be aware many animals play a part in the religious life of ancient Egypt and the sacred bull of Apis is one of the best known, The Apis bull has a cult centre at Memphis and was seen by the Egyptians as one of the manifestations on earth of the god Ptah. When an Apis bull died, it was embalmed. The large tables used for embalming the bulls have survived near the modern centre of Memphis. The mummified bull was buried at Saqqara, the 'Step Pyramid', which you can visit today, just south of Cairo. Burials took place at the Serapeum, a maze of large underground caverns in the desert. Each bull had its own huge sarcophagus, which was placed in one of these underground chambers. The dates of each bull's birth and death were recorded, and the information has often survived and can be found on the walls's of the burial place. The bull's head itself show the divinity of the animal.

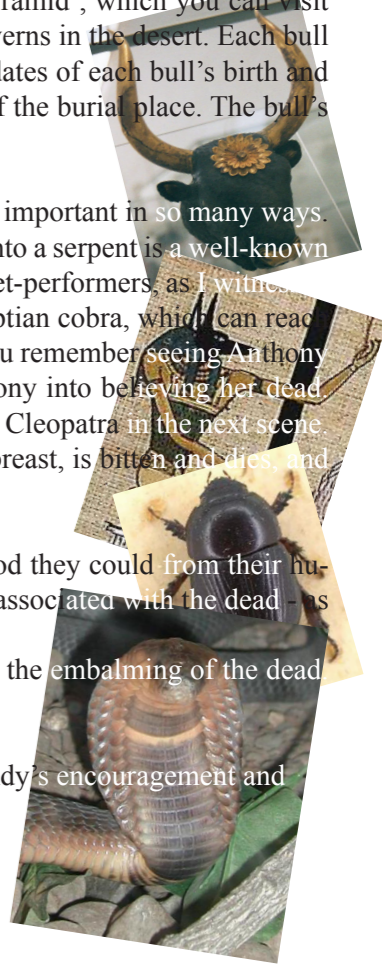
Of course, I can't talk about Ancient Egyptian wildlife, without mentioning the snake, which is important in so many ways. snakes represent creation, rebirth and regeneration, as well as power and danger. Turning a rod into a serpent is a well-known trick in the snake-charmer's repertoire, used for centuries and its still routinely practiced by street-performers. As I witnessed a few year's ago, just outside my late grandmother's flat in Giza. The bold and aggressive Egyptian cobra, which can reach a length of two metres is by far the most favoured for this trick!! As a big fan, Andy, I'm sure you remember seeing Anthony and Cleopatra at Shakespeare's Globe theatre. Do you remember when Cleopatra tricks Anthony into believing her dead. Distracted, Anthony, falls on his sword several times, but not dying until he has said farewell to Cleopatra in the next scene. A 'rural fellow' brings a basket of figs concealing a snake and Cleopatra places the asp to her breast, is bitten and dies, and is borne away to be buried next to Antony.

Jackals were often seen in the deserts close to the towns and villages, scavenging whatever food they could from their human neighbours. They were also often found in cemeteries, and for this reason jackals became associated with the dead - as represented by the god Anubis.

This god was worshipped both as the guardian of cemeteries and as the god who presided over the embalming of the dead. There is jackal made of carved wood which came from the tomb of Tutankhamun.

I really enjoyed the experience and was surprised how easy it was to talk on live radio, with Andy's encouragement and expertise. It was a truly memorable evening and I certainly would recommend it to others.

Thanks again to Andy for his kind hospitality



The Amanda Little Interview

Amanda Little radio presenter and media promotions adviser, talks to Andy Mydellton on his appointment to the Vice Chairmanship of the UNESCO UK Commission's School Group. She frankly questions Andy on the strategy, value and worth of UNESCO for the Foundation for Endangered Species.

Q. Why did you accept the position of Environmental Concern Advisor, first of all?

Well, Environmental Concern is the 4th study theme of UNESCO's Schools Group. It includes Sustainable Development and many other underlying issues that results in the impending 'Mass Extinction of the Species'. It also includes environmental protection and promotion; this is precisely our charitable object that we agreed with the Charity Commission when we first registered as a charity. So it is a 'natural' position for us. Furthermore the Schools Group is short of environmentalists, and I am the only 'expert' in wildlife conservation.

Q. You have recently been appointed as the Vice Chairman. How important is this?

It is certainly a position of some responsibility. The Group needs a stable and long term choice, and I intend to be there for the next two to three years. They don't want an idiot, fly by night or spineless fool; so I hope I do fit the bill - or my ego will be crushed beyond repair! As the Humanities are well presented, it can be argued that my position also balances the Group a little more.



Q. Is education really important, as opposed to conservation fieldwork?

In reality both are important. Karl Marx got it right in his socio-political analysis. If you want to save people's lives in the short term, feed them; if you want to give them a better life in the medium term, clothe them; and if you want to make a long term difference to the world, educate them. So too with animals; feed them in the short term; save their habitat in the medium term; but educate people for their long term interests. However, we cannot save an animal that has already starved or has been poached to extinction! The Foundation is in an awful dilemma, and must look at doing it all in some way. However, I do believe that we must be long term strategists as all of the world's problems are caused by humans, not by hedgehogs, sparrows or whales. So we must tackle our own present values, lack of intellect, selfishness and immoral activities.

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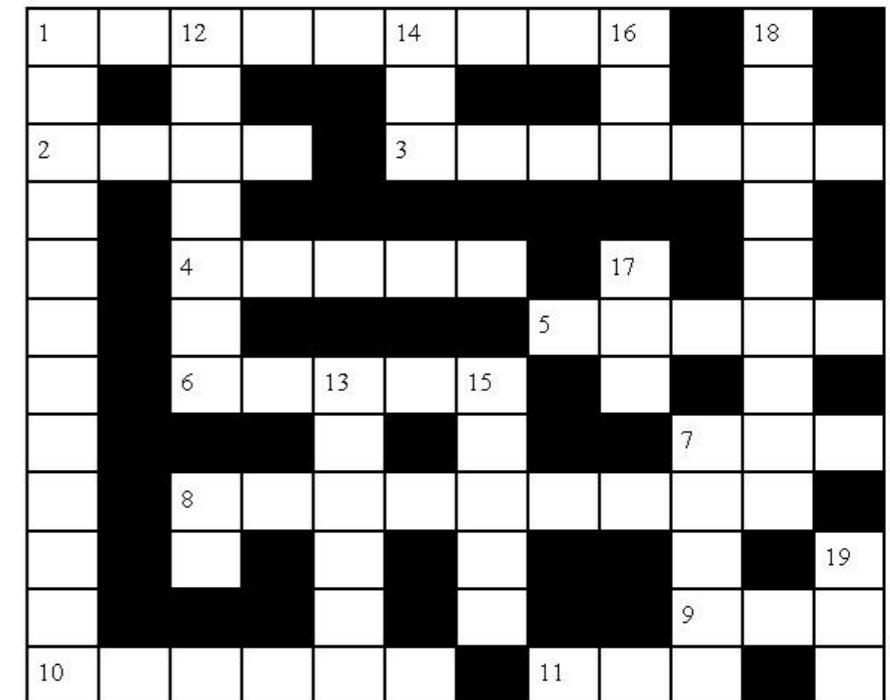


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1. Garden bird character (3,6)
2. Endangered fish, lovely to eat
3. Stone, birch, pine
4. African mammal
5. Crane has one
6. Bear
7. A bird's mating display area
8. South East Asian primate
9. New Zealand parrot
10. Cat
11. Film title about a Kestrel

DOWN

1. Rattlers
7. Sky, Wood ----
8. Cattle
12. Hedge Sparrow
13. Great Caribou migration
14. Diseased tree
15. Tropical fish
16. Garden birds
17. --- Weaving Spider
18. Bride of 1 across (5,4)
19. Cave mammal.



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The 'Environmental Concern Advisor Forum of the Foundation for Endangered Species (ECAFFES) is just one of our projects in the education of conservation and biodiversity; it is also generating interest in these areas of concern. This project is in its infancy and will develop throughout 2009.

The "Conserving Wildlife" magazine has taken on a new format and issue 06 is the start of a new dawn. The magazine has been a challenge for the Foundation in the past years, especially meeting deadlines and other logistical problems. Even so, I am now confident that a large amount of the problems have been put to rest and that "Conserving Wildlife" will go from strength to strength. May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who works very hard in the back room? Susie Curtis on the other hand is one of front line volunteers who help to man the stalls and has a smile for every body. The Beachcleaners team is a fine bunch, as is the 'fo-toteam' too. FES is a charity that does not twist arms, and it allows everyone to try our actives at their own level; so if you got spare time why not join us and pitch in?

FES I believe, will meet the challenge that it faces with help of volunteers, members, fundraisers, new team members and the leadership of Andy Mydellton. Thank you all; and very best wishes to everybody who has helped FES.

Ron Bishop, General Manager, FES



I would like to give my congratulations to Andy Mydellton for his new position as Vice-Chairman of the UNESCO UK Commission's Schools Group and pay tribute to his work. In my opinion, as the previous ASPnet Coordinator in Nepal, I believe that this appointment will help UNESCO UK, UNESCO Nepal and the conservation world.

Andy Mydellton has fulfilled his present position as the Environment Concern Advisor to this group very well for the last 18 Months. He has linked UK and Nepalese schools as well as founding the ECAFFES programme. In this initiative all educational groups can get a flavour of the UNESCO benefits, even though they are not necessarily capable of formally joining the UN group. In these ways Andy has shown that he has the experience and dynamism necessary to push ahead with UNESCO themes.

Whilst he is a visionary saving rare animals from extinction through the Foundation for Endangered Species and the Anglo-Nepalese Wildlife and Educational Trust, he is also a standard who can be relied upon, unlike some unprincipled and wild environmental idealists. This is one reason why I chose to be included in these groups.

I became Andy's colleague at UNESCO and then joined him at the United Nations Palace Educational Conference at Geneva in 2008. Since then Andy has returned to Geneva and has placed the Foundation's work inside the United Nations portfolio. As a result his expertise could affect other UN organizations such as Human Rights, Unicef, Refugees, CITES amongst others.

Even so, all of this planning and placement can still all be ineffective if it is not followed up by action. Therefore Andy has taken the Foundation's issues into the European Parliament at Brussels on a couple of occasions, making FES move in both spheres. I believe that constructing this bridge from governance to government (and at a continental level) was very important.

Binod Nepaune
UNESCO, Schools Group, UK Commission

TEXT from Emiel de Hert, ex European Parliament Commissioner... "I wish you all the best...and hope to see you again soon..."

EMAIL from Richard and Maysa ... "Thanks very much for a great Beachcleaning day. The food was fantastic"

EMAIL from Ramesh Man Tuladhar, President of Earth Charter International, Nepal... "Nice to hear about ECAFFES. Thanks again for allowing us to be a member and I hope we can work again when you return to Nepal."

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'It also means that we practitioners must now use the scientists' findings to turn our dreams into reality.'

Q. Yes, but why should the Foundation be in Education? Why not in Science, where the environment is normally situated?

Fair point; the environment is classified as a science. However, the Foundation is not full of scientists as we are advocates, enablers and field conservationists such as beach-cleaners, so this is our natural strength, and I believe we must 'go with the flow'. However, I must admit, whilst environmental education was not my first choice of conservation many years ago it has come to me as some form of revelation. It also means that we practitioners must now use the scientists' findings to turn our dreams into a reality.

Q. In the great and global scheme of things, what is UNESCO and how does FES fit into it all?

UNESCO is in three parts; education science and culture. I first heard of them in the 1960s when they successfully moved the Abu Simbel temples in Egypt above the river Nile to stop them from being flooded due to dam building. However magnificent the project was it still had nothing to do with wildlife. Even so, it did prove how great this organization could be with anything else it did. So as UNESCO oversees the World Heritage Sites (both natural and architectural), the Foundation has an interest in many of them, and one that we fully support.



Andy in the prototype Wildlife Garden of our WAFFS project at the FES registered office.