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ELVIS STILL LIVES

Sarah Wilson and other Catfilms personal gave everyone a tremendous evening's entertainment as they raised funds for FES. The audience warmed to the Catfilms' tribute to Elvis, Joss Stone, David Bowie, Frank Sinatra, George Michael, Amy Winehouse, Karen Carpenter and Dolly Parton. Everyone had their own favorites from the sophisticated voice of Ol' Blue Eyes, the stage presence of Elvis to the soothing music of Karen Carpenter. One moment that stood out amongst all of these successes was the sultry Amy Winehouse. Whilst this event must have been really hard work for Catfilms, many of the audience believe that the ensemble should continue to perform in the future.

SHANGRI-LA HEAVEN

Many people enjoyed a wonderful evening at the Shangri-La restaurant at Denham recently. We ate as much as we could, had an Andy Mydellton Photographic Exhibition, traditional Nepalese music and dancing in traditional costume, Mike Woodman as photographer – and all for only £10. As well as this Phyllis Hall donated one of her own paintings for an auction; afterwards the Shangri-La then donated all of the proceeds to FES.

The owners' other restaurant, the White Orchid restaurant of Ruislip, will be presenting Nepalese cuisine for FES 5th anniversary celebrations at the Uxbridge Pavillions on Tuesday 30th September.

FOTOTEAM FLASH

There has been some good feedback from the Fototeam's exhibitions at both Slough and Reading's libraries, and have been welcomed back at future dates. Photographers included Mike Woodman, Andy Mydellton and Vivienne Eka, who had all been subjects of Wildlife Zone articles in 'In and Around Denham'. Ron Chant has also caused much interest with his wildlife movies and was featured in another edition.

CONGRATS, MIKE

Mike Fray has agreed to become a Fundraiser with FES, specialising in grant applications. We would like to welcome Mike although he is no newcomer. In fact Mike is one of the original Beach-cleaners and has not missed an event in four years!



Amy Winehouse of Catfilms



FES is a charity that does not twist arms. It allows you to pitch in to our activities at your own level. Please contact me if you wish to get involved in any way. We need champions, volunteers, experts and secretaries to fill a number of roles. Recommendations and applications are welcome for these positions. Get in touch via contact details on the next page for more detailed information.

EXOTIC NEPAL

Andy Mydellton's trip to Nepal concluded in setting up our first tentative and private Nature Reserve. Other areas are planned in the Makalu-Barun and Mahabattran Hills areas. As these plans develop more information about them will be revealed. Our work in UNESCO was also considerably developed as Andy Mydellton visited Vidya Sadan School in Kathmandu, who have established links with Highfield School, Hillingdon.

Our working party in Nepal was also set up, so that we can purchase land and manage it along guidelines advised the the Nepalese Embassy in London, as well as by the United Nations. The party is named the Nepalese Anglo Conservation and Wildlife Association, Nepal (NACWEASSON) and compliments the associated charity and our UK working group, the Anglo-Nepalese Wildlife in Education Trust (ANWET).



Andy Mydellton at Slough library

THE RETURN OF THE BEAVER

The beaver will be back in the wild here in the UK after an absence of 400 years when a 5 year trial period in Knapdale, Fife starts in 2009. Andy

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Mydellton wrote to the Scottish Parliament minister for the Environment, Richard Lochheart to help persuade him to agree to the proposal. Unlike Louis MacDonald, the previous minister who refused our written request of 2006, Lochheart agreed to our (and other conservationists') argument.

IT'S PIGGIN' GREAT

A second major mammal has already made it back from UK extinction, and it is official. The wild boar has been classified by the government as an animal that may be hunted under certain circumstances; and so recognizes its existence in the countryside. FES welcomes this as a step in the right direction. However we have already proposed through the Mammal Society that FES prefer the boar to be fully protected until the minimum viable population (MVP) has been reached in two or three separate colonies. Moreover, absolute guarantees should be put into place ensuring that the colonies could never be exterminated. Both the beaver and the boar add to our biodiversity and FES wants them to become permanent features throughout the UK.

UN AN' EU

FES has become the official UK representative in the European Commission's project ESD4EU or the Education for Sustainable Development for the European Union. After contacting UNESCO, Frank Richter approached Andy Mydellton the School's 'Environmental Concern Adviser' to enquire if FES would get involved. From 2009 FES will have to supply the EU in Berlin the English-based internet sources and material concerning Sustainable Development and related issues. More details of the project are yet to emerge.

FES has also joined the International Institute for Sustainable Development Forum (IISD) and the United Nations Non Governmental Liaison Service (UNNGLS). These organizations help all UN based organizations and their members such as FES to interact with each other.

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UNUSUAL BIRDS

A Moorhen has been regularly visiting Andy Mydellton's wildlife garden and animal feeding station (WAFS) for a year and is pictured here on the bird-table. Nearby, Ring Necked Parakeets are regular visitors, whilst neighbours Jim and Phyllis Hall have had the greatest success perhaps by getting up to



Moorhen at the wildlife garden and animal feeding station

4 Wrynecks at their station. Does anyone know of other unusual 'garden' birds?

XPRESS YOURSELF

The local printers of the Pavillions centre, Uxbridge have done some amazing work for the Foundation recently, and have also made an impact on the local community. First of all, they printed our pack of 8 greeting cards which are now on sale; then for our 'Celebrations Day' (see overleaf) they helped us create a spectacular ECAFFES banner. Many people have given us lots of positive feedback. The banner was taken from this picture (right) taken by Andy Mydellton in Nepal.

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As many of you are aware, *Conserving Wildlife* is available as an e-zine, for those of you who have requested it by email. You may also download a copy from our website. Opting to receive the magazine in electronic form saves trees from being cut down, the charity a lot of money and also saves unnecessary landfill for those who do not yet recycle. However, not everyone has a computer and not everyone wants to read publications from a computer, even if they do possess such a device! So, we produce hard copies. The magazine can still be read free at Uxbridge Library or can be purchased at AMMA

NATURAL ENGLAND

As members of PAW, FES has been invited to give views on Natural England's future plans and policy as part of their Consultation Process. General Manager Ron Bishop is preparing our response, which will be available later in the year.

THE BISHOP'S BEES

Derek and Christina Bishop of Northwood contacted us when they had a swarm of bees at their home. Rather than simply destroying the bees, getting the council or pest controllers to exterminate them, they called in an expert bee-keeper. The now precious bees, whose numbers are in a serious and steep decline, were simply taken away and relocated. This action prevented any harm coming to their family that has two very small children. So if any readers know of any similar situation, by all means use this as an excellent example of how to solve a problem by tackling it properly.



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FES CELEBRATION DAY

On Tuesday 30th September, the Foundation had a remarkable day at the Pavillions shopping centre Uxbridge. They celebrated their first five years and their first year inside the United Nations organization UNESCO. They are members of the UK Commissions Schools Group, which used to be known as ASPnet.

Furthermore, Andy Mydellton celebrated three years of the Wildlife Zone media activities, as well as one year in the role of 'Environmental Concern Adviser' to the UNESCO UK Commission Schools Group. Later another surprise celebration was for the Foundation's General Manager Ron Bishop was presented with a photograph of the ECAFFES banner for a belated birthday gift.

Guest of honour was Jhabindra Aryal, the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Nepalese Embassy. He enjoyed the festivities and saw many tables that explain the Foundation's work in the UK, Nepal and for UNESCO issues. He also enjoyed the excellent Nepalese food supplied by the White Orchid restaurant of Ruislip. In fact Nirpa Pradhan's brother, Kiran owns some private land at Kavresthali, just north of Kathmandu that the Foundation is developing into a nature reserve.

The Nepalese Peace and Youth group, organized by Binod Neupane displayed items of Sustainable Development from Nepal; this is an integral part of what the Foundation is promoting. Radio Wexham were the compares of the day, with Kevin Hyland and 'Clucky' the Chicken making a great atmosphere, so much so that Mr Aryal voluntarily gave an unrehearsed live interview. He showed his feelings of the day and then voted for a One Horned Rhino as his choice for the Radio Wexham Favorite Wild Animal Poll. This special outside broadcast edition of the Wildlife Zone may well be made into a CD before Christmas, if all goes well.