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A NEW IDENTITY

Here is our new logo – a photograph of a tiger sitting in front of our acronym FES. This will be used in our ‘branding’ such as stationary and merchandise. We do not know of any other charity that uses the tiger, and as we are trying to build tiger swamps, it does seem so relevant.



GENEVA

Andy Mydellton and Ron Bishop spent a week in Geneva at the United Nations where they attended a Conference at the UN Palace. They represented the Foundation and were part of the 17-member delegation from the UK's UNESCO schools group. There were a number of background presentations as well as some extremely useful meetings, with one or two of them being arranged specifically for the Foundation by Conference Organiser Bob Willey.

We had meetings with IUCN (the World Conservation Union) where we discussed how the Foundation could really help the all important ‘wildlife bible’, the Red Data List. Talks with James Raglan were fruitful and some further developments are expected shortly. Another fruitful meeting was with Stephen Nash of UNEP (United Nations Environmental Programme) and of CITES (Convention of the International Trade for Endangered Species). Definite proposals have been forwarded and accepted by both sides, and we simply await official confirmation before taking action. The third meeting of specific interest was with UNICEF (United Nation Institute for Children's Education Fund). There is overlap with our existing work with UNESCO and Earth Charter International, so we are in the process of planning new possible methods of working.

WEBSITE

Mike Cowell has kindly improved our website (www.ffes.org.uk). However, as FES progresses at an alarming rate, we want to provide you with the best and most up-to-date information we can. Thus, we would welcome any feedback from any of our supporters.



Ron Bishop, General Manager and Andy Mydellton in the Avenue of Flags at the United Nations Palace, Geneva.



The Conference Hall, United Nations.



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.

UNESCO

Highfield Primary School, Hillingdon, has been admitted into UNESCO's schools group, so congratulations to them, and in particular to Jane Ellis, headmistress. This is where we inaugurated our WAFS (Wildlife Gardening and Animal Feeding Station) programme. Highfield School is now linking up with one of Binod Neupane's schools in Kathmandu, Nepal. The Vidya Sadan English School is in Saraswatinagar, Chabahil, Kathmandu. They are already members of the Nepalese UNESCO schools group as well as the Private and Boarding School's Association of Nepal. Our WAFS programme is now being implemented there. It is a unique initiative in Nepal, as no-one else has ever managed to successfully complete such a programme. So our congratulations must also go to those people who have helped set this up at the school, as they have also contributed in making a difference in young people's actions and beliefs (and for the better!).



UNESCO Schools Group in a smaller Palace Conference Room; (L to R) Andy Mydellton, Adviser for 'Environmental Concern'; Anne Breveic, National Co-ordinator; Binod Neupane, Nepalese Ministry of Education.

Executive) and Binod Neupane (Executive) to further the portfolio of FES. The Trust's object is to complement FES directives, to add new initiatives outside FES and to enforce UN policy. The first success is to enforce FES WAFS policy in Nepal, as mentioned in the UNESCO article. More detailed areas of potential activity were talked about during the visit to the UN Palace at Geneva.



Hillingdon Primary School; Jane Ellis, Headmistress with Binod Neupane from UNESCO and ANWET.

ANWET

Andy Mydellton led a Conservationist group to Nepal with ANWET (the Anglo-Nepalese Wildlife and Educational Trust), set up by Andy Mydellton (Chief

FES AWARD

The 2007 FES award for raising public awareness in environmentalism went to David Chaffe. This was well deserved as David Chaffe is one of the very few highly acclaimed and successful independent voices and publishers of this type. His book 'Stormforce' was an award winner, and his most recent publication was 'Face to Face with Nature'. The ITN correspondent Laurence McGinty wrote the foreword and was also at the book launch. The event took place at Slimbridge where David Chaffe worked with his friend Sir Peter Scott, way back in the 1960s.

David Chaffe is also appearing on the 'Andy Mydellton Wildlife Zone' once again. In this major interview the pioneering conservationist reveals his mission and world views. *Conserving Wildlife* gives congratulations to Mr Chaffe for his dogged determination with his continued private publishing and quality writing in this field.

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LAND OF THE TIGER

FES launched its latest photographic exhibition called the 'Land of the Tiger' which is a series of wildlife photographs taken in Nepal last year. This was initially exhibited at Uxbridge Library, with a few also being exhibited at the Pavillions Centre where FES had a promotional stall. The exhibition has just opened in Slough Library and was officially opened by TIME FM radio presenters Sam Jackson and Mark Jones.

The feedback received was extremely positive (thankfully!) and the general consensus of opinion was that it matched last year's exhibition, the 'Kingdom of the Jaguar.' After some advice from Robert Krwzyntic of the Natural History Museum, Kensington, Andy entered many of these photos into the prestigious 'Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition.'



A dangerous and endangered One Horned Rhino. This was one of the photos entered into the 'Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition'

NEW TRUSTEE

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Doctor George Chowrimootoo who is now on the board of trustees. He has been known to the Foundation since its inception and has also appeared on the Andy Myddelton

Wildlife Zone radio programme where he spoke about Mauritian Wildlife. Judith Cowell, an inaugural trustee has now left the board. FES would like to say thank you to Judith and to wish her well in her new ventures.

DATES FOR 2008

BEACHCLEANING

Sunday 20 July
Sunday 21 September

HOLIDAYS
(led by Andy Myddelton)

BTCV in Nepal
Saturday 19 July
– **Saturday 2 August &**
Saturday 30 August
– **Saturday 13 September**

National Trust to Lundy Island.
Saturday 12 October
– **Saturday 19 October**

NB. If anyone is interested in these working breaks contact the charities directly, or Andy Myddelton.

TIME FM radio presenter Sam Jackson (right) with Andy Myddelton at the opening of the 'Land of the Tiger' exhibition.



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