



The National Body For Naturalists

BNA CONFERENCE 2008

Conference Overview

TV naturalist presenter and star wildlife cameraman Simon King was guest of honour at the BNA Annual Conference on 10th May 2008. Simon was the 2008 recipient of the Peter Scott Memorial Award, and addressed the Conference. Simon is best known as presenter/wildlife cameraman on the BBC's 'Springwatch', 'Autumnwatch' and 'Big Cat Diary'.

The Conference was held at Forest School, Snaresbrook, in Epping Forest.





The Conference

Among the other speakers was Professor Alastair Fitter, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of York University, and very well known as writer of excellent field identification guides, on which he often collaborated with his father, Richard Fitter (a long time Vice President of BNA). Alastair talked about his father's amazing achievements as a naturalist, and their joint phenological studies.

Professor Alastair Fitter, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of York University, with Professor David Bellamy

Lectures

Introduction by Professor David Bellamy, chairman of lecture session.

Professor Alastair Fitter, Pro Vice Chancellor, York University "Out of sight, Out of Mind, Ecology in the underground"

Roger Tabor, BNA Chairman, "Non-native species in Epping Forest, from cats to parakeets" Dr Jeremy Dagley, Conservation Manager of Epping Forest, City of London, "Management of Veteran Pollards in Epping Forest"

Field Events

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 & LiverwortsTom Thomas : Spider Safari
- Michael Demidecki : Owl pellets analysis
- Dr Tim Gardiner : Spring butterfly walkMartin Hicks : Small Mammal Live Trapping

Pond dipping for aquatic invertebrates and other activities









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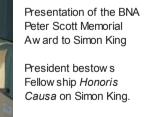


Picture Gallery









Simon King responds with a talk entitled: 'Naturalist & Camera'







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