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75th Anniversary

The FPS 75th anniversary will be celebrated with the following:

A short book on the part played by the Society in wildlife conservation since 1903, written by Richard Fitter, the Hon. Secretary, and illustrated by Sir Peter Scott, the Chairman, to be published by Collins in the late autumn—see page 203;

An enlarged edition of *Oryx* which will include a major survey of the Asiatic elephant;

An FPS exhibition throughout the summer in the Elephant House at London Zoo, Regent's Park;

Escorted visits to wildlife parks and zoos for members, including, on Saturday, September 2, Edinburgh Zoo, courtesy of Roger Wheeler; Sunday, September 3, Mole Hall, near Saffron Walden, courtesy Mr and Mrs Stuart Johnstone, and the Norfolk Wildlife Park and Pheasant Trust, courtesy Philip Wayre; Saturday, September 9, Howletts Zoo, near Canterbury, courtesy John Aspinall; Sunday, September 10, Marwell Zoo, near Winchester, courtesy John Knowles; and Saturday, November 18, the Wildfowl Trust, Slimbridge, courtesy Sir Peter Scott.

Meetings

Members are asked to note that tickets to the October and December meetings are £2.50, to cover the cost of wine and cheese supper, and that admission is restricted to members and friends with these tickets. Admission to the November meeting is free. Please order tickets in advance from the FPS office; an SAE would be appreciated. All meetings are held in the Zoo Meeting Rooms in Regent's Park.

Thursday, October 26, 6 pm: Dr. A.H. Harcourt will speak on gorillas and show a film. Tickets £2.50, to cover wine and cheese supper; no free, meeting-only tickets.

Tuesday, November 21, 6.30 pm: Dr Brian Bertram will show his 50-minute silent film on leopards, providing his own commentary, followed by the film 'Tiger Tiger', by Dieter Plage, courtesy of Lord Buxton and Anglia Television. Tickets free, in advance. Refreshments.

Tuesday, December 19, 6 pm: A discussion of the problems of Sahelian animals will be followed by a showing of FPS's historic film, made by Michael Woodford, of Operation Oryx in 1963. Tickets £2.50, to cover wine and cheese supper; no free, meeting-only, tickets.

Oryx Tours 1978

Ecuador and the Galapagos, August 12–September 2: Eleven days in Ecuador, including excursions on the Napo River, one of the headwaters of the Amazon, followed by a week sailing in the Galapagos Islands. The leader is nature photographer Brian Hawkes.

India, Bhutan and Nepal, December 2–26: Visits to Kaziranga National Park in Assam, the Manas Sanctuary on the India/Bhutan border, Tiger Tops in Nepal's Royal Chitawan National Park, Tiger Haven and Dudhwa National Park in northern India and Kanha National Park in central India. The leaders are naturalists Ashish Chandola and John Wakefield.

There are tentative plans for a tour to Mongolia and the USSR, including Lake Baikal, Kazakhstan, Tadzhikistan and Turkestan, in the late summer of 1979. Details in the next *Oryx*.