

TReeS News

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TReeS - Active Members

The following is the current list of TReeS members who undertake specific activities for the Society and can be contacted direct in these respects.

Helen Newing - currently in Peru undertaking research and co-ordinating work on behalf of TReeS and Ametra amongst others.

Paul Wilkin - Botany Dept., PSL, P.O.Box 221, Reading University, Reading, Berks RG6 2AS, TReeS newsletter co-ordinator and contact for scientific information on the Reserve.

~~Robert Harvey - 4 South Bank Lodge, South Bank, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 2BN, keeper of the TReeS slide library.~~

Paul Franklin - Elmhurst, Warren Hill, Stadhampton, Oxford OXP 7UT, initial contact for people who have visited the Reserve and want to know more about it, including scientific information.

Sophie Allington - 18 Swan St., Ashwell, Nr Baldock, Herts SG7 5NY, Illustrator and TReeS leaflet co-ordinator.

John Forrest - 64 Belsize Park, London NW3 4EH, Treasurer and Membership co-ordinator and main contact for general TReeS enquiries, keeper of TReeS display materials and b & w negatives collection.

Oliver Tickell - 379 Meadow Lane, Iffley, Oxford OX4 4BZ, keeper of TReeS library and main organiser for Oxford Friends of the Earth.

Mr A. Pease - 33 The Circus, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport SK8 7LE, translator of English/Spanish/English materials for TReeS.

~~Wick Squirrell~~ - 23, Rodwell Rd., London SE22. The resident naturalist co-ordinator who is responsible for supplying information about the Reserved Zone to prospective naturalists.

If there are any matters which you would like to be involved with please contact the appropriate person directly or John Forrest. Fund-raising and general publicity for TReeS are matters which we hope all members will automatically have some involvement in even if it is only to encourage a few friends to become members.

INTRODUCTION

The Autumn TReeS newsletter features several encouraging reports on TReeS activity in Britain and the high levels of interest they have produced. The news from Peru is the usual mixture of evidence of the great biodiversity of the Reserved Zone, the ever-increasing threats to this biological wealth and the efforts to preserve it. Unfortunately, we have no news from the last few weeks at the ZRT, as this has failed to arrive in Britain, and so will be in the next newsletter. I hope that as many TReeS members as possible have taken or will take part in the nationwide campaign against Macdonalds this October. The message that developed World patterns of consumption affect Rainforest conservation in a direct manner is at last being given credence by the British media and 'establishment' politicians, and we must capitalise on this by continually exposing the facts of the multinationals' human and environmental exploitation.

NEWS FROM PERU & THE ZRT

Exciting animal sightings continue to be made on the Reserved Zone with great frequency. A three-toed sloth was seen with a baby, and a puma and a tamandua were discovered by the naturalists within a few days of each other. Crested and black hawk eagle sightings are reported, and the four common monkey species have been seen regularly. Machin, the capuchin monkey who came to the kitchen for food for several months, has also returned. As usual during the summer months, the Reserved Zone has had many visitors.

There have also been positive events in Madre de Dios. Willy Wither, who has been connected with the Reserved Zone for some time, has started producing a fortnightly conservation bulletin in Puerto Maldonado (with the aid of the naturalists) to raise conservation awareness in the region. The work of AMETRA 2001 continues to go well, though they are very short of money. A recent donation of £200 from Oxford FoE has helped to keep the organisation afloat, and TReeS would like to express its thanks for this donation. An appeal is to be launched soon for AMETRA; any funding or details of funding sources would be very gratefully received. TReeS has appointed Didier Lacaze, the organiser of AMETRA in Madre de Dios, to work as a conservation co-ordinator in the Department; we must raise \$200 per month to pay for this. The co-ordination work should greatly enhance TReeS effectiveness in Madre de Dios and aid communication between the conservation groups interested in the region. Didier and the naturalists have given several excellent presentations on the Reserved Zone and conservation recently, using the AMETRA SLIDE projector. Hopefully the TReeS slide projector will arrive at the TRZ soon, so that our slide collection there can be put to good use.

TReeS chairperson Helen Newing has sent back several interesting reports from Peru, especially a brief account on the country's first environmental conference, which she attended. A full report on this conference, at which representatives of 30 groups were present, will be in the Winter newsletter.



The Trees Stall at Friends of the Earth's Ark Day

TReeS stall at Friends of the Earth 'Ark Day'.

On Sunday 18th September the Friends of the Earth organised a 'Save the Rainforests' Walk from the Natural History Museum in Kensington through Hyde Park and Regents Park to Hampstead Heath. Many of the walkers were dressed up in flamboyant as animals from the Ark.

The walk culminated at Whitestone Pond, the highest point on the Heath, where a 20' high Ark had been constructed. In brilliant sunshine several thousand people congregated around it to listen to music and speeches, most notably from Norman Myers (a patron of TReeS) and Jonathan Porritt (chief spokesman for the Green Party) about the dangers facing the worlds remaining rainforests.

The portion of the Amazon covered by the Tambopata Reserve ranks as one of the most significant areas of rainforest on earth and therefore, it was appropriate for TReeS to be represented at the event.

Considerable interest was shown in the work of TReeS and Ametra, several hundred leaflets were handed out and a number of new members gained.

NOTE to members - a variety of display materials are available if you would like to have a TReeS stall in your area at a similar event. These materials are normally stored in London.

'Budget Travellers Guide to Peru' (5th Edition)

The most up to date guide to Peru aimed specifically at the budget traveller has agreed to carry a free advert for TReeS in all subsequent editions. Already one has appeared in a special print-run of the guide for Journey Latin America.

Available from: J.Forrest, 64 Belsize Park, London NW3 4EH.
£2.95 (including P & P).

Treasurers Note on Membership

It was resolved at the last meeting of the Society that to standardise the finances of the Society, membership subs will be due on the 1st of January every year with effect from 1.1.1989. Any members joining on or after the 1st of November in any year will receive membership up until the end of the following year.

Anti-McDonald's Fayre

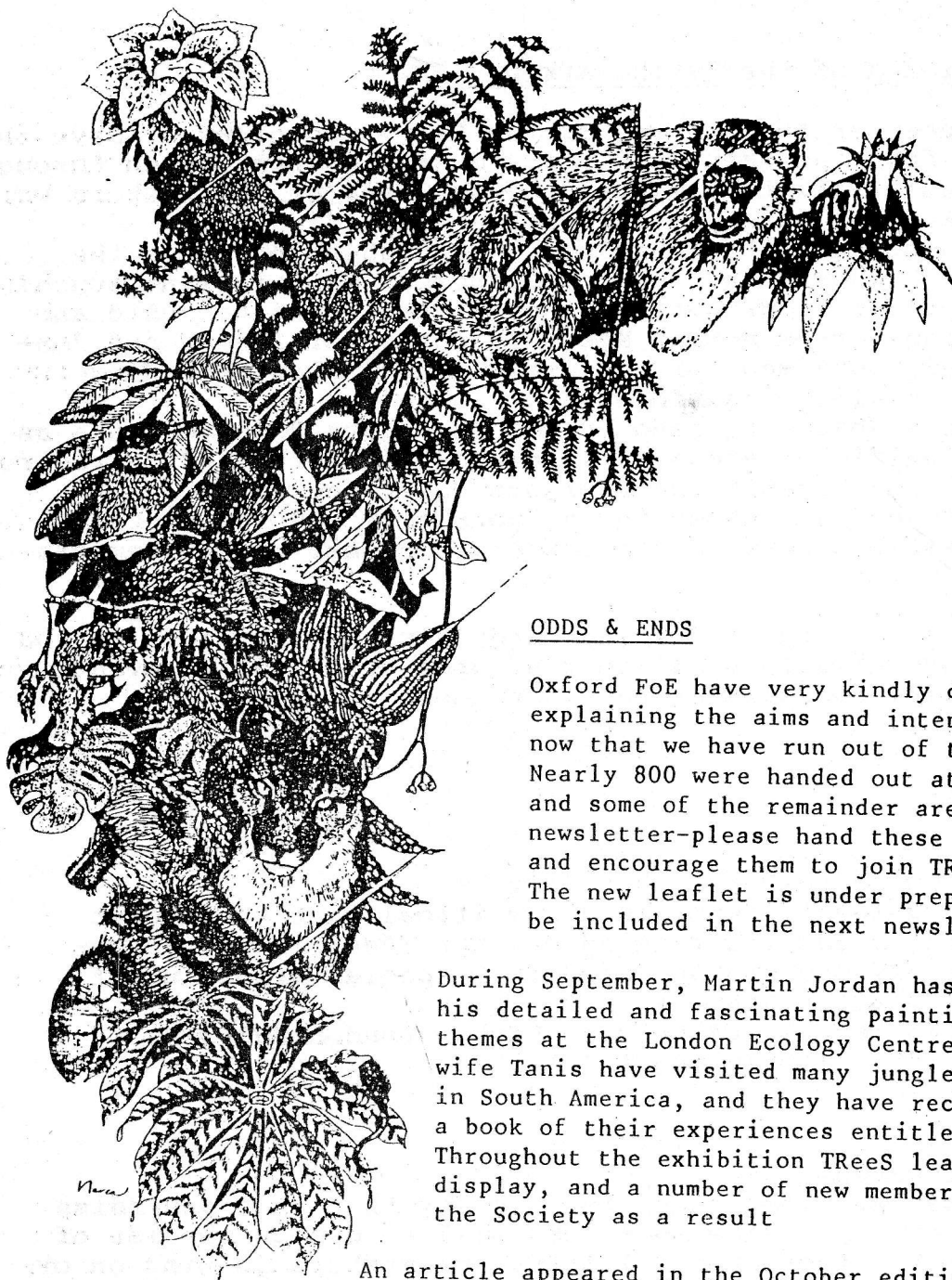
On Saturday 29th October (11am - 5pm) there will be an anti-McDonalds Fayre at the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1 (near Holborn Tube), following the worldwide anti-McDonald's Day on 16th October.

McDonalds made £1.32m profit per day in 1986 and currently opens 10 new branches every week around the world.

The Fayre will include vegetarian food stalls, theatre and puppet shows and speakers and videos on the exploitation of the rainforests. McDonalds plays a major part in the destruction of rainforests for Ranching, which is a threat faced by the Tambopata Reserve and also takes advantage of cheap labour in the countries where most of the remaining rainforests are located.

TReeS will be having a stall at the Fayre to emphasise the threat to virgin Amazonia by ranching in particular.

NOTE to members - please lend your support to TReeS and this event by coming along on the 29th.



ODDS & ENDS

Oxford FoE have very kindly donated 2,000 leaflets explaining the aims and intentions of TReeS, now that we have run out of the old leaflet. Nearly 800 were handed out at the 'Ark Day', and some of the remainder are enclosed with this newsletter—please hand these on to friends and encourage them to join TReeS. The new leaflet is under preparation and will be included in the next newsletter.

During September, Martin Jordan has been exhibiting his detailed and fascinating paintings on jungle themes at the London Ecology Centre. Martin and his wife Tanis have visited many jungle regions, particularly in South America, and they have recently published a book of their experiences entitled 'Out of Chingford'. Throughout the exhibition TReeS leaflets were on display, and a number of new members have joined the Society as a result.

An article appeared in the October edition of the radical ecological magazine 'Greenline' about TReeS and its work.

If any TReeS members would like to support this excellent magazine, it costs £6 for 10 issues per year, from 'Greenline', 34, Cowley Rd., Oxford OX4 1HZ.

The next TReeS meeting will be at 2p.m. on Saturday December 3rd, in the North Room of the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC2, nearest tube Holborn. The deadline for articles for the Winter newsletter is January 15th 1989.

Thanks to John Forrest, Anna Culwick and Helen Newing for the material in this newsletter. The sketch of Paul Donahue on the Laguna Chica tree platform was drawn by Anna Culwick.