

FCRA News

The newsletter about retired Forestry Commission employees

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NEW GROUPS SWEEP CLEAN

Reports John Wallace

I want to tell you about the changes that have recently been introduced in YOUR membership association. Following our very successful AGM in Llandudno in May we have restructured ourselves into a two-tier organisation consisting of a Management Committee and local Groups. The middle tier of Branches has been abolished.

The Management Committee consists of a Chairman (David Chadwick), Vice-Chairman (Bart Venner), Treasurer (Charles Dickens), myself as Secretary, with ex-officio members of the Commission's Director Personnel (Jim Anderson), Chief Welfare Officer (Fiona Alexander) and Staff Side Secretary (Edward Shephard). We meet about three times a year to discuss matters which affect the whole of the retired membership and organise an AGM in various parts of the country.

However it is in the local Groups where the action takes place. If you have a Group near you and have not yet gone along to see what happens, why not make a resolution for 2001 to get in touch. It only takes a telephone call. The numbers are below. Your contacts will give you the areas covered. You can be guaranteed a warm welcome. It makes no difference what role you played in the past - we are all one grade in retirement! What's more we welcome partners as well - and that includes widows and widowers of former staff. I can only speak from experience - but both my wife and I have met and formed friendships with many people as a result of joining our local Group, which has enriched our lives in retirement. Activities have ranged from a simple get together for a chat, a visit to a local amenity or a more ambitious three-day

break away. So come on, take the plunge, and see what's on offer in your area.

Unfortunately we do not have Groups in all parts of the country. We do our best to plug the gaps but we need your help to achieve this. If there are one or two of you out there in an area of the country not served by an existing Group and you would like to get together with others, why not give me a ring on 0131 539 0667 and we can see what we can do - particularly those of you who live in the Lake District. In May 2001 we intend to hold our AGM, dinner and tour in the Lakes and it would be nice to get a new group going in that area.

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DONALD CUMMING: AN APPRECIATION

Although Donald was not a member of the FC, he will be well known to Aberdeen University forestry students. He started his forestry career in 1949 in what was then the Colonial Forestry Service of Northern Rhodesia, returning to the UK in 1967. He was appointed lecturer in 1971 and earned the respect and affection of generations of students. He played a leading role in the Aberdeen region of the RSFS. He was active in conservation and an enthusiastic supporter of the Grampian FWAG. His philosophy was: look forward, not back, be constructive, think of others. He inspired all who met him, including younger people, and set many on their paths to successful forestry careers. (Condensed from an appreciation in "Scottish Forestry")

DEAN FORESTRY SCHOOL REUNION 2000

What were you doing in 1928? Fred Beaseley was attending the Dean Forestry Training School at the start of his two year stint. In early October he returned to the Dean, not for the first time, for the Forestry School reunion. Fred is the oldest surviving student and will be 93 in early November.

He joined a throng of over 60 people, ex-students and wives who gathered at Bells Club for dinner. Bells Club is now a Golf Club and Hotel, in student times it was Bells Grammar School in Coleford. There were 2 other pre-war students, Cyril Lewis 1934-1936 and Ossie Evans 1941-1943; the rest were younger and showing the "grey power".

There were apologies from over 20 other ex-students who couldn't make the event. However the next one is planned for the first Saturday in October 2003 which will be the beginning of year '99' since "The School" started. Bart Venner told the gathering booking was already going ahead and hopefully ex-students will continue throughout October 2003 through to September 2004. The centenary will be commemorated with a series of meetings and tours with another dinner in October 2004.

Ex-students who want information about the future events should contact Bart on 01594 530504. He needs your address and telephone number.

SAVERNAKE'S STILL SCORING

After the reference to *Larix polonica* in the Savernake Arboretum in the April issue of FCRA NEWS, John Aldhous was encouraged to write.

"Silviculture Branch at Alice Holt had a sustained interest in an area a mile or so to the east of the main block. The main focus of interest was a large European larch provenance experiment of P47 vintage. By memory, the outstanding provenance on that site was from the Czechoslovak side of the Tatra mountains. There was a margin of unused ground around the main experimental block and this was filled with species considered to be of interest at the time. The main experiment did not have any 'Polish larch'. However, somehow a small amount of seed was obtained from three localities in Poland, Skarsysko, Mala Weis and Gora Chelmona. Small plots were subsequently set out in the early 1950s adjacent to the main experiment. Why the names stuck in my head, I have no idea - there are many more useful things that I have forgotten!

The early stem form of all the Polish lots was sinuous, though reasonably vigorous. The particular feature that we noted at the time was that the twigs were a pale straw colour. Whether these are the *Larix 'polonica'* mentioned in FCRA NEWS Issue 8 I do not know. I have always understood 'polonica' to be a varietal name of *L. decidua* - see Dalimore & Jackson 'Handbook of Coniferae'."

Geoff Rouse has also mentioned that he has found *Larix polonica* in Alan Mitchell's "Field Guide to the Trees of Britain and N Europe" and in W J Bean's "Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles".

Life after retirement

John Keenleyside has been a very helpful FCRA NEWS correspondant for North Scotland so I suspect he was unsurprised when I asked him to contribute to this column.

John started forestry at Ford and Etal estate near Berwick in 1945. In 1953, after Forestry School at Glentress, he was posted to Research at Wykeham under the late John Weatherel. Remaining in Research, he moved to Drumtochty; then Lairg working mainly in the far north. Evocative names such as Watten, Borgia, Strathy and Strathnaver. In 1972 (1 April to be exact) he was plucked out of Research and dropped into Ardgarten Forest as Chief Forester, never having been in a Conservancy. He learnt quickly! In 1979 it was back into Research in the north. In his last years he was appointed DO for Inverness FD and retired in 1990. He had 54 years in forestry. He now takes up his story.

"Having retired at age 60 and still very fit, I felt the need to do more work in forestry.

My ambition was to get back into the forest and to do some real forestry work after years of administration and increasing amounts of paper work. I was approached by some of the forestry companies to go with them before I retired but said I wished to keep my options open. After two weeks painting around the house the phone rang three times each asking me to do a one-off consultancy job. I was so desperate to get out that I said yes to all of them and never had to look for another job since then. They just kept rolling in. I never tied myself down to working set hours or certain days as I had so many other interests that I wished to keep up.

The work which I enjoyed most was measurement of trees and valuation of plantations. Sadly some of the valuation work was in FC plantations which were up for sale. It was an advantage to know their location and geography from my days in FC Research. I did not like to see plantations which we in the FC had created going on the market, but if I did not measure them someone else would. Marking of thinnings was another job I enjoyed, doing it properly, according to the bible as laid out in the Blue Book FC No 39.

The biggest of these jobs was to measure approximately 700 hectares on Speyside, and later to do it again. It was nearly all Scots pine, fairly uniform crops on moderate slopes, a very satisfying job especially the second time round when I could see the improvement.

Colleagues asked how I got these jobs. The answer was simple. I got up in the morning and went out and worked at them. Whilst this was going on I was also involved in the Royal Scottish Forestry Society, Council in Edinburgh and Chairman in Northern Region for three years which included the planning for the 100th Annual Excursion. I served on several committees in Inverness College, being Chairman of the Forestry Advisory Committee at Scottish School of Forestry for many years. I did one spell of three years on the Forestry Commission Regional Advisory Committee which was interesting, and took me into forests in different locations including one trip to the Isle of Lewis.

Living in Forres and being interested in flowers, I became a founder member and treasurer of Forres in Bloom. We competed in Europe in 1990 and were runners up. On several occasions Forres won Scotland in Bloom. In 1999 Forres won Britain in Bloom for the small town category. Apart from obtaining £15,000 in cash, I grew 800 begonias, coordinated the programmes at three schools and the industrial estate.

In 1992 I fulfilled a lifetime ambition to visit British Columbia to see trees growing in their natural habitats. From work in Research names like Queen Charlotte Islands, Vancouver Island, Prince Rupert, Skeena river, Terrace, Hazelton, Prince George, Alberta and Kamloops were all familiar as provenances mainly of Lodgepole pine. I even reached Stewart in Alaska which was very interesting.

After eight years of semi-retirement I decided to give up paid forestry work and devote my declining energies to charitable work. I became the only male member of the WRVS in Forres and started delivering meals on wheels. (I discovered that some of the clients were younger than me!) My interests also cover Children First (the old Cruelty to Children group). Twinning is another interest. Forres is twinned with a German town Viennenburg in the Harz mountains, and I have visited it three times. I was Chairman of this group for five years and moved on to become the Chairman of the Moray Twinning Association, covering six groups in the area for four years.

I avoided the FCRA for a time, considering that it was not long since I left the Youth Club! Eventually I joined and subsequently became the Vice-Chairman for the North Scotland group. God willing I will ascend to being

Chairman in 2001 and this will be my final office in high places. I enjoyed my time in the Forestry Commission and all the things I have been able to do in ten years of retirement."

The eastern Harz is a great place for narrow gauge steam railways. Ed
Thinking that I would keep the northern bias in this column, I received a contribution from Frank Sutherland, now living in Caithness. Now for his story.

I retired from the Forestry Commission in December 1986 after nearly forty years service. I was FDM of the then Mull Forest District, having gone there fourteen years earlier as Chief Forester.

I returned to my native heath in Caithness, to the house in John O'Groats which I inherited from my mother's side of the family. The first two years were spent mainly on renovations to the house. I was able to complete most of the work myself, being a 'Jack of all trades' and fond of working with my hands.

At that time I still owned the Last House on the mainland of Scotland, in which I had been born and brought up, and had been in my father's family for over 200 years. My sister had a souvenir shop in the house for thirty years and retired in 1988. On her retirement I gave the house to my son and his wife and they built a new shop onto the rear of the building and turned the 'Last House' into a museum.

I helped my son to put the museum together and looked after it for the next ten years. 'John O'Groats of Yesteryears' included over 200 years of our family history, shipwrecks in the Pentland Firth (over 200 since 1880) and information on Scapa Flow in the two world wars. The latter included pictures and artefacts of the scuttling of the German Fleet in 1919 and a German naval flag washed up on the beach. It also had the history of the Island of Stroma, two and a half miles off the mainland. The island had a population of almost 300 when I was a boy but is now uninhabited. The display included the history of local lifeboats and collections of tools and utensils used by the fishing and crofting community, which was the main industry of the area. We were also able to gather a large number of photographs, many of them very early. One of the most interesting members of the family was my great grandmother, who came to live on Stroma when she married in 1841 and died there in 1924 aged 100 years and three months. She was widowed when she was 28 years of age and left with three children. She lived a very active life as the local midwife. With the large families of those days she was very well known and loved in the area, helping to bring many children into the world. I understand she was still active and helping out in her eighties.

During this time I met many people from around the world. One old lady was very interested in the display of photographs and information about the scuttling of the German fleet in Scapa Flow in 1919. It turned out that her father had been the captain of one of the British warships which accepted the handing over of the German fleet to the allies in the Firth of Forth in November 1918 before being taken to Scapa Flow for internment. She told me that she had a picture of the event, which comprised of over 300 British, American and German warships. This was the largest collection of warships, together at one time ever. A few weeks later she sent me the picture for display.

On another occasion an old gentleman said that he was one of the engineers working for the salvage company 'Cox and Danks' which lifted most of the scuttled German ships from the sea bed. All the ships were lifted except for seven, which are still in the Flow today. This operation was carried out from 1928 to 1939. The raised ships were towed to Rosyth where they were cut up for scrap, much of which was sold back to Germany in the thirties. As a boy can remember seeing some of the ships being towed through the Pentland Firth.

Two years ago my son sold the museum to the company which owns both the John O'Groats Hotel and the Land's End Complex. I am no longer involved in the museum but my other interest is gardening.

We have quite a large area of ground about the house which had been neglected for many years. Although the ground is fertile, conditions are rigorous as we are very exposed and suffer from salt laden winds off the Pentland Firth. The garden can be looking lovely but one night of a high north west wind can devastate and blacken everything. We had a wind in June which blackened even the nettles on the common grazing near the beach.

We had to learn which plants and shrubs would survive! There was a lot of trial and error. On the other hand a few plants grow well and can stand the windy conditions such as red hot poker and pampas grass. There is much to do but we are making progress."

How about giving the BBC TV Ground Force garden team a real challenge - a Caithness garden makeover! Ed

OBITUARIES

Mike Locke says there can be few retired forest staff who did not meet BOB WATERS, especially through the many Mensuration and Surveying courses. His friends will be saddened to learn of his death in June, aged 80, after a short illness.

He entered the Dean Forestry Training School in 1938. After the outbreak of war he was seconded for a period to the Timber Production Department before being called up to the RAF, joining his squadron in South Africa. On his return to civilian life he completed his forestry training and was posted to the recently established Mensuration Section at Alice Holt under Fred Hummel. In 1950 they jointly published volume tables for oak, beech and birch which were then followed by Yield Tables for the main broadleaved species - the first such tables for Great Britain.

In 1966 he completed a year's course at Oxford University and soon afterwards was transferred to E(E) Conservancy on promotion where he became District Officer at Lincoln. Thereafter he held District posts at Dolgellau and Ashford. In 1979 he transferred back to Alice Holt as Chief Census Officer to help plan and run the forthcoming National Forest Census. He retired in 1984 and lost no time in fulfilling a

lifelong ambition to return to his native roots at Foxley in Norfolk. He was able to enjoy the pleasures of rural life and indulge his passions for gardening and raising large numbers of exotic trees.

At work Bob was a real driving force and the restless energy within him meant that any task given him would be pushed forward with all possible speed but never at the expense of accuracy or attention to detail. His career took him all over the country and his encyclopaedic knowledge of forests and private estates made him a very fruitful source of information.

He will be greatly missed by friends and family.

TOM ROBBIE died in August and Bill Sutherland has drawn on the memories of many of his friends. Tom graduated from Aberdeen in 1935, and started with the FC in the Black Isle. After a short tour in North Wales where he met his future wife, he joined the HGTPD on the outbreak of war. In 1946 he took charge of Glentress Forester Training School assisted by Norman Tulloch, Laurie Stoddart, Ian Robertson and Ian Garrioch, who subsequently helped Tom with producing "Teach Yourself Forestry". In 1953 he started the new Faskelly FTS, again with Ian Garrioch. He left there in 1955, having been responsible for training over 100 foresters,

and became DO East Scotland. In 1957 he was promoted to Divisional Officer West Scotland under John James, and remained in Glasgow over 16 years, serving under 4 Conservators and, in George Stewart's words, playing an invaluable role in maintaining continuity in the Conservancy. Initially he was involved in the large new planting programmes, but then latterly transferred to Harvesting and Marketing.

Tom was always a keen gardener. In his Glentress days he specialised in pansies but in Glasgow he turned his attentions to Dahlias. John Zehetmayr recalls that in his heyday he had 3 gardens full of them, was a national judge and required a week's leave in October to attend to the over-wintering of his precious tubers.

On taking early retirement in 1973 he joined J & K Peters and became Scotland's leading light in the production of the then new mulch produced from bark and later still his name was a byword in the Glasgow Christmas Tree Trade.

He was a staunch member of the FCRA, attending the Annual Excursions. At Northwich his distinctive Buchan twang was to be heard offering advice to the Captain of the cruise boat who was having difficulties with the current.

Bill Johnson's obituary will appear in the next issue.

HOLD ON TO THE ROPE!

Recalls Bill Sutherland

Perhaps the most engaging man I ever met while DO South Cowal from 1957 to 1966 was John Younger. His forebears gifted Benmore Estate to the Crown - including the unique Younger Botanic Garden, probably the finest rhododendron garden in Europe.

Deeply interested and involved in all that went on in the community, John was to be seen cycling around Kilmun at weekends on a very old bike, wearing the tattiest of clothes and chatting to everyone local in the passing. (The conversations were a bit one-sided because John Younger was very deaf.)

No one would ever have guessed that this was the very active chairman of the then famous Youngers Brewers (Scottish and Newcastle).

But his chief love was his River Echaig, flowing from Loch Eck to the Holy Loch. Here he spent many, many hours successfully fishing for salmon and sea trout. He so generously shared these pleasures with the local community. Shrewdly the Dunoon Police enjoyed much privileged fishing as a result of which the River Echaig was unique in never having suffered the indignity of being "cymaged".

As part of Benmore Forest staff, I, along with John Jackson the Head Forester, and others enjoyed this enormous privilege. I needed only to phone Neil, the Bailiff and ask where I could fish on any particular day or night. When I think what the very wealthy now pay for timeshare fishing on the river I begin to be amazed at how lucky I was.

Twice a year John Younger invited 6 or 8 guests to join him for a day's netting on Loch Eck. We set off from the west end of the loch in a sleek diesel powered boat for the east end, during which time John

Younger and Neil were busy with binoculars watching for poachers. On this occasion they were convinced that two men in a fast boat were poaching.

At the head of the loch we made the first draw, about a dozen powan (fresh water herring). At each draw four men would take one end of the rope, the dinghy was then rowed in an arc, playing out the long net and returning to shore where another four men took the other end of the rope. All then hauled on the rope, at the same time walking into the water towards each other.

It was at this time that John Younger who always took the deepest pool (wearing chest high waders) called out "Hold on to the rope and you'll be alright". He was actually calling out his advice when he tripped on something, went over the rope and disappeared under the water. Neil showed his true metal and in no time had his boss safe on dry land and stripped naked - a rare sight - soon to be covered with Neil's outer garments. The situation was quite serious. The water was near to freezing. John was 75 years old and we were 5 miles from anywhere.

However, Neil succeeded in hailing a passing speedboat which happened to be the poaching boat. This ferried John back home. He returned later dry clad on the same boat and awarded the poachers with two salmon each! We proceeded to partake of our largely liquid lunch before continuing with a further 5 or so draws during the afternoon before returning to the boathouse, counting the catch of 20/30 salmon/sea trout, one of which went home with each participant.

I imagine that everyone must be able to recall one special day in their lives. For me, apart from my wedding day, this would always be my special day. *Let's have your stories of Special Days!*

FOREST GUIDES

Dorothy Maciver, the late Iain's wife, saw Geoff Rouse's plea in the FCRA NEWS for wartime stories and wrote a fascinating account of girlhood days. Was Scotland the only FC area to employ enthusiastic schoolgirls as wartime labour? Can anybody else come up with a similar account?

Just after the Easter holidays in 1943, Guide Cadets at an Aberdeen school were given the choice, picking raspberries or forestry - there was no contest - raspberries you could pick at home - forestry was a much more attractive choice to 15-16 year olds. I think we forgot all the young men had been called up.

So it was that a happy band of Cadets from Glasgow, Edinburgh, Inverness, St Leonards School (St Andrews), St James School (Malvern) and the Aberdeen contingent arrived, plus bicycles, at Rohallion House near Birnam. Three Edinburgh Guiders were in charge.

Monday to Saturday lunchtime we worked hard in the woods and at the nursery at Murthly Castle under the eye of the Canadian Timber Corps, who augmented our rations with plenty of chocolate.

Let loose on a Saturday afternoon we invaded Dunkeld and Birnam to spend the first pay packet we'd ever earned. Sunday we attended Dunkeld

Cathedral where we regularly saw the elderly Duchess of Atholl pedalling to church on her very upright bicycle - no petrol for cars.

The camp was such a success that the next summer it was held at Blackhall Castle outside Banchory, where we were let loose on Durris Forest under the watchful eye of Willie Milne, whom I think went to Culbin. We worked in the nursery at Strachan and the woods near Kirkton of Durris and there we met the dreaded Sitka spruce and its sticky resin - many a mother was none too pleased at the state of our clothes.

Lasting friendships made at Rohallion carried on at Blackhall. In addition to more Aberdeen girls, a ranger from the Belgian School at Braemar joined us and 56 years later her family and mine keep in close touch, as does one of the Edinburgh Cadets.

None of us chose a career in forestry - a female in the Forestry Department at that time was unheard of - not so now, the President of the Forestry Society is a woman. However I did the next best thing - the very best - I met and fell in love with a forestry student and married him in 1950.

After several postings with the Forestry Commission we finally settled in Braco in Perthshire - so my link with forestry came full circle.

THE MILLENNIUM BOOK OF NEWTONMORE

The A9 road from Perth to Inverness is one which many will travel. I spent a few days camping at Newtonmore this summer and can recommend a visit to the Wildcat Centre in the main street. In it the community has produced a Millennium Book. All the local families have contributed a narrative which together give a vivid and fascinating account of modern life in a highland village. I have reproduced the introduction in the book below as it captures the spirit of Newtonmore.

Newtonmore lies near the geographic centre of Scotland beside the River Spey, between the Cairngorm and Monadhliath mountain ranges.

The village does not have a long history. Before the early 1800s, the local population lived in townships in Glenbanch, a mile or so to the west and about 200 ft above the level of the present village. The building of the road bridge across the Spey in the 1760s encouraged a few people to build houses there but the first mention of the village in Scottish Record Office papers (1823) refers to "Moor of Strone" consisting of not more than 50 or 60 inhabitants.

The coming of the railway in the mid 1860s led to the village growing faster and the 1891 census shows a village with 364 inhabitants in 88 houses.

By 1929 the population was around 800 and the village was a busy tourist centre. The official guide, published by the community council, carried advertisements for 7 grocers, 2 butchers, 3 tailors, 2 boot & shoe makers, 1 boot repairer, 1 newsagent, 4 drapers and 2 garages. Many families let out their houses for the summer months and repaired to a small dwelling in their garden. Ninety-one such houses are listed for let.

The advent of easier and more affordable foreign travel after the Second World War led to a fall in the number of visitors and the building of the new A9

trunk road, while relieving traffic congestion and noise, has meant the loss of much passing trade.

The Newtonmore of 1999 has a post office, a supermarket, two butchers, a fruit shop, a haberdasher, a hardware store, a petrol station, hairdresser, two tearooms, an antiques shop, a pottery and two craft shops, one including an art gallery. There is also a busy trading estate. Both the Church of Scotland and Free Church of Scotland have regular services. A public library operates in the Village Hall for three sessions a week. Unfortunately the bank, dairy, bread shop, chemist, and family grocer have all closed during the last ten years.

The village thrives, nevertheless; the population has stayed steady at around 1,100 for the last 20 years and there are many activities to be enjoyed, including golf, shinty (as player or supporter!), drama, floral art, walking in this most beautiful area, bridge, tennis, choir, fishing, line dancing, church, sledging, friendship club, badminton and bowling both indoor and out. The variety of occupation is also wide. The village has its own Website.

As you will see from the entries in this Book, the people who live here at the turn of the century really appreciate the beauty, peace and freedom of the area and the warmth and support they receive from their community.

Welcome to Retirement

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STILL INTERESTED IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

Forestry Civil Engineering (FCE) produces a regular newsletter, Issue No 7 has just been published. If any past civil engineering staff would like to keep up to date with its activities please contact Diana Hilliard who will arrange for a copy to be sent to you.

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She will also be pleased to receive any amusing or interesting contributions from yesteryear. I am sure ancient civil engineers are like ancient foresters in recalling memorable events - come on, what about your favourite anecdote. Write in now.

I recall in my days as a DO in Jedburgh that the "civils" constructed a wildlife pond near the Jed Water in dramatic style. They used the "explosive" method - fertiliser and diesel! A cloud of muddy debris shot into the sky and fell to earth - back into the hole created by the blast. The result - a wildlife quagmire!

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