



# British Naturalists' Association

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 & Liverworts  
- Tom Thomas : Spider Safari  
- Michael Demidecki : Owl pellets analysis  
- Dr Tim Gardiner : Spring butterfly walk  
- Martin Hicks : Small Mammal Live Trapping

Pond dipping for aquatic invertebrates and other activities



### The Encaenia



The Encaenia procession

### Picture Gallery



Presentation of the BNA Peter Scott Memorial Award to Simon King

President bestows Fellowship *Honoris Causa* on Simon King.

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



Presentation of the Richard Fitter Memorial Medal by Professor Alastair Fitter to Endymion Beer



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