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GIFTS TO THE FPS

The Society has received a number of substantial and a lot of smaller gifts since the beginning of the year, for all of which we are extremely grateful. They include two legacies: £667 from the estate of the 12th Duke of Bedford and £500 from Dr R. Hale-White in memory of his wife; £632 from life members; £26 from Mr H. V. Michaelis, an artist in South Africa, who generously gave the proceeds of the sale of one of his pictures at the Tryon Gallery, and 30s sent anonymously by a member in Rhonda, Glamorgan. A complete list will appear in the next ORYX.

REVOLVING FUND

Gifts to the FPS/WWF Revolving Fund in the last four months include £230 from some of our life members. This sum exactly covered, and has been used for the payment of £230 needed to buy the six tortoises on Cousin Island. These tortoises, believed to be the last of the indigenous Seychelles stock, were one of the listed items in the sale of the island to ICBP (International Council for Bird Preservation) as described in the last issue of ORYX. As we go to press we learn that ICBP British Section has received over £6500 direct for Cousin Island much of it sent by FPS members as a result of the appeal in the last ORYX. In addition the British National Appeal of the World Wildlife Fund has received £5371 with more to come from local groups who have not yet passed on their funds. This goes a considerable way towards the £16,300 purchase price. A Note on other aspects of the Revolving Fund is on page 319.

FPS TOURS 1969

Next year's tours include East Africa, India, possibly Jordan (depending on the political situation), and one on home ground – a tour in June of northern Britain and Scotland, starting at Newcastle and reaching the far north of Scotland by way of Chillingham (wild white cattle), Holy Island, and the Cairngorm Mountains. Full details are in the brochure members have received. Please write to Miss Giles for further help.

AUTUMN MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 24th, 4.0 p.m. Reunion meeting for all those who have been on FPS tours to Africa and India, at which some of those who took photographs will show a selection of their colour slides. All members of the FPS and their friends will of course be welcome.

At 6 p.m. Norman Myers will talk on Recent Ecological Research in East Africa, illustrated by his excellent colour slides. Tea will be available between 5.0 and 5.45 p.m.; please let Miss Giles know if you would like tea, and for how many.

Thursday, October 24th, 6.15 p.m., Alan Root's colour film of the Galapagos Islands, The Enchanted Isles, will be shown by courtesy of Mr Aubrey Buxton and Anglia TV. This will be followed by a wine and cheese supper, tickets 12s 6d (wine), 10s 6d (soft drinks), for which members are asked to fill in the enclosed form.

Tuesday, November 26th, 5.30 for 6.0 p.m., there will be a show of the latest films in the FPS library: Ceylon Wildlife, with a commentary by our President, Lord Willingdon, in person; The Silent Watcher, Eric Ashby's excellent film of badgers, deer and foxes in the New Forest; and the Madagascar Aye-aye, by Dr J. J. Petter. Before the meeting drinks will be obtainable at a bar open at 5.30 p.m.

All meetings in the new Meeting Rooms of the Zoological Society, Regent's Park, London NW1.

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