



## Members' Page

The FPS learned with deep regret as *Oryx* went to press of the death of two Vice-Presidents, Lord Hurcomb and Captain Charles Pitman. An appreciation of them will be published in the next issue of *Oryx*.

### Subscription Increase

Council's recommendation to increase the annual subscription was passed unanimously at the Annual General Meeting on July 2nd, and the minimum annual subscription from 1st January 1976 will be £5, US \$12.50. Benefactor and Life Membership rates are unchanged. Renewal forms or letters have already been sent to all members other than those who already subscribe £5 or more. We would be very grateful if members would send their subscriptions without further reminders, which are increasingly expensive.

### Autumn Meetings

On November 12 Eric Ashby will be the speaker and show his own film of wildlife in the New Forest and Cranborne Chase; the BBC film *Private Life of the Fox* will also be shown. A buffet supper will be served.

On November 26 Dr David Harrison will give an illustrated account of the wildlife of Oman and his recent expedition there. A new film, *The Ivory Poachers*, presented to the FPS by the East African Wild Life Society, will be shown, preceded by a wine and cheese supper.

Both these meetings will be at the London Zoo, at 6.0. p.m. Supper tickets for both meetings are £2 each; please send a stamped addressed envelope.

At Missenden Abbey, Bucks, on November 21–23, in conjunction with the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Naturalists' Trust, a weekend course on Endangered Species of Britain and the World will include papers on Endangered Species and the Red Data Book, Birds in the Balance, and Imperilled Flora. The Course Director is Richard Fitter, and other lecturers are Dr M. G. Morris of the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, G. L. Lucas of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, and John Burton, Editor of *Birds International*. Both residential and non-residential places are available.

On December 12, at the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland in Edinburgh, a joint full-day meeting with the RZSS and the Rare Breeds Survival Trust will be held. Roger Wheeler, FPS Council Member and Director of the RZSS, will speak on the role of zoos in the breeding of rare domestic animals and endangered wildlife. Chairmen: Dr John Berry and Lord Balerno.

### FPS Tour

Sir Hugh Elliott Bart OBE will lead the FPS tour to Sri Lanka (Ceylon) starting on February 7, 1976. A tour to Madagascar, Mauritius and Réunion is planned for April 1976. Details from FPS office.

### Oryx in Microform

While paper editions of early *Oryx* are in the main out of print, we can now offer volumes 1 to 5 inclusive in microfiche. We would be pleased to hear from any subscriber interested in receiving future *Oryx* in microfiche.