

Members' Page

Meetings

February and March meetings free; wine and cheese supper £2.50. Please order all tickets in advance from the FPS office (an SAE would be appreciated). Meetings begin at 6 pm and are held in the Zoo Meetings Rooms in Regent's Park.

Tuesday, December 19: John Knowles, Director of Marwell Zoo and an FPS Council member, will speak on the captive breeding of scimitar-horned oryx, followed by a discussion of the problems of the world's arid zones and a showing of FPS's historic film, made by Michael Woodford, of Operation Oryx in 1963. Supper £2.50; no free, meeting-only tickets.

Wednesday, February 14: Dr David Chivers and others will give a series of illustrated talks on the gibbons of peninsular Malaysia, Sumatra and other parts of South-east Asia.

Wednesday, March 8: A discussion of the problems of the grey seal will include a report on the recent culling controversy.

Excursion to Slimbridge

Members are invited to join an escorted tour of Sir Peter Scott's Wildfowl Trust in Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, on January 20. The price, £6, includes a return coach trip from London, admission and lunch. Details from the FPS office.

'Oryx' Back Numbers

Most numbers from Volume VI to present are available at 50p (US\$1.20) to members and £1 (US\$2.40) to non-members, including p&p. The following, subject to availability, are sold only to members, at £1: VI; 1. VIII; 2,3,6. IX; 1,3,4,6. X; 3. XII; 5. Copies of Volumes I-V are seldom available, and there is a waiting list. Any copies of the rare issues listed above will be gladly received by the office.

Oryx Tours 1979

Ecuador and the Galapagos, August 12-September 1: Eleven days in Ecuador, including excursions on the Napo river and Taracoa lake in Amazonia, followed by a week sailing in the Galapagos islands. The leader is Dr James Juvik, FPS Consultant in Hawaii.

Zambia and Southern Tanzania, August 14-September 3: Six days at Norman Carr's Chibembe Camp, overlooking South Luangwa National Park in Zambia, two days at Kafue National Park, and nine days in Tanzania, with extended stays in the Selous Game Reserve and Mikumi National Park. The leader is Sir Hugh Elliott.

Details for the proposed August/September tour to **Mongolia, Siberia and Central Asia** will be obtainable from the FPS office after January 1.