

121st Annual Study tour & ABM (hosted by Central Region)

Sun 12th May – RV Esplanade Hotel, West Bay, Dunoon PA23 7HU

Early Evening: Drinks Reception and Buffet; Talks on forest development in Argyll.

Mon 13th May -

Morning: Dunloskin Forest, Tilhill Forestry Ltd. Planning and management of shared timber haul routes; restocking; mountain biking.

Afternoon: Corlarach Forest, Forestry & Land Scotland. Harvesting and restocking contracts; Community Asset Transfer Scheme; Recreation management.

Evening: Annual Dinner, Argyll Hotel, Dunoon PA23 7NE. Guest Speaker: Jo O'Hara - head of Forestry Commission Scotland.

Tues 14th May -

Morning: Mount Stuart, Bute Estate Trust and Egger (UK) Rotheray. Conifer collections; Rebuilding Sawmill; Biomass boiler & wood fuel supply; proposed timber pier.

Afternoon: Rhudodach Community Forest, Bute Community Land Co. Plans / Organisation.

Wed 15th May -

Morning: Kilmun Forest Garden - Tree species performance monitoring by Forest Research.

Afternoon: Glenbranter Forest, Forestry and Land Scotland – Trails / specimen conifers.

Thurs 16th May -

Morning: Cashel Forest Native Woodland Centre, Balmaha, Loch Lomond–

11.00 Annual Business Meeting

12.30 Opening new Millennial Paths followed by Buffet lunch

Afternoon: Explore new paths

All bookings and enquiries to George Moore

RSFS Forest Trust Company (Cashel) -

see www.cashel.org.uk

The Native Forest Centre is open Apr-Oct 10.00-16.00 (except Mondays). Also available for hire.

Chairman: Syd House, T: 07831 330894

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25 Jan: Burns Supper for Foresters, Salutation Hotel.

Perth. 1st RSFS event in FC centenary celebrations

Outline plan for Cashel events as follows:

April 2019 - Searching for Spring, Nature Walk*

May 30th – Indicator Plants Workshop – see below #

June/July - Management of Native Woodlands Workshop (with NWDG) #

August – Bio-blitz

September - Bats and Badgers*

October - Apple Day*

*£5 charge per person (children free)

30 May: Indicator Plants for foresters training day – Cashel Forest. Led by botanist. Carol Crawford, and forester, Rick Worrell. Cost £125 per person. Largely field-based, participants will learn to identify plants associated with different types of woodland and open ground which indicate soil factors and which aid tree species selection and forest management decisions. Ancient woodland indicators and links to NVC and ESC will also be touched on. Places limited – contact George Moore

The website calendar is the most up to date medium for all Society events so please check details closer to date of events for any further information.

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2019 Programme Card

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All RSFS Field Days are suitable for CPD points

19 March 10.00 (N): BALCAS Biomass Wood Pellet Plant, Invergordon, IV18 0LT / OS Ref: NH 715 701. Major small roundwood market in North Scotland. PM: visit nearby BALCAS forest harvesting site. Contact: Rod Pimm

15 April 10.00 (LB): AM: Dawyck Estate: RV: RBGE Car Park, EH45 9JU / NT 168 352. Courtesy of Robert Balfour – 330ha of mainly commercial forest in active management. Lunch available in café. PM: Dawyck Botanic Garden: UK's first carbon-neutral botanic garden. New developments since 2013 visit. Donation for RBGE will be collected. Contact: Chris Allan

2 May 10.00 (NE): The Clashmach Hill- FCS forest farm scheme. RV: Strathbogie car park, AB54 4UQ. Lunch 12.30: soup & coffee at Leith Hall (£5 and/or bring a sandwich) followed by a visit to a Monitor Wood at **Clashindarroch**, Huntly, Contact: Rosie Leagas

3 May 10.00 (SW): AM: Cally Woods, Gatehouse of Fleet, DG7 2DB. RV: FCS car park: NX 605 560 RSFS Monitor Wood – N. spruce thinning – good & bad practice. **PM: Castramont Wood** (Scottish Wildlife Trust/ Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels)- Ancient woodland – great for bluebells & squirrels. Contact: George Moore

10 May 10.00 for 10.30 (LB): Kielder Forest. RV Kielder Castle NE48 1ER / OS: NY 631 934. Joint visit with RFS NE Region and ICF. FC centenary celebration theme. Contact: Chris Allan

21 May 10.00 (N): Corroul Estate by Fort William. PH30 4AA / OS: NH 715696, courtesy of the Trustees. Important Highland estate involved in range of habitat enhancement forestry & other objectives. 4x4 vehicles desirable. **Prior attendance registration with Rod Pimm essential.**

01 June 10.00 (C): Arndean. Clackmannanshire, courtesy of Lt-Col Johnny Stewart. RV at House (FK14 7NH) / OS: NS992 984. Lunch will be provided combined

with a visit to the Cowden Japanese Garden (£10 on the day). Thinning birch for firewood; garden restoration; and community woodland. As part of estate regeneration, integrating trees, sheep and shooting. Re-stock ground preparation—avoid mounding Contact: Nander Robertson

02-05 June (SW); trip to Northern Ireland (travel by ferry 02/06) – Baronscourt, Co Tyrone – home of forestry in NI – conversion to CCF over last 20 years, NI Forest Service site in West of NI, and Castlewellan- one of the top three arboretums in UK. Details still being finalised. Numbers limited- those interested contact George Moore.

12 June 10.00 (LB): AM: Clint Estate. RV: Yarrow Farm, EH42 1TQ / OS: NT 613 726. Invitation of Charlie Blair, Family owned woodland in various block sizes- high fencing costs and some difficult extractions. Discuss: conversion to CCF, replanting, mixed conifer-broadleaf thinning, markets for unusual stands of larch & poplar, & plans for new native woodland on the moorland edge. **PM: Pressmennan Wood.** RV car park EH42 1TE / OS: NT 620 725, hosted by Woodland Trust. Ancient dating back to 15th century. Original oakwood felled in 1950s and replanted with conifers, WTS is gradually restoring to a native woodland while protecting the key ancient woodland indicators. Contact: Chris Allan

2 July 10.00 (LB): Farm Woodland Day – sheep/ cattle or trees or both? **AM: Gascoigne Farm.** RV: Farmyard, ML12 6JG /NT 084 347/ Courtesy of Peter Gascoigne. SFWAs winning farm woodlands. Recent Sitka spruce, productive broadleaves and earlier mixed woods. Ground prep and deer control. Spruce thinning and pruning of broadleaves. Balancing timber, amenity, shelter, wildlife, archaeology and shooting.

PM: Netherurd Farm. EH46 7AQ / NT 118 443. Courtesy of Andrew Adamson. Management of existing farm woods, including broadleaved thinning & timber marketing. New woodland creation including natural regen. Contact: Chris Allan

02 July 10.00 (N): Novar Estate, Evanton, Ross-shire, IV16 9XL / OS: NN 411 696. Courtesy of Ronald Munro-Ferguson. A leading Highland forestry estate. candidate for RSFS Monitor Woods scheme. Contact: Rod Pimm

05 July 10.00 (NE):Learney Estate, Torphins. Courtesy of Mrs Cecilia Grant. RV: Learney House, AB41 4NB. 3,500ha privately owned estate with new and mature commercial conifer planting, riparian woodlands and a small sawmill. Lunch in Torphins. Contact: Rosie Leagas

TBA September (N): Celebration of Forestry Commission Centenary. Location and details tba.

12 September 10.00 (SW): Rig of Airie. New Galloway. Courtesy of James Jones & Sons/Scottish Woodlands. Winner of SFWAs new commercial woodlands category. Plus visit to **Glenlee** – courtesy of Richard & Cathy Agnew – to see their champion larch. Contact: George Moore

17 September 10.00 (LB): Abbey, St Bathans, TD11 3TX / NT 762 619. Courtesy of Dobie family. Management of SSSI ancient oak woodland with some invasion of rhododendron: mature shelterbelts; converting mature even-aged plantations to LISS. Contact: Chris Allan

26 September 13.30 (SW); Senwick Woods, nr Kirkcudbright. Courtesy Sandy Paterson. RV: The Dhoon car park, DG6 4TQ. SFWAs winner – Hunter Blair Trophy for silvicultural excellence. Contact: George Moore

Autumn TBA (NE): Monaughty Woods, Moray. The first Forestry Commission trees in Scotland were planted here in Autumn 1919 by Lord Lovat. Details to follow.

15 October 10.00 (C): Faskally and Allean Estates. Courtesy of Forestry & Land Scotland. RV: Queen's View Visitor Centre, PH16 5NR, on NE shore of Loch Tummel. OS: NN 864 598. Operational risk management of steep ground harvesting to maintain traffic flows on North Scotland arterial roads. Contact: Nander Robertson

23 October 10.00 (LB): Tweed Valley Forest Park. RV: Glentress Peel car park, EH45 8NB / NT 284 397. FC centenary celebration theme. Learning from 100 years of experience in the Tweed Valley. Emphasis on past achievements as the foundation for exciting present and future developments. Contact Chris Allan.