

## Some Council Members of ffPS

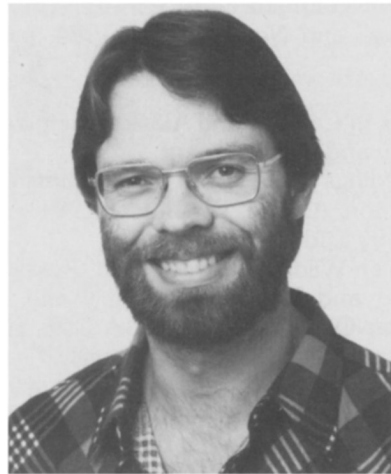


### Jeremy Mallinson

Jeremy Mallinson has been a member of ffPS since 1959 and was elected to Council in 1981. He is a life-long naturalist and began his zoological career as a keeper at the Jersey Zoological Park. He is now Zoological Director of Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust and thus concerned with the conservation of rare and endangered animals, both through research into their needs in the wild and through the development of captive-breeding programmes. Animal-collecting and study expeditions have taken him to various parts of Africa, South America and India; the most recent in 1974 on the Zaire River Expedition during which he studied mountain gorillas in the Kahuzi-Biega National Park, and to Assam in India to study the pygmy hog.

Jeremy has taken part in many radio and television wildlife programmes, written 77 papers and articles for a number of journals and magazines, and is the author of four books, *Okavango Adventure* (1973), *Earning your Living with Animals* (1975), *The Shadow of Extinction* (1978) and *The Facts about a Zoo* (1980). He also edited *Modern Classic Animal Stories* (1977). As well as his involvement with ffPS he is active in many other conservation organisations including IUCN's Species Survival 256

Commission, the International Golden Lion Tamarin Management Committee and is on the board of Wildlife Preservation Trust International, USA.



### David Macdonald

David Macdonald has been intrigued by wildlife since his earliest recollections, always wanting to be a naturalist and obtaining early practice making plaster casts of fox and badger tracks while stalking his father round a golf course. In his adult life he has been enthused by both academic zoology and by the practicalities of conservation. He gained a BA, MA and DPhil at Oxford, the latter at the Department of Zoology, where he is now the Ernest Cook Fellow in Animal Behaviour. He has been an invited lecturer in 12 countries and has carried out research in Argentina, Brunei, Israel, Italy, Kashmir, South Africa and Venezuela. In his academic work he enjoys trying to combine traditional fieldcraft with the quest for answers to modern theoretical questions. As part of his concern for conservation he tries to communicate with a wider public, which has led him to make TV documentaries on foxes, cats and capybaras, to make radio broadcasts and to write: *Vulpina* is a children's story about the life of a fox; *Expedition*

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to *Borneo* is a naturalist's travelogue; and *The Encyclopaedia of Mammals* (Volume 1 is soon to be reviewed by *Oryx*) has a strong conservation slant.

David joined ffPS Council in 1982 and is also chairman of IUCN/SSC's Canid Specialist Group, of the WHO working group on fox rabies and habitats, and of the Mammals Committee, a steering committee concerned with mammal management in the UK. The belief that professional zoologists can make a major contribution to conservation is behind David's wish to encourage, in the Zoology Department at Oxford, research which focusses on academically challenging questions whose answers will have a practical value to conservation.

David is married with one young son.



### Brian Jackman

As a naturalist, Brian Jackman regards himself as a true amateur, with no qualifications except a deep and abiding interest in all living things that has been part of him for as long as he can remember. Henry Williamson's *Tarka the Otter* influenced him strongly at the age of 14 and reading the big-game hunting books, brought home by his father from the library, gave him a lasting appetite for the African bush.

He joined *The Sunday Times* as a travel writer in 1970, broadening to cover wildlife and conservation after the editor, Harold Evans, dis-

covered Brian's interests. The late Kenneth Allsop, a fine writer and committed conservationist, was another encouraging influence at that time. Brian first visited Africa in 1974 and has returned at least once every year since, to Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Rwanda, where he became involved in the Mountain Gorilla project. Through the *Sunday Times* he launched a highly successful appeal for the mountain gorillas, and in 1982 was able to help in a similar way with ffPS's Monk seal appeal. In 1982 *The Marsh Lions*, which he wrote with photographer Jonathan Scott, was published, he was judged 'Travel Writer of the Year', won the Wildscreen 1982 award for the best TV wildlife film commentary script (for Hugh Miles's film 'Osprey') and was elected to ffPS Council.

Brian lives in Dorset with his wife Sarah, daughter, Imogen, aged 13 and two tabby cats. He is currently working on a book—a celebration of winter in the British countryside—with wildlife artist, Bruce Pearson.

## New staff for ffPS

### Bat Conservation Officer

At the beginning of June Tony Hutson took up a post with the Society as Bat Conservation Officer. The ffPS Council has approved the allocation of sufficient funds to ensure that the project runs for two years, and hopefully, by the end of that time it will be generating enough interest to be almost self-financing. As a result of the Wildlife and Countryside Act there are various legal obligations relating to bats in the UK, but the general public are largely unaware of them. The Bat Conservation Officer is preparing leaflets and giving public lectures, as well as dealing with an enormous number of enquiries. As a result of a TV appearance, he had received more than 400 letters by the end of his first week with ffPS. Other projects include the building of an artificial bat cave at Whipsnade Zoo and producing an audio-visual presentation. Already the Young People's Trust for Endangered Species has given the Society £1200 for bat projects and we are receiving considerable publicity for bat conservation

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Right: Tony Hutson, fFPS Bat Conservation Officer, weighing a bat (Frank Greenaway).



Left: Adrian Penrose, fFPS Development Officer.

work. The *Bat Newsletter* is available free to fFPS members, although we do hope you will consider making a special donation towards our important bat work.

### Development Officer

With our increasingly active role, the post of Development Officer was created to promote the work of the Society. This will include fund-raising for our special projects such as the Mountain

Gorilla Project, and increasing membership recruitment. Adrian Penrose joined the Society in June and he will be interested to hear from any members who have ideas on future activities for the Society.

Both Tony Hutson and Adrian Penrose worked in the British Museum (Natural History), the former in the Department of Entomology and the latter for the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature.



Ken Livingstone, GLC leader (holding a crested newt), and Tom Langton, fFPS biologist, at the launch of the GLC-funded fFPS pond survey.

### fFPS/Greater London Council London Pond Survey

On 17 July Mr Ken Livingstone, leader of the Greater London Council (GLC), attended the launch of the fFPS/GLC London Pond Survey (see *Oryx*, April 1984, page 125) at the Wood Green and Muswell Hill District Scout Park, London. The launch received wide television and press coverage.

The results of the survey, which is expected to be completed by the end of 1984, will become part of the ecological records of the GLC for use in planning, and for ecological education in schools. London's ponds have been drastically reduced in number and quality over the years. Only a handful of those remaining are free from threats, including infilling, pollution and land drainage.

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## Gifts and Grants to ffPS

ffPS is most grateful for the gifts of £25 and over listed below, and also for the many smaller donations, between 1 April and 30 June 1984.

<b>Oryx 100% Fund</b>	£
St Katharine's Fund (earmarked for East African Wild Life Society)	600.00
Newby Trust (earmarked for Orchid Conservation)	500.00
D. Goode (earmarked for Urban Conservation)	100.00
W.A. Hermas de Heer	50.00
Royalties from book: <i>First World Conference on Breeding Endangered Species in Captivity</i>	31.00
A.J. Green	25.00

## Mountain Gorilla Project

D.E. Greer	500.00
I.M. Redmond	313.00

Cockburn Gostling and Co.	300.00
Contributions via D. Attenborough	81.00
C.M. Terry	50.00
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J. Brook	30.00
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## Bat Projects

H. Arnold	150.00
R.E. Stebbings	55.00
S.F. Woodward	25.00

## General Fund

Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust	500.00
St Katharine's Fund	400.00

## Legacies

Estate of W.M. Cook (earmarked for Butterfly and Bee Conservation)	716.45
Estate of I.M. Brown (earmarked for Mountain Gorilla Project)	300.00

## Fund-raising for the Mountain Gorilla Project



In the July 1984 *Oryx*, we reported on the impressive fund-raising efforts for the Mountain Gorilla Project by staff at 50 branches of Sainsbury in south-west England. They raised £3659.25. The picture shows the Manager of Sainsbury's Bath Branch, Sean Whyte (left) with David Attenborough, who travelled to Bath to accept the cheque, and some of Sainsbury's staff.