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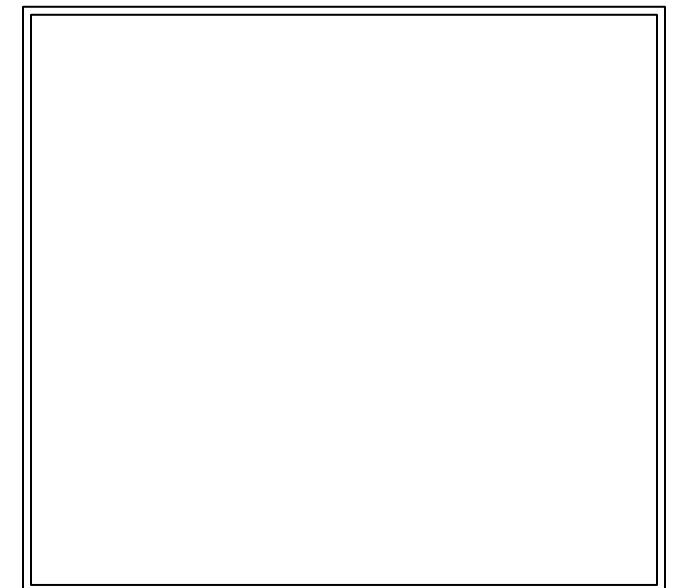
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International Affairs

CMA was a founder member of the International Ranger Federation and continues to play an important role in international affairs. IRF business is conducted by an International Executive Council (IEC) and CMA is fortunate that its own Colin Dilcock is Honorary Treasurer. A representative of each continent sits on the IEC, the current European representative coming from Portugal.

Colin Dilcock is CMA's International Advisor and sits on National Council. Colin's recent efforts have been focused on the 4th World Congress in Australia (see forthcoming article in *Ranger*) and on planning for the 5th World Congress due to be hosted in Scotland in 2006. *If you would be interested in helping with the 5th World Congress in Scotland, please contact Colin Dilcock* C.Dilcock@northyorkmoors-npa.gov.uk

Review Panel

The Review Panel is charged with assessing applications for Accredited Membership. The Review Panel also works closely with the Mentors allocated to Associate Members who wish to be considered for Accredited Member status. The Review Panel is responsible for gathering and assessing Continuing Professional Development records and has recently analysed last year's CPD returns. The Review Panel also operates a Professional Development Working Group which is currently organising this year's Corporate Supporters Seminar.

The Countryside Council for Wales and the Countryside Agency have both expressed an interest in the Accredited Member process as both have an interest in promoting professional standards amongst countryside and urban greenspace staff. It is hoped that both organisations will endorse and promote the process. *If you are interested in joining the Review Panel, becoming a Mentor or applying to become an Accredited Member, please contact Matt Axford on Tel 01260 297237(w).*

Conference and Annual General Meeting

This year's conference is to be held between Monday 8th to Thursday 11th September 2003 at Pantycelyn Hall, University of Wales at Aberystwyth.

The Conference is being organised in association with IRFC, the commercial wing of IRF. The theme is:

“The 21st Century Countryside Professional”

The Conference is an ideal opportunity to meet fellow countryside and urban greenspace managers, to share your own expertise and to learn from others. The Annual General Meeting will be held during Conference and is of course free to attend. If there are any issues that you feel should be considered at the AGM, please contact your Regional Chair.

If you would like to find out more about the Conference or feel able to contribute in any way, please contact Tom Woodall, the Wales Region Chair.

If you want to find out more about the AGM, please contact National Secretary, Ceri Daugherty.

Regions

The Regions are responsible for recruiting and supporting members, organising networking events and producing a regional newsletter. The Regions elect or appoint a Chair (who attends National Council meetings) from amongst the County Representatives who make up the Regional Committee. The Regional Committee may choose to elect or appoint a Training Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Student Representative or other *ad hoc* officers from amongst the County Representatives. Regional business is reported in the appropriate regional newsletter.

If you would like to become a County Representative or assist the Region in any way, please contact the Regional Chair. Regional Chairs are usually particularly keen to hear from anyone who is prepared to run a training or networking event or assist with production of the Regional Newsletter.

Website and e-group

You can find the CMA website at www.countrysidemanagement.org.uk

The site includes a discussion board and information about events, policies and procedures. CMA also has its own e-group that enables members to communicate with one another *en masse*. To subscribe as a CMA yahoo-groups member, for which there is no charge, you need only to send a blank email to:

countrysidemanagement-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Unsubscribing is just as easy. Once you have subscribed you will be copied in to all emailed correspondence and be able to ask your own questions, or share your own experience with others.

CMA is currently working with other similar organisations to consider the merits of linking websites and e-group traffic.

If you could help edit the website and ensure that it is kept up to date, please contact Andy Maginnis at maginnisa@aol.com or telephone 01905 381478

Training Event

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| Date | 21 May 2003 |
| Title | Community Involvement and Lantern Lit Procession |
| Venue | Daventry Country Park |
| Region | Home Counties and East Anglia |
| Aim | A participative workshop, getting local people involved in planning a procession, and creating lanterns it includes a visit to a local school, risk assessment and marshalling techniques |
| Contact | 01327 877193 |

Meet the Executive

National Chair - Nick Eade

The role of the Chair is not only to manage meetings of the Executive, National Council and the Annual General Meeting but to provide leadership for the Association. This includes lead responsibility for management of the Administration Contract which is currently with Writtle College.

Nick is 60 and lives in Epping Forest with his wife Sue. He grew up in the South Downs in Sussex.. Nick had a career as a regular soldier in the Household Cavalry which enabled him to travel extensively before moving into countryside management. He managed an estate that supported a dairy herd and trained race-horses before moving to Epping Forest where he is the Corporation of London's Head Forest Keeper. Nick joined the forerunner of CMA, the Association of Countryside Rangers in 1982. He was elected as National Chair of CMA in 2002. Nick likes to escape to his cottage in Suffolk for short breaks and satisfies his passion for horses by training riders and judging. He is also a keen photographer.

Vice Chair - Andy Maginnis

The role of the Vice Chair is to support the Chair and to advise on the overall governance of CMA.

Andy is 39 and lives in Crowle Green, Worcestershire, with his partner Judy and two children Tilly and Nat. He grew up in Hales Owen in the Black Country and spent much of his childhood exploring the Clent Hills. Andy is currently Countryside Estates Manager with Worcestershire County Council and is responsible for the County's Country Parks, Picnic Places and LNR's. Andy is also lead officer for the Malvern Hills AONB and has overall responsibility for the County Council's Gypsy Service. He has previously worked as a Custodian for English Heritage and a Ranger for Hereford and Worcester County Council. Andy joined CMA in 1995 and served as a County Representative and National Secretary before being elected as Vice Chair in 2001. Andy represents CMA on the Visitor Safety in the Countryside Group and is the Local Government Association's representative on the Countryside Recreation Network. Outside work and CMA, Andy's interests include walking, running and serving as a Parish Councillor.

National Secretary - Ceri Daugherty

The role of the Secretary is to service meetings of the Executive, National Council and the AGM. The Secretary coordinates production of the Annual Report and ensures that actions agreed at meetings are completed.

Ceri who is 30 years old grew up in Swansea before moving to Bristol to complete her first degree. She moved back to Swansea for a period and now lives in Warminster, Wiltshire. Ceri has worked as a volunteer with BTCV and as a Countryside Ranger on the Gower Peninsula. for the City and County of Swansea. She is currently employed by the Ministry of Defence as an Environmental Advisor (Access and Recreation), a role with a national remit. Ceri joined CMA in 1999 and served as the Marketing Group coordinator before being elected as National Secretary in 2002. Ceri has travelled extensively in Bali, Fiji, France and Australia and her interests include horse riding and outdoor activities

National Treasurer - Richard Brooks

The role of the National Treasurer is to advise on CMA's financial strategy, policy and procedures and to ensure that the Association's accounts are properly managed and audited.

Richard is 32 and lives in Buckfastleigh, Devon, with his partner Sarah who runs a large local farming attraction. Richard grew up on Exmoor where he began his career as a Ranger, having previously worked in lingerie (!). Richard is now a Sector Ranger working for Dartmoor National Park Authority. Richard joined CMA in 1993. He has served as South West Region Student Representative, Devon County Representative and is currently South West Regional Chair. He was elected as National Treasurer in 2002. Outside work and CMA, Richard's interests include sailing and game angling.

Dormouse Training Day

Last July, Dartmoor National Park, hosted a Dormouse Habitat and Handling course for the CMA. The event led by Richard Brooks and Tom Maddocks began with an introduction into this fascinating creature. The introduction covered the lifestyle, diet, habitat requirements, predation, populations, identification and evidence of the dormouse. Tom went on to describe the English Nature Nestbox Scheme and how the boxes were monitored including details of the many other creatures that turn up in nestboxes during regular surveys. The afternoon was spent at Hembury Woods, a National Trust woodland where there are about 65 nestboxes. Richard has monitored the site for 4 years and assured all the delegates that dormice were always found during the visits that he made. However, after checking 25 boxes and finding no sign of a dormouse, time began to run out. Eventually of course, dormice were found and all the delegates had an opportunity to see at close hand and handle one of these incredibly shy creatures. Due to popular demand, a similar course will be run on 9th July 2003, again hosted by Dartmoor National Park. If you would like to book a place, please contact Richard Brooks, his details are on the contact page of Members' News.