

were planted for commercial purposes. Public access is encouraged, information boards have been erected, specimen trees labelled, picnic sites built and steps taken to improve wildlife conservation within productive woodland. These steps include ride widening and mowing, ring barking large birch to provide dead standing trunks, excavating ponds, heavy thinning, high pruning and retention of hulks.

Study Tour to South Africa

Arrangements are complete for the RFS study tour to South Africa from 20 February to 12 March 1993. The visiting party will see a wide and representative cross-section of man-made and natural forests and wooded areas, parks and research institutions.

A few places are still available. Latecomers should contact the Tring office on 0442 822028 immediately.

Forestry and Conservation Award

The winners of the Duke of Cornwall's Forestry and Conservation Award were presented with their prizes by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales at St James's Palace in October 1992. The annual award run by the RFS highlights how conservation and landscape can be integral elements of the management of a commercial woodland. In 1992 the award was a national competition between regional winners from the previous seven years.

Joint first prize went to the St Giles's Estate, Wimborne St Giles, Dorset, and the Stenigot Estate, Louth, Lincolnshire, as described in the *Journal* in October 1992. The owners of the two winning woodlands, the Earl of Shaftesbury and Peter Dennis, share the permanent trophy. This is a tankard in burr oak made by the John Makepeace workshop at Parnham. The joint runners-up - Forest Enterprise of Low Fell,

Grizedale, Cumbria and Lord Davies of the Dinam Estate, Llandinun, Powys - both received silver medals.

After successfully completing one cycle, the Duke of Cornwall's Award will start a second rotation of judging in 1993. South-east England will be first visit.

Diploma in Arboriculture

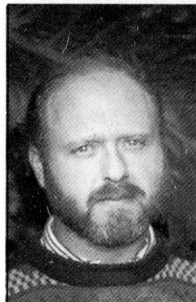
In 1992, nine candidates successfully completed both the theoretical papers and stringent management exercise which together comprise the examination for the Professional Diploma in Arboriculture. This premier UK qualification in arboriculture is run by the RFS.

We offer congratulations on their success to: P.R. Bullimore, J.P. Cocking, C.D. Davies, B. Goldstone, I.J. Hopcraft, G.J. King, J.P. Marlow, C.M. Pike and B.R. Wilson.

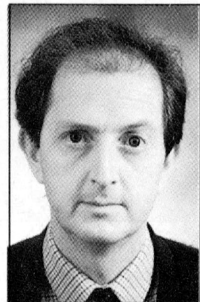
Bursaries to Visit South Africa

Two young foresters have been awarded bursaries to attend the RFS overseas study tour to South Africa. Martin Clark and Simon Humphreys were selected from an impressive list of applicants for the awards which will offset the cost of attending the tour.

Mr Clark has been a forestry lecturer at Newton Rigg, Cumbria, since 1988. He studied for an MSc in forestry



Martin Clark.



Simon Humphreys.