CCFG EVENTS 2014

Continuous Cover Forestry -
Delivering Sustainable and Resilient Woodlands in Britain

Tues 3 - Thurs 5 June
Braithwaite Institute, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 5TH

This will be the highlight of our activities during 2014. Continuous cover forest systems are increasingly recognised as an effective way of delivering resilient and productive woodlands which, moreover, enhance biodiversity and the landscape. The conference is designed to bring delegates up to date with the science, ecology and practice of CCF by means of presentations, field trips and regular opportunities for discussion.

See programme. More information and booking arrangements are on the CCFG website.

There are generous discounts for CCFG members - don’t miss the added bonus of the early bird discounts which are available until 15th April.

Contact the administrator if you do not know your discount promocode.

CCF for Foresters Courses
(FC course ref. 3.48b)

This is a great opportunity to attend one of the Forestry Commission’s introductory courses on CCF which have recently been opened up to external delegates. The courses provide a valuable introduction to the principles of CCF management. Indoor sessions cover CCF terms and conventions, silvicultural aspects of thinning, stand stability and site assessment, transformation methods and operational aspects of transformation. Examples of CCF management will be shown and discussed on field visits. Practical exercises include thinning, site assessment and development of management pro-formas.

Lyndhurst (New Forest) - 1/2 May, 2014
focus on broadleaved tree species

Clocaenog Forest, Ruthin (Denbighshire) - 10/11 June, 2014
focus on spruce and shade tolerant conifers

Aboyne (Aberdeenshire) - 14/15 October
focus on pine and larch

Lyndhurst (New Forest) - 21/22 October
focus on broadleaves

Each course will have 6 to 12 delegates. For more information see flyer. Course cost: £200

See review of the 2013 course in Lyndhurst in this newsletter.
Course leader: Jens Haufe. Bookings and queries: Katrina Gardner.
2014 Site Visits

CCFG England
Continuous Cover Forestry in the Woodlands of West Cumbria
Thurs 5th June

CCFG England’s annual field trip will link in with the 3rd day of the conference. We shall be meeting at the Bassenthwaite Institute and visiting Blengdale Forest in the morning, and Miterdale Forest in the afternoon. The visit is open to all members, whether you have attended the conference or not.

CCFG Scotland
Faskally and Atholl Estates, Perthshire
either 27th Aug or 24th Sept

Details to be circulated later

CCFG Wales
Llandinam Estate nr. Newtown, Mid Wales
October

Date and details to be circulated later.

ProSilva 2014 AGM and Conference

Switzerland
Thurs 11 - Sun 14 Sept

This year the ProSilva conference will be based in Zurich with field visits to forests in the east of Switzerland. As a member of ProSilva CCFG is allocated a very limited number of places at the conference. If any member is particularly interested in attending please would they contact Bill Mason, CCFG Chairman.

2015 Visit to Southern Poland

This visit, which was originally planned for 2013, will be run instead in 2015. It will be a 3 day visit (excluding travel to and from the UK), probable timing being May/early June.