

NORFOLK & COE TORTOISE CLUB - AUGUST 2008
NEWSLETTER

All meetings will be held at St Francis Church Hall, Rider Haggard Road, Heartsease, Norwich on 3rd Wednesday of the month.

The May meeting was well attended & Dillon talked generally about the care of tortoises with questions & answer time.

At the June meeting a lot of suitable plants for tortoises to eat had been collected & were displayed at the meeting – it was very helpful & many tortoises will appreciate a more varied diet as it was good to see actual examples of the plants. It is amazing just how much wild food is available & free so keeping your tortoise healthy is much more cost effective & you can enjoy the exercise of a walk in the country looking for these plants.

Also in June the club had a stand at the Royal Norfolk Show & we were very busy with lots of enquiries & several people wanting to join the re-homing list. It was very interesting talking to various tortoise owners & the exhibits included Dillon's Sulcata who was very well behaved & had his photo in the paper. Hopefully we were able to get the healthy eating message across to the tortoise owners

The July meeting was very popular – although the tortoises that were wormed may not have thought so! Well over 60 people attended, most of whom brought at least one tortoise to be wormed.

Next Meeting 20th August at 8.00pm

We hope to have a visiting guest speaker probably Colin who has visited us before from the Herpetologists Club – there will also be the usual time for tortoise discussions & as always if you have any concerns you can bring your tortoise along.

Meeting 17th September at 8.00pm

Gary & his daughter Tasha are going to entertain & educate us with information on the tortoises they keep which are Sulcatas, Aldabran & Leopards & I am sure this will be a very interesting evening.

Meeting 15th October at 8.00pm

This will be a meeting to discuss hibernation – you can bring your tortoise along especially if you have any concerns about weight, health etc as it is important that the tortoise is healthy before being put into hibernation.

Record sheets & charts will be available & there will also be some polystyrene boxes which are suitable for hibernation.

Should you wish to receive our newsletter quarterly by post the annual cost will be £5 to cover postage etc., please contact Daphne on 01603 435723, Lynne 01603 438050 or Marion on 01603 783877.

Should you have any queries or need any advice, please ring the above & if we cannot help we will try & direct you to somebody who can.

Information is always available on the website www.tortoiseclub.org but if you do not have access to a computer & would like newsletter or care sheets etc., please contact us.