

NORFOLK & COE TORTOISE CLUB - FEBRUARY 2008
NEWSLETTER

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

The November meeting was well attended & we all received some helpful advice from Louise of Westover Veterinary Practice, North Walsham who is an expert in the treatment of reptiles & she also told of us of the advances that have been made in the treatment of tortoises & I am sure many of us found it reassuring to have her contact details which are listed here should anyone need them tel: 01692 403202 Louise-vet@lineone.net or mobile in case of emergency 07810 697614

We hope she will join us again this year.

The December meeting was our informal Christmas get together, unfortunately not so many were able to attend, probably due to the pressures of preparing for Christmas & other commitments, but those of us who did, enjoyed plenty of food & raffle prizes. We would like to thank everybody for their donations of food & prizes & perhaps a mention should go to Jackie who made a cake in the shape of a tortoise which was much admired by everyone.

Glen Fairweather from Colchester Zoo came along to our January meeting & told us about the Shellshock campaign & we were all saddened to hear of how many chelonia are used for medicines & food in many countries & the suffering they endure being transported. On a lighter note he also told us about the hingeback tortoises that they are successfully breeding at Colchester & also mentioned the baby Aardvark that has just been born there (I know it is not a tortoise, but I for one have decided to visit the Zoo in the summer)

Next Meeting February 20th at 8.00pm

This will be the wake up meeting with advice on how to wake your tortoise & as always any queries can be raised & tortoises can be brought along if they have woken & you have any concerns & as always everyone with an interest in tortoises is welcome.

March 19th Meeting at 8.00pm

Eleanor is going to tell us about her latest adventure travelling in Africa with details of the wildlife she encountered along the way.

April 16th Meeting at 8.00pm

One of our members Donna Stocking has kindly agreed to tell us about her family of animals which includes several tortoises & from the brief conversation I had with her I am sure we shall enjoy hearing about her experiences.

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.