

## NORFOLK & COE TORTOISE CLUB - January 2010 NEWSLETTER

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

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

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](http://www.tortoiseclub.org) but if you do not have access to a computer & would like a newsletter or care sheets etc., please contact us.

Andy came along to our November meeting & enlightened us on the care of Indian Star Tortoises he also brought a few with him to show us, they are particularly well marked & beautiful & very interesting to keep, however they do need specialist knowledge & anyone thinking of owning one should contact an expert first for advice. He also was selling cacti suitable for tortoises to eat & has offered to come along again this year with more to plants & I am waiting hearing from him when he would be able to do this.

The December meeting was our usual Xmas party unfortunately not many people were able to get there but thanks to all those who did & we enjoyed food, a quiz & a raffle which raised money for club funds.

Matt was unable to give us his talk on marginated tortoises, however Eleanor stepped in & told us about her trip across Africa in a 2CV raising funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association & we hope she reaches her target. We all found it interesting but not a popular place on the holiday wish list!

### **Meeting at 8.00pm Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

The moment we are all waiting for 'Preparation for Waking Up from Hibernation' if anyone is at all worried about their tortoise wake it up get it warmed up, eating & drinking & for any advice ring us &/or contact a Vet (we have details of local Vets who are tortoise experts).

### **Meeting at 8.00pm Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

This meeting will be advice about the ideal summer set up for your tortoise – housing, space, food plants etc., & accommodation for those cooler summer days.

### **Meeting at 8.00pm Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

I am still awaiting confirmation on this one but it will probably be a talk by one of our members & I will put details in an updated copy of the Newsletter on the website as soon as this is confirmed.

If any of you would like to give a short talk on your animals & the way you keep them & any handy tips or if you have had experiences of meeting tortoises on holidays etc., please get in touch with me on 07843774970 or by email - It doesn't have to be a long talk & it can be with or without the aid of power point!

Finally we have had the following request from Toni -

**Wanted empty spice jars.**

Odd request I know but these are much needed by the Priscilla Bacon Lodge support group as once filled provide a cherished jar of memories of a loved one lost.

How it works: The children are encouraged to place a layer of coloured sand in their jar every time they have a memory. When the jar is full this is given to them as their very own 'jar of memories'. It is a simple idea but one that helps at this very difficult time.

Rather than throw your jars in the recycling please could you give them to Marion (Chief of the Teas!) and she will pass them on to this very worthy cause. Many thanks for your support