

NORFOLK & COE TORTOISE CLUB QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER Nov 2010
All meetings will be held at St Francis Church Hall, Rider Haggard Road,
Heartsease, Norwich on 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8.00pm

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. The email version is free – just let Lynne have your details.

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. We also have members who breed & sell baby tortoises of various species including the more exotic larger ones & can let you have details – home bred tortoises help to reduce the numbers being imported & the breeders will offer all the back up support & advice.

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

Matt talked about his marginated tortoises at the August meeting which I unfortunately missed as was away on holiday but understand from everyone that it was a very entertaining & informative meeting & I hope he can be persuaded to do it again sometime.

The September meeting was about preparation for hibernation – this talk comes around too quickly & we now find ourselves putting our tortoises into their boxes (or fridges) for the long winter sleep – I have had several calls from people who are worried about hibernating their baby tortoises & as always any members of the Club will be happy to help with advice etc.

Faye came along to our October meeting & brought along her baby tortoise Darwin & many other interesting pets including a very tame bearded dragon & some delightful snakes (nobody left the room as we could all see how they were used to being handled) Faye regularly does talks for children & I hope we can perhaps persuade her to come back in the summer when we have more children at the meetings as I am sure they would be pleased to see her collection.

The Club has tortoises that need to be re-homed from time to time & anyone willing to attend meetings can put their name on the list – as with most animal re-homing a club member will need to call & ensure the garden etc., is suitable & will give advice as to what is needed, if you wish to fill in an application form ask Eleanor at the meetings.

Meeting at 8.00pm Wednesday 17th November

This meeting will concentrate on the Horsfield Tortoise the most northerly occurring species of tortoise – many people are becoming owners of this species without realising that their native habitat is quite different to the Mediterranean species & therefore they have different requirements, in the wild they dig tunnels making them great escape artists & also hibernate for longer periods but the climate is much drier than ours & the summers much hotter & we are all looking forward to learning more about their needs.

Meeting at 8.00pm Wednesday 15th December

The annual Christmas get together – all are welcome – please bring along an item of food & it will be the usual mix of raffle, quiz etc. If anyone has any prizes to donate for the raffle they will be welcomed by Marion & of course there will still be time to raise any questions/concerns you may have about your tortoise.

Meeting at 8.00pm Wednesday 19th January

The subject for this meeting has still to be confirmed however I will ask Linda to put a note on the website as soon as we know or alternatively you can contact 01603 435723 or 438050 nearer the time.