

**NORFOLK & COE TORTOISE CLUB - NOVEMBER 2007**  
**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.**

Our August meeting was very successful & we had a visit from the Wildflower People from Burlingham they supply many of the wild plants that are good for our tortoises such as vetches & plantains & we were surprised how many varieties of the dandelion family are available & they are at their best at different months of the summer & once established could provide some food for most of the season. They are open to the public at 31 Main Road, North Burlingham tel: 01603 716615.

As you will remember unfortunately Glyn could not attend our September meeting due to exams, but he will be coming along in January. I prepared a disk of photographs of my own tortoises & some holiday visitors & stepped into the vacant slot - I did not hear any snoring & although apprehensive quite enjoyed the experience – could anyone else let me know if they would like to do something similar – it would be good to have a list of stand ins for such emergencies & any suitable topic would be welcomed ie photographs of the garden, anecdotes of your tortoises & other pets, attempts to spot tortoises in the wild on holiday or anything else you feel may be of interest. I promise if I can do it anyone can!!

I missed the hibernation meeting as we went to Chester & attended a British Chelonia Group meeting I understand it went very well & many people attended & so hopefully many of our tortoises will have a successful hibernation & we will look forward to the Spring when they emerge & add that something extra special to the garden.

**Next Meeting November 21st at 8.00pm.**

Louise a Vet from Westover Veterinary Practice in North Walsham is a reptile specialist & has agreed to come along a update us on what treatments are now available etc., & I am sure she will do her best to answer any questions you may have.

**December 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting : at 8.00pm.**

This will be our Christmas get together & everyone is welcome – it is a good opportunity to get to know each other. There will be a raffle & it would be appreciated if everyone could bring along an item of food & anything that could be raffled will also be welcome.

**The January 16th Meeting : at 8.00pm.**

Glyn Fairweather from Colchester Zoo has confirmed that he will be able to attend & is going to talk to us about the tortoises they keep there & his specialist subject is hingeback tortoises.

Should you wish to receive our newsletter quarterly the annual cost will be £5 to cover postage etc., please contact Daphne on 01603 435273, 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 web site [www.tortoiseclub.org](http://www.tortoiseclub.org) but if you do not have access to a computer & would like newsletter or care sheets etc., please contact us.