

Turtles Newsletter

June / July 2010 Newsletter

Newsletter for the members of the Ruislip Turtles Swimming Club



Next 3 Outings Confirmed

Longleat Day Trip

Sunday 5th September



This year we will be visiting Longleat House and Safari Park. Thanks to the grant we received from Grass Roots we will not be charging for the hire of the special coach with wheelchair lift but we will of course have to charge for the cost of admission to Longleat. A Passport ticket for all the major attractions would normally cost £24 but our group will only have to pay £13 per person (£9 for children under 14). Please see over the page a list of all the attractions and the wheelchair access.

Please let Marion or Sylvia know if you wish to participate in this year's events and also if you wish to travel on the mini-bus to The Beehive.

Lunch Outing

Sunday 1st August

Our Summer Sunday lunch outing has been organised for the 1st August.

The location this year will be The Beehive at White Waltham (SL6 3SH) near Maidenhead. A £10 deposit is required asap.

<http://www.thebeehive-pub.com/>



Cadburyworld in the New Year



We will also be organising a trip to Cadburyworld, Bourneville (Birmingham) before the end of our financial year (31st March 2011) utilising the balance of our Grass Roots grant.

Transport for all three events will be available thanks to the grant we received from Grass Roots, managed locally by the North West London Community Foundation.





More about Longleat (from their guidebook)

As featured on BBC's Animal Park and widely recognised as one of the best loved tourist destinations in the UK, Longleat offers the adventure of a lifetime in this wonderland of attractions.

Set within 900 acres of 'Capability' Brown landscaped grounds, Longleat House is widely regarded as one of the best examples of high Elizabethan architecture in Britain and one of the most beautiful stately homes open to the public. Visited by Elizabeth in 1574, Longleat House was built by Sir John Thynne from 1568 and is the home of the 7th Marquess of Bath. Longleat House contains many treasures including Titan's Rest on the Flight into Egypt', exquisite Flemish tapestries, fine French furniture, as well as elaborate ceilings by John Dibblee Grace inspired by palaces of Renaissance Italy.

In April 1966, the Safari Park became the first of its kind to open outside of Africa and began a revolution in zoological collections that has since spread around the globe.

Wheelchairs can be pre-booked by calling 01985 844400

Wheelchair Friendly Attractions

Longleat House	Longleat Grounds, Gardens & Lakes	Safari Park (Coach)
Safari Boats	King Arthur's Mirror Maze (up to 6 wheelchairs at a time)	Old Joe's Mine
Cellars Café	Longleat Railway (one wheelchair per trip)	Mini Safari
Longleat Railway Shop	Postman Pat Village (under 14s)	Meet My Ancestors
Lord Bath Shop	Life and Times of Henry, Lord Bath	Gifts & Treasures
Adventure Castle (under 14s)	Spartacus & Stephanie's Animal Adventure (children)	

Access to Longleat House is via Victorian Kitchen Shop for wheelchairs. Please ask a member of staff if you would like to use the lift which provides access to all floors. Only 3 wheelchairs are allowed on any one floor at any one time and it is only possible to have a total of 6 wheelchairs in the House at any one

Safari Park visitors can alight from the coach at the East African Reserve Viewing Area & Trading Post (ramps).

Accessed via ramp

Family Bygones	Trading Post	Wessex Pavilion	Longleat scale model (a few steps)
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Non Wheelchair Friendly Attractions

Motion Simulators (Min. height of 1.2m - 4ft)	Longleat Hedge Maze	Tea Cup Ride (Max. height of 1.2m)
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For more information visit: www.longleat.co.uk



Gala & Championship Results

Turtles Invitation Gala Saturday 8th May

Congratulations to our gala team who won the Turtles Invitation Shield.

Gold Winners		Silver Winners		Bronze Winners	
Karen Hoffmann	Ladies 1 Length	Neil Dew	Mens 2 Lengths	Sophie Grey	Junior 3 Lengths
Gary Lee	Mens 1 Length	Sophie Grey & Jack Locket	Junior Relay	Erica Beckwith	Ladies 3 Lengths
James Lesnek	Mens 2 Lengths	Carl Richards, Gary Lee & Neil Dew	Mens Relay	Anne Rourke	Ladies 2 Lengths
Erica Beckwith & Jeanette Prentice	Ladies Relay				

Overall Scores	Points	Result	
Ruislip Turtles	77	Turtles Invitation Shield	Ruislip Turtles
Stevenage Dolphins	71	Harold White Cup (highest average points per competitor)	Stevenage Dolphins
Harrow Kingfishers	62	Ellen Groves was 4th in the Diving	
Hatfield Platypus	50		
Watford Sea Lion	23		

Turtles Championship Saturday 15th May

Congratulations to all our 2010 champions below and to all those who took part in this year's championships:

2010 Champions		2010 Awards	
Ladies	Gyllian Lucas	Pitman Moore Cup (for services to the club)	Peter Jones
Mens	Gary Lee	Turtle Rose Bowl (senior achievement award)	James Lesnek
Junior	Jack Locket	Charles Newman Cup (junior achievement award)	Neil Dew (for diving)

Hatfield Platypus Gala Saturday 5th June

Congratulations to Sophie Grey who won her first gold medal for the Turtles! Every member of the team won at least one medal, we finished joint 3rd—well done team!

Medal Winners			Overall Scores	Pts.
Sophie Grey	Gold	Junior 3 Lengths	Hatfield Platypus	59
Jack Locket	Silver (2)	Junior 1 & 2 Lengths	Potters Bar Barracuda	44
Carl Richards	Silver	Mens 3 Lengths	Ruislip Turtles	38
Karen Hoffmann	Bronze (2)	Ladies 1 Length & Ladies Diving	Stevenage Dolphins	38
Anne Rourke	Bronze	Ladies 2 Lengths	Sudbury Avocet	25
Jeanette Prentice & Erica Beckwith	Bronze	Ladies Relay Team		
Carl Richards & Gary Lee	Bronze	Mens Relay Team		

June / July 2010 AGM Newsletter

AGM News

We are very sorry that we had to postpone the AGM on the 15th May. This was due to access problems with the hall that we use. We can only apologise for the inconvenience suffered and the cancellation of the planned fish and chip supper! Thank you to everyone who attended the re-arranged meeting on the 16th June. The current officers and committee were all re-elected for a further year. The membership welcomes Patricia Bonney on to the committee replacing Pauline Dew who has decided to step down. The AGM returns to a Saturday next year and the Fish and Chip supper will be at 7 o'clock ahead of the meeting by popular request.

Club Development

Sylvia Smith OBE and Dave Lee attended the club development evening organised by Hillingdon Sports Council on Tuesday 7th June. Topics included the new legislation regarding the 'Vetting and Barring Scheme' that will impact on our club.

Ruislip Lions

Sylvia Smith OBE, Dave Lee, Linda Clarke and Gary Lee went along to the Ruislip Lions Meeting on the 8th June to tell them more about the Turtles and thank them for their recent donation. If you would like a copy of the presentation please ask Dave Lee.

Uxbridge Pool

The 6 week free swimming lesson course commenced on Sunday 6th June with 9 juniors of mixed abilities from The Turtles club. After the 6 week course, junior lessons for the disabled may continue but are unlikely to be free.



We are a swimming club for anyone with a physical, mental health or learning difficulty. The Turtles Swimming Club is based at Highgrove Pool, Ruislip and meets every Saturday from 5pm to 6pm

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Turtles website : <http://www.ruislipturtles.org.uk/>

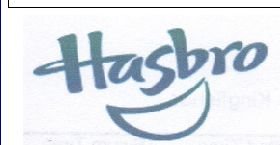
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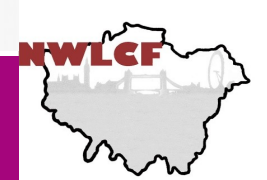
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Diary Dates

Potters Bar Gala

Sat. 26th June

Committee Meeting

Wed. 21st July

Summer Lunch Outing

Sun. 1st August

Longleat Outing

Sun. 5th September

Watford & NASCH
Region 1 Gala

Sat. 11th September

Stevenage Gala

Sat. 16th October

NASCH Gala
Championship

Sat. 6th November

Cadburyworld Outing

1st Quarter 2011



Jack Locket, Sophie Grey and Carl Richards (below) receiving their medals from the mayor



Every Turtles competitor won a medal at Hatfield—well done to the team!

The team certainly appreciated the lightweight tee shirts in the steamy heat—and it made for a good team photo!

Follow the progress of the team by visiting the Turtles website at:
<http://www.ruislipturtles.org.uk/>



Hatfield Gala Photo Gallery
Saturday 5th June