



News Letter – December 2011 Issue

We are getting to the part of the year now where we are able to carry out the majority of our building work, with one of our projects having just come to an end, and many more lined up for the very near future (however these will be announced fully over the coming weeks). As well as various projects finishing and starting up we are slowly coming along with our on-going expansion of the reptile house.

Reptile House Expansion

We have now completed the framework of around half of the 27 new enclosures in the Reptile House, with a number being furnished as I write this. We will be bringing a lot of new species of snakes, lizards and amphibians to the park over the coming months. I can confirm that 2 enclosures are almost complete, so joining the Green Mambas which recently went on display (see photo below) we will soon be joined by a pair of Garden phase Amazon Tree Boas, as well as a beautiful big pair of Gaboon Vipers!



The Green Mambas which arrived with us are a pair of Eastern Green Mambas. This species is considered to be one of the least deadly of the Mambas, however the fact remains that it is a Mamba, which means that our staff have to work with extreme caution with this highly venomous species. We all hope you will come and enjoy these beautiful animals (the colour has to be seen in real life to be believed) in the safest way possible!

New Primate Enclosures

The 3 primate enclosures which go alongside the education centre have now been completed and have been inhabited by our Tufted Capuchins, Squirrel Monkeys and Vervet Monkeys. They have all been moved in and seem to be enjoying their new living spaces, with all of them having access to a much higher enclosure than they have been used to. We think that Dor, the dominant male Capuchin in particular will make full use of the height, allowing him to be nose-y and see what's going on around much more of the park!



Facebook Competition

As before we are running a competition on Facebook for a season ticket. All you have to do is like our page: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/WinghamWildlifePark> And when we reach **4000** likes, one of those friends gets picked at random for the prize!

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TONGA GAVE THEM A LIFE LINE...

**WINGHAM
WILDLIFE
PARK**

FUND RAISING EVENT

**14TH JANUARY
7:00PM TILL LATE**

**AT THE FROG AND
ORANGE PUB IN
SHATTERLING**

AUCTION

**RAFFLE
£1 PER TICKET**

KARAOKE

**GUESS THE
NO OF SWEETS
IN A JAR**

**COME TO A FUN FILLED EVENING
WHICH WILL HELP PAY FOR BRUTUS
AND CLARANCES FUTURE**

...HELP US GIVE THEM A HOME

We will be holding a fund raising event at the Frog and Orange pub on January 14th 2012 to try and raise some of the £150,000 it will cost us to bring Clarence & Brutus the ex-circus Lions to Wingham Wildlife Park. Please feel free to tell your friends and family about the event and pass on this poster, the more people we might see at the event, the more impact it will have for these Lions.

As part of the fund raising event we will be holding a raffle with the following being just some of the prizes on offer:

- Toy Story 3 Trainset (donated by Hornby Hobbies)
- 3 Course Meal For 2 (donated by Red Lion Hotel)
- 2 Tickets for a show of your choice (donated by Leas Cliff Hall)
- 3 free game sessions (donated by Mecca Bingo)
- 2 tickets for a comedy show (donated by the Comedy Store – London)
- 1 free entry (donated by Diggerland)
- 1 free cut and finish (donated by Hairology)
- Brewery tour for 4 (donated by Shepherd Neame)
- 6 free games (donated by AMF Bowling)
- 1 Family day ticket (donated by Leeds Castle)
- 2 day use tickets or skateboard lesson (donated by Revolution Skate Park & Climbing Wall)
- Toy Hampers including items donated by Keel Toys, Keycraft, Petjes World, Deluxe Base and Wild Republic).
- 1 Bottle of Taylors Port
- 1 adult Season Ticket from Wingham Wildlife Park
- 1 Child Season Ticket from Wingham Wildlife Park
- 2 family day Tickets from Wingham Wildlife Park
- 1 Tiger Experience from Wingham Wildlife Park
- 1 Penguin Experiences from Wingham Wildlife Park
- 1 Meerkat Experiences from Wingham Wildlife Park

Tickets for this raffle are £1 per ticket which can be bought on the day at the fund raiser or at any time between now and then at the park's main reception. Alternatively you can buy the tickets by clicking the link below and paying via PayPal. If you pay via PayPal we will confirm your ticket numbers via e-mail as well as attaching a scanned image of your tickets to the e-mail, we will then use your e-mail address to confirm your identity when you either collect the prizes or if we have to send them out to you.

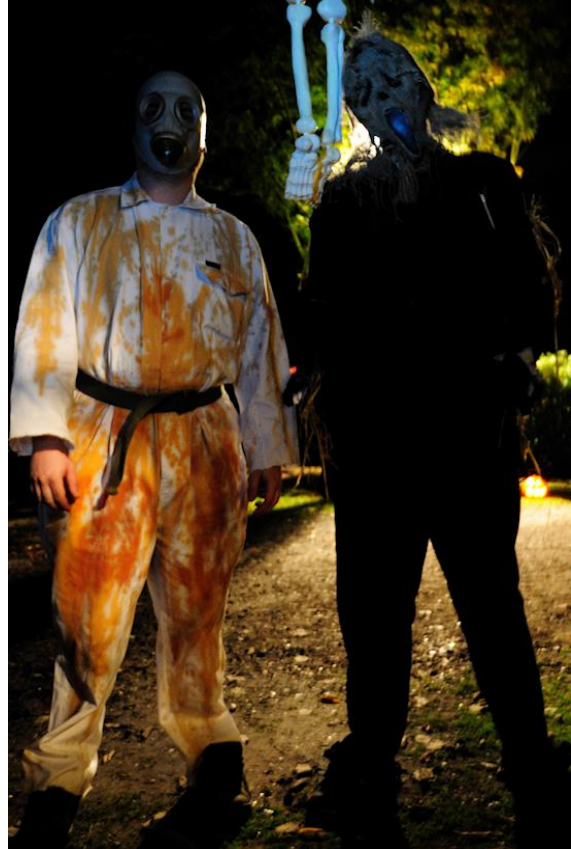
However to somewhat counteract the fees which we have to pay for PayPal purchases you will need to buy full strips of 5 tickets on the website. You can increase the number of tickets but this will be in 5 ticket increments (for example if you want to buy 2 strips change the purchase quantity to 2). As such each PayPal purchase will cost a minimum of £5.

Please follow this link to purchase a strip of tickets on our website:

<http://www.winghamwildlifepark.co.uk/Article.aspx?ArticleID=801>

2011 Fright Night

Our Fright Night which was held on the 31st October was a huge success this year, and we would love to thank everyone who helped make it possible for starters. We had a lot of members of staff, volunteers and even local drama students who came in during their own time and helped out for free. Secondly none of our work would have paid off without everyone who came and supported us, so a big thank you goes out to everyone who came. The feedback which I have so far received has been very good so I hope everyone had a great time!



Along with the various games which we had throughout the night, this was the first time we had a pumpkin carving competition. We had some brilliant entries, with a total of around 20 pumpkins making it to us (along with a carved apple as well!), and we are pleased to announce that an impartial judge chose a pumpkin carved out like The Count. The winning pumpkin belonged to Tia Kemp, who won a family day ticket to the park. You can see a photo of our little winner along with her pumpkin on the next page.



Santa's Coming!

Much like last year, we have managed to secure Santa to visit us on a few selected dates! Santa will be joining us from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm on the following dates in December:

December 2011						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

As well as Santa being here with one of his elves in the Grotto and Winter Wonderland (which will be in the education centre), we will of course once again be looking after 2 of his Reindeer. Both of which will be walked by our keepers a few times each day, and you will have the chance to buy food for them.

The price to see Santa this year will be £5.00 per child (including a ticket to see meet Santa & a present from him) + our usual entrance prices and season ticket holders apply. Therefore a separate charge applies for Santa's grotto both for one off visitors and season ticket holders; however you will be able to meet the Reindeer at no extra charge, and there is no need to book in advance.

So why not come and spend time with Santa *and* the animals this Christmas!



Winter Wonderland



Enjoy Christmas
with the animals



*See Santas grotto
and Winter Wonderland*



*Meet and buy
food for 2 of
Santas Reindeer*

Don't forget your camera!



MEET SANTA ON :



10th & 11th December

17th - 24th December

(11:00AM - 2:00PM on each day)



*£5.00 to see Santa (who will also give the child
a present) + normal entry prices and season
ticket entry apply.*

