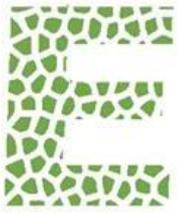


Newsletter











From the Secretary...

Hello everyone! Here is some important information for you on the events coming up for all our paid up society members.

First up is the Members Only BBQ which takes place at the meeting on Wednesday the 5th of August. This year ESRAS will be supplying the buns, rolls, sauces and a small selection of soft drinks. All you will need to bring along is the meat and other such items that you want cooking, but you can bring other things if you wish to however it is not essential. This year to hopefully speed things up a bit we are going to label everyone's items for cooking and place them on a table and when you want your items you just need to come and ask me and I will get them done as quickly as is possible at the time.

Secondly is the Family Fun Day at Stanmer Park on Sunday the 6th of September. We are meeting at 11am, please bring a picnic and any games or ideas with you for an afternoon of fun and hopefully sun. There will be more details to follow including the meeting spot etc....

Third and finally for 2015 is the Xmas Members Only meeting on Wednesday 2nd of December, for which we will have the usual hot food provided by ESRAS. Please feel free to bring anything else along if you wish. We will also once again have the Xmas Quiz with trophies and ultimately untold Glory for the winners, and the Xmas raffle which is always great fun. Any submissions will be greatly welcomed and appreciated.

This year we will also be introducing competitions at some of the monthly meetings for best animal at the meeting and others for best photo's in various categories, with prizes for 1st and 2nd.

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the proposed September Zoo weekend away for the 26th and 27th as we have not had enough people sign up for it. This may have been because of the truncated timeline so all deposits will be returned and we will try again next year, allowing more time for people to sign up.

- **Lee**



E.S.R.A.S

Members Only

B.B.Q.

August Meeting

E.S.R.A.S. Shows

Paradise Park 2nd and 3rd of May 2015

This was a two day event. We were set up in the pet department by the fish and the furry animals, and at times it was very busy. On Sunday there was a surprise visit by our then Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, but he didn't come over to see us or the reptiles at all.

Crawley STEM show 16th of May 2015

We were set up in a marquee in the middle of the main shopping area, right next to the Band Stand. There were a lot of things to do and see, like making miniature solar powered cars and learning about bees, plus university talks and, of course, us with the reptile education and handling. We proved to be the most popular thing to see and do, where at one point we were asked to take some animals in to the main area so people knew there were other things to see and do.

Woodingdean Carnival 27th of June 2015

It was a really lovely sunny day and we were very glad we had the school hall as it was a touch cooler. We set up the new Vivs and then had some time for tea and to watch the parade before the show

began. I am not sure how many people attended but at some points it seemed like they were all in the hall with us! A great time was had by all who attended with lots of laughs.

Coldean Summer Festival 27th June 2015

We were set up under a set of nice shady trees on the school field as it was a lovely sunny day, it was only a small festival but the crowds were good. We had a fantastic time with lots of lovely people, including the Head teacher and local priest.

We received this email after the show thanking us.

“Hi All,

Thank you for putting on a great show at the Coldean Festival, the children and adults had a great day holding the snakes and talking to David about them. I also can't believe he got several people who were frightened to hold the snakes!

Thank you again

Kind Regards

Robin

Coldean Community Forum”

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone that gives their time to help out at these events. Your support is invaluable to keeping ESRAS events going.



**E.S.R.A.S Family Fun Day
Sunday September 6th
Stanmer Park
Bring a Picnic and Games**

The Judicial Review

As most of you know already on the 4th of June 2015 at The Royal Courts of Justice in London before Maura McGowan QC the case for the Judicial Review was heard in the case of P.R.A.S. and the F.B.H. vs Arun District Council with the A.P.A. as an interested party.

The FBH was well represented and Ms Toland was there for the APA.

After three hours of hearing both sides of the case the Judge, decided to reserve judgement until a later date, this gives her the time to totally digest the case from all aspects before making a ruling, and the associated consequences.

So now all we can do is wait and hope that the decision that is handed down in hopefully the not too distant future is the right one and the one we want for our hobby.

- **Lee**

Merchandise Update

The Merchandise is going from strength to strength, with the plastic snakes still being a favourite of our patrons but with the other items going well too. The new necklace range is starting to take off too, with the snake being the customer favourite. These are also available at the monthly meetings, for all those interested.

T-shirts

New E.S.R.A.S. shirts and jumpers have been ordered so in the coming weeks we should have all Adult and Child sizes back in stock, ready for sale at the August meeting for £5 each and jumpers for £7.50. These will be available at every monthly meeting.

Please note: T-shirts are a requirement for displaying and helping out at shows.

Cakes

Many thanks to Nicky Anstiss and Pat Jennett for the donation of their truly magnificent cakes to our monthly meetings. Their cakes are selling really well and are a tremendous hit, having raised over £40 so far! These cakes are endorsed by our loving Chairman, who is pictured here about to scoff his face.

