

THE BRITISH CHELONIA GROUP SPRING SYMPOSIUM 2026



DATE: SUNDAY 22nd March 2026: 10.30am – 17.30pm

THEME: FIFTY YEARS OF CHELONIAN CARE AND CONSERVATION

AT: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, HOMERTON COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

Address: HOMERTON COLLEGE, Hill's Road, Cambridge CB2 8PH

An opportunity to hear about projects from people directly involved in chelonian conservation, husbandry and veterinary practice, as well as meeting other enthusiasts.

Non-members welcome • Ample parking on campus

PRICE £30 including lunch and refreshments during the day

CPD – 5 hours, Students and CPD participants – half price (£15)

Less than 5 mins taxi drive from the main Cambridge station (walkable)

LECTURERS: (*In alphabetical order*) include

MR DAVID ALDERTON: Renowned animal author and Editor of Practical Reptile Keeping.

Title: “Chelonian care: past, present and future”

PROFESSOR JOHN AND MRS MARGARET COOPER will report on the latest news of their work in Kenya and will also be in charge of the early afternoon **CPD AND STUDENT session**

Title: “Update from Kenya: Tortoises, Ticks and Terrapins”

DR JOANNA HEDLEY: Head of RVC Exotics Service, Senior Lecturer Beaumont Sainsbury Animal Hospital, Royal Veterinary College, will present the veterinary lecture.

Title: “Advances in chelonian diagnostics”

PROFESSOR CAROLINE POND : Honorary Researcher , Biology Dept. Oxford University, will present a lecture on Malayan Box Turtles

Title: “The Hare and the Tortoise race for Longevity”

DR ALAN REES: Independent Consultant and Sea turtle Expert. Editor of several Journals including the BCG's “**TESTUDO**” will present the sea turtle lecture.

Title: “The British Chelonia Group's long-term support for sea turtle conservation in Greece”

PROFESSOR ANNA WILKINSON: Lincoln University, Department of Life Sciences

Title: “Cold-blooded care: understanding how a tortoise feels”

There will be a short introduction by Professor Peter Holt at the start of the Symposium as well as a special Student and CPD session led by Professor and Mrs Margaret Cooper in the early afternoon. The usual sales table will be there and the lecturers will be available most of the day.

You can book a place by returning the enrolment form on the next page.

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HOW TO ENROL

To secure a place please return the completed enrolment form as soon as possible to:

BCG Symposium Organiser

THE BRITISH CHELONIA GROUP

P.O.Box 16216

Tamworth, Staffs B77 9LA



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If you would like further information (SAE please)

- on how to get to the venue: tick here ☐
- or wish confirmation of your enrolment: tick here ☐

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