

Zoological Society

We are very proud to have the largest number of people on our mailing list out of any club at the college (>200).

82 people joined at the freshers fair alone last year (at a reduced price of £10) with many more joining throughout the year (at £12 for a years membership).

We also have some MSc students and staff on our mailing list.

Our BLE site is one of the best and most maintained.

Our objective is to fill the gap in our curriculum regarding medicine and care of exotic species, conservation and ecological issues.

Events this year have included:

- All day saturday symposium "Pets of the Future"
 - four lectures on exotic pets including sugar gliders, alpacas, modern rabbit medicine, chelonians and birds
 - lunch
 - coach to ferry people to and from the station to HH
- Talk by ZSL on the Amphibian Ark project
 - was featured on David Attenborough's "life in cold blood" last night
 - about how we are facing the biggest extinction since the dinosaurs
- British Wildlife Week
 - display with leaflets to take
 - quizzes with prizes
 - two lectures
 - bird ringing on HH sports field on the saturday

Next week we are having a lecture on elephants.

Next term is an underwater theme with lectures on whales and dolphins and dwindling fish stocks, and a British Divers Marine Life Rescue day.

Each lecture is followed by one free drink at the Buttery or Constitution and sometimes pizza.

We also went to Cambridge for their all weekend zoological symposium (about 17 of us)

- this cost £30 each

- i drove us in the minibus there

- we stayed two nights in a B&B paying £30 each and the zoosoc subsidised everyone £10.

For £10/£12, members get:

- all these lectures free

- one free drink and sometimes pizza after the talks

- subsidised trips

Plus we are currently organising a yearly sponsored research project in conjunction with the amphibian ark project, using around £300 of our own money to give to a student to do a research project (either AHMS or clinical) on amphibians.

We spend about £20 a year on printer credits to print all our advertising posters.

We have a BVZS rep who stewards at their events.

Currently we get the standard amount each year from the SU and the rest is raised by membership.

We got around £1000 from membership last year.

Bayer also sponsored the symposium £800.

Wish list:

- more money!
- a guaranteed sum from the college each year for a sponsored reasearch project/ conservation work
- for the cleaners not to take down our posters before the event!

Thanks

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