



FLAG News

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Flag's Notice Board

Dates for your Diary

**3 September
Committee
Meeting**

**17 September
Tea, Coffee,
Cake Social
Afternoon**

**24 September
Drop in**

**1 October
Drop in**

**8 October
Committee
Meeting**

**15 October
Tea, Coffee,
Cake Social
Afternoon**

**22 October
Drop in**

**29 October
Drop in**

Introducing FLAG'S Mascot Jeff

FLAG now has its very own Mascot, in the shape of a bear. There was only one name we could give him and that was Jeff.

Jeff of course is named in memory of our much missed friend Jeff Noble, who sadly passed away in January.

Please look out for Jeff on trips and at events, come and have your photo taken with him and follow his antics in the newsletter.

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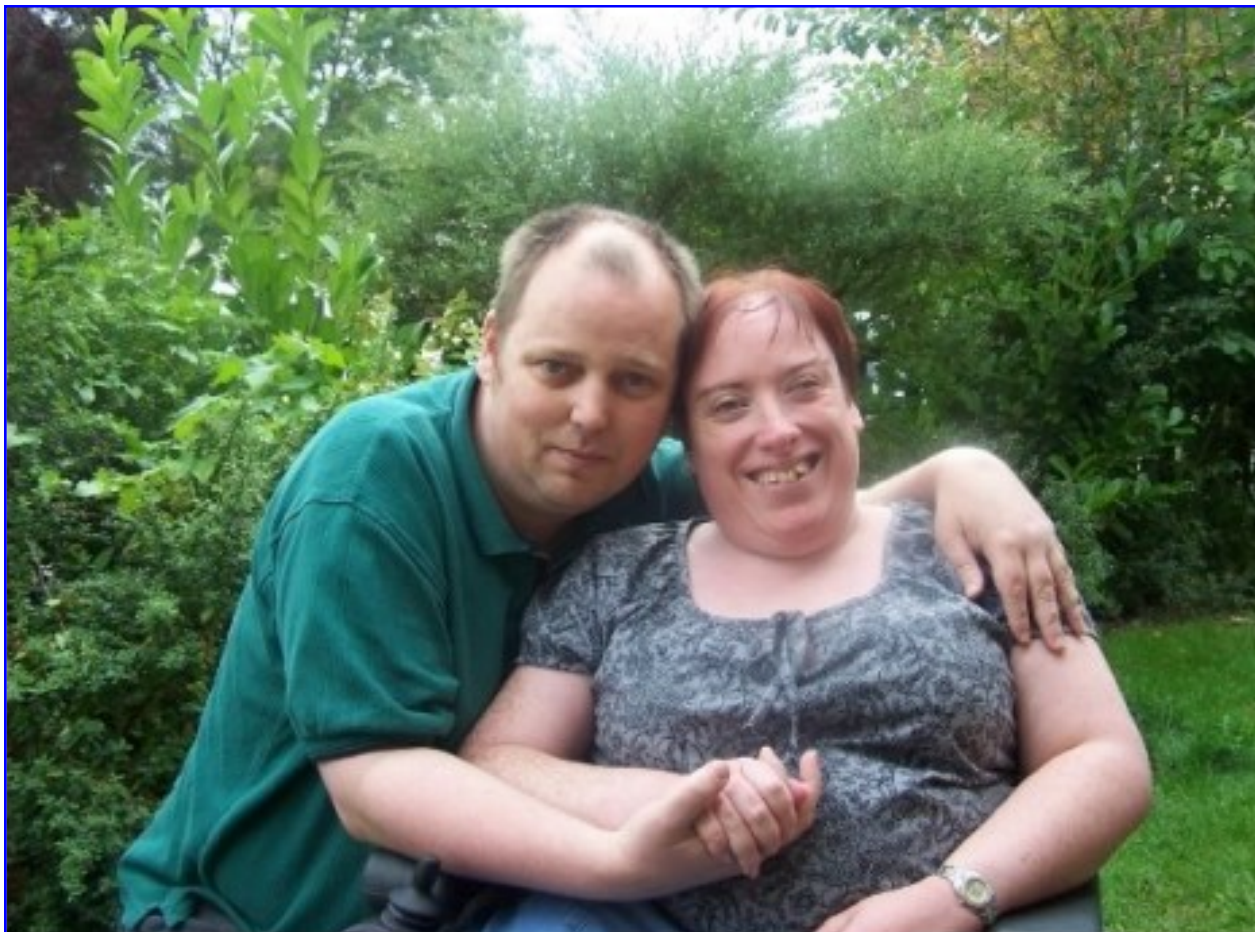


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St Pauls Church - Sharnbrook



Remembering a special friend - Jo Branson



It is with sad news that FLAG has to announce that one of our former members **Jo Branson** (nee Jo O'dell) passed away on 17th June 2015 after a short illness.

Jo started volunteering for FLAG on 24th February 2011 until April 2013. Jo's roles within FLAG included Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Member Liaison.

FLAG would like to pass on their condolences to Jo's husband Tim Branson and her family and friends.



Woburn Safari Park

A day out at the beautiful Woburn Safari Park

Tuesday 28th July 2015

What a good start for a day out, thirty FLAG members, volunteers, none-members, and Bernadette with her Grandchildren Hollie and Thomas arrived at Priory Methodist Church to board the coach, arriving at Woburn Safari Park in good time.

We had an excellent driver called Steve, who drove us around the park. He had obviously done this many times, as he was a very good commentator and was knowledgeable about all the animals.

It was a lovely bright morning so there

were great views from the coach to see all the animals. Everyone was very excited to see their own favourite animal. We saw Elephants, Rhinos, Giraffes, Bears, Tigers, Lions and Monkeys some people were taking photo's.

Around noon we stopped for lunch in the park. Members split up going to their preferred cafes or restaurant. After lunch, members had free time to explore the area, some on their own, others with their volunteers.

A lot of members enjoyed the Birds of

Prey display, some liked watching the big Swan ride on the lake. Soon it was time for refreshments and ice-cream before boarding the coach again to resume our journey around the park to every one's delight .

The coach arrived back in Bedford just as the rain came down, how lucky were we with the weather as it stayed good all day.

What a fabulous day out!

A big thank you to all who organised and helped on the day.



A day out in the beautiful Woburn Safari Park

Photo Gallery



Fundraising BBQ

Thursday 20th August 2015



The fundraising BBQ event was held at the White Horse Pub, Newnham Avenue, Bedford.

Forty members plus volunteers including our youngest helper Hollie attended.



The sun was out and the setting was very comfortable, with new tables and chairs. There was a marquee which was in the pub gardens giving much more room and comfort

this year. The new management went out of their way to make sure we had all we needed for a great afternoon.

On sale were FLAG merchandise bric-a-brac stall and fresh flowers.

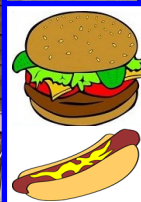
Members enjoyed a social afternoon playing games and of course the lovely burgers, sausages, salad and coleslaw, not forgetting the lovely fresh cream cake and a raffle.

The BBQ came to a close at 4:30pm.

A big thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising event.

The feedback we have received so far indicates that this wonderful fundraiser may become an annual event.

Many thanks to the organisers and volunteers for a great fundraising BBQ.





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5 November
Drop in

12 November
Committee
Meeting

19 November
Tea, Coffee, Cake
Social Afternoon

26 November
Drop in

3 December
Drop in

10 December
Drop in

17 December
Tea, Coffee, Cake
Social Afternoon

Events

10 September
Tower of London

28 October
Video Race Night/
Buffet

9 December
Christmas Meal

Bi-Monthly Events

Sept - Tower of London

Oct - Video Race Night/Buffer

Dec - Christmas Meal

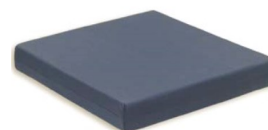
NORWICH & PETERBOROUGH BUILDING SOCIETY

In the last edition of the Newsletter we told you about the £800 donation FLAG had received from the Norwich and Peterborough Building Society in St Neots. The donation was to be used to buy tangible items for FLAG, that is, actual physical items and not to be used to pay running costs.

So far we have bought the following items:



*A manual Wheelchair
to be used by
members on our
various outings.*



*A Wheelchair Cushion
for the wheelchair.*

FLAG Piggy Banks.



*A FLAG Banner to be used at
our various Fundraising events.*

We have around £500 left to spend on items such as:



A PA System.

**Embroidered Badges
for our members.**

