

# BRIDGE WARD CLUB

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## **Visit to the Animal Reception Centre – Heathrow Airport Thursday 12 August 2010 10.45 am**

Not everyone in August will be seeking the sun on foreign beaches. For members who by choice or circumstance will be at home we have the opportunity for an interesting visit to the Animal Reception Centre at Heathrow Airport.

Since the 1850s, the City of London Corporation has played an important role in the care and treatment of animals entering the UK. Its responsibilities for imported animals and the prevention of disease extend beyond the City to include all Greater London – some 610 square miles that include the River Thames from Erith to Hampton. The Animal Reception Centre at Heathrow was opened in the mid-1980s. It is always open, processing and caring for animals of all kinds - tarantulas, cobras, race horses, tigers, cattle, cats and dogs and 35 million fish a year. The actual animals to be seen on a visit will depend on what is passing through at that time.

The Centre includes extensive facilities for the care and welfare of animals held on the premises. For dogs and cats there are individually heated areas and an outdoor run. There are four reptile and amphibian holding rooms and a wing dedicated to birds with its own air handling unit and a computer-controlled lighting system. A large animal facility caters for horses and farmstock imports.

There is a limit of 20 on the size of the group and applications with a cheque for £10.00 per person should be submitted as soon as possible and no later than Wednesday 4 August. Tea and coffee will be available on arrival and light refreshments and a drink will be provided at the conclusion of the visit which will take about 1½ hours.

The Centre is about a 10 minute walk from the Heathrow Terminal 4 station on the Piccadilly underground line and members should aim to arrive at the Centre at about 10.45 am. A sketch map will be sent to those coming on the visit. Car parking is not available at the Centre.

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_ places for the visit to the Animal Reception Centre  
(cheque for £10.00 per person payable to Bridge Ward Club).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guests: \_\_\_\_\_  
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