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We say goodbye to four Trustees



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Chairman's Chat

May I start by wishing you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. The AGM took place back in October 2009 and there have been some changes to the Board of Trustees.



Jane and Dean Hemingway have both stepped down as Trustees but remain as rehabbers. Jane (below) has been a Trustee for the past 11 years and Dean (left) for 10, both have been highly active fund raising over that period, attending the Falconry Fair and many Game Shows each year as well as undertaking other jobs for the charity such as Jane being stock controller and Dean being Vice Chairman and for the past three years, Chairman. Jane and Dean have sent a message to all members and rehabbers, please see over.



Keith Woodhead (left) has also stepped down. Keith has been a Trustee for a long, long time but he too will continue to be a rehabber, something which is dear to his heart.

We have also said farewell to Katrina Sullivan (right). Katrina moved to Devon last year to take up a career as a dog handler for the RAF.



A small token of appreciation was made to them at the AGM. I would like to wish Jane, Dean, Keith and Katrina every success for the future.

I would now like to introduce you to the team for the forthcoming year and welcome new Trustee Daniel Goldsmith from the Seal and Bird Rescue Trust in Norfolk.



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Jenny Morgan



Daniel Goldsmith
Trustee

And Barbra Turner our
Membership Secretary

Raptor Rescue/DEFRA Meeting

Back in January 2009, the Chairman suggested that we needed to get the Rehabilitators Handbook and Code of Practice updated due to changes in legislation. As ex-Trustee Ian Taylor had written the first issue of the handbook we asked him if he would like to do the up-date, which he agreed to with gusto. 'When do you want the up-date for' Ian had asked and we had suggested it would be good to have for the Festival of Falconry in July. Little did Ian know what a mammoth task this was going to be, please see Ian's report on page 7.

There have been a lot of changes in legislation and to complicate this, Ian has now not only had to deal with Defra, but the Scottish and Welsh Assemblies, along with the SSPCA, RSPCA and RSPB to name a few. The contact with Defra led to myself, Malcolm Robins and Ian visiting them at their Bristol office in October 2009, not only to discuss the revised handbook but to look at how Raptor Rescue could help Defra. They had a couple of areas they thought we might like to get involved with. First was around the problem they were experiencing with people requesting A10s for birds that they had rescued, rehabilitated and were then saying they were too imprinted to be released back into the wild. Defra wanted to know if they had a case where their inspectors were unsure as to whether a bird was imprinted if we could assess the bird and give an opinion as to whether it could be released or not. The other area was if Raptor Rescue could house any birds that had been seized pending a court case, this would not happen often as there had only been two cases in the last 18 months. These issues will be discussed at the next Trustee meeting, but if any member would like to comment, please contact me.

One thing Ian was keen to discuss was that of how we can get up-to-date information on up and coming legislation. Defra suggested we applied to become members of PAW, The Partnership for Action Against Wildlife Crime. This is a multi-agency body comprising of representatives of the organisations involved in wildlife law enforcement in the UK. It provides opportunities for statutory and non-Government organisations to work together to combat wildlife crime. Its main objective is to promote the enforcement of wildlife conservation legislation, particularly through supporting the networks of Police Wildlife Crime Officers, HM Revenue and Customs officers and UK Border Agency officers. For more information on PAW, please visit <http://www.defra.gov.uk/paw/>
We have submitted an application and will get to know if we have been accepted at the end of February.

We are planning to attend a number of country shows in 2010 and will communicate dates and locations of these as soon as we have finalised the list. The 2009 Annual Survey will have been sent out at the beginning of January and we plan to have a special report once all the data has been collected, so if you haven't already, please don't forget to send your returns form.

Regards - *Steve Davidson*

To everyone connected with Raptor Rescue,

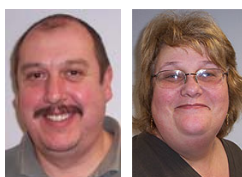
Just wanted to let you all know that the past eleven years fundraising has been a blast!!

When I take responsibilities on I give my all, so while I was involved with Raptor Rescue it took my whole attention. My children have been very patient and have helped a lot, in fact without them we could not have done as much as we have. So I am also saying thank you to James, Katie and Vicky. Now it's their turn for our full attention.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us at shows, thank you to all our friends we have made along the years and I promise we will still be around for a chat and certainly still be available if we are needed.

Old falconers/Rehabbers do not die; they just roost at the top of the trees watching the world go by.

Lots of Love and Best Wishes
Jane and Dean Hemingway



Treasurers Report

Treasurers Report of Accounts 2008/09

Income	2007/08	2008/09
Balance brought forward at 1 September	29765.72	16427.09
Subscriptions	2190.50	2065.50
Sale of Stock ¹	1285.21	2263.99
Donations ²	2996.06	4160.87
AGM Buffet	110.00	110.00
AGM fund raising/raffle	51.00	58.00
Other Income	35.25	0.00
Interest on deposit account	640.15	231.25
Gift Aid ³	0.00	376.42
Total	37073.89	25693.12

Expenditure	2007/08	2008/09
Aviaries and Equipment ⁴	8352.80	2011.46
Rehabilitation ⁵	2687.70	288.94
Administration ⁶	2412.27	1893.40
Shows	4096.53	3583.70
Meetings	873.32	377.42
Printing ⁷	1156.63	119.60
Newsletter	780.55	757.56
Web Site ⁸	287.00	30.00
Total	20646.80	9062.08

Notes

1. Increase in sale of stock, clearing out old stock
2. We have received a number of large donations (total £2078), excluding show donations
3. We were able to reclaim income tax paid on donations made where the individual had signed the Gift Aid; this was not completed last year
4. No additional aviaries or hospital units purchased, cost of balance of previous hack aviary order
5. Less medical supplies were ordered, there were no vet donations and rehab mileage claims reduced
6. Although helpline charges have increased due to BT charges and the increase in calls, reduced costs on insurance and stationery
7. Printing costs reduced due to being able to print leaflets via other sources
8. Paid 08/09 in last years accounts

I would like to welcome new members, thank all members for renewing their membership and any donations made. I would also like to thank the fundraisers and rehabbers for all their continued hard work raising funds for the Charity.



Carol Davidson

Treasurer

Rehabbing

Ryedale Rehab 2009



Shot Peregrine

A 2009 juvenile female Peregrine Falcon was found grounded by a farm manager near Richmond North Yorkshire. The bird was taken in to the nearest vets. They contacted Raptor Rescue and were passed my number.

Jean Thorpe from Ryedale Rehab collected the bird and took it home. She was thin and hungry and was left her to rest after tweezer feeding her. The RSPB have just released their Bird Crime report for 2008 and North Yorkshire has the highest recorded bird of prey persecution for the whole country. Bearing this in mind Jean took the bird for x ray and examination to a vet in Strensall, York.



Sadly the results were as predicted for a grounded bird of prey. She had been shotgun shot with pellets tracking and tearing through muscles and tendons. The bird had been shot in the last 5 to 7 days in flight. The injuries had downed her forever and she was put to sleep. Her young wild life illegally cut short for the protection of game birds.

Jean has dealt with a number persecution cases in 2009 including an illegally poisoned Peregrine found on a North Yorks grouse moor. A breeding female Buzzard with one leg, the other freshly severed by a fen trap, found in the middle of a large North Yorkshire shooting estate and a Red Kite shotgun shot found in the middle of a large shooting estate in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

Jean says "These incidents will just be the tip of the iceberg. It is time we spoke out and showed up these criminals for what they are".

Jean Thorpe

Gentleshaw Wildlife Hospital Sept-2009

Rooney (right) is having a bit of a tricky start to life. He was found tangled in the netting of a football goal.

He is only around 16 weeks of age and still has a small amount of down on his head. He has a badly sprained left leg and a broken right wing. His wing had been strapped and after a few days rest he can now stand up. He will be with us for some time whilst we see if his wing heals correctly.

He is very feisty but it might be best that he gives up his footballing career.

Jenny Morgan



Gentleshaw Wildlife Hospital Oct-2009



'Scott' (left) the Tawny arrived on Monday. A kindly veterinary nurse bought her over. The nurse had managed to get her to take some food and this undoubtedly kept the owl going.

She is very weak and under weight and her left eye / ear is badly swollen. She has taken some force feeds and seems a little perkier but is still quite poorly.

Today she seems much brighter and appears to have had a little try at feeding herself. She is standing but still a bit wobbly.

Jenny Morgan

Ryedale Rehab 2009 - Dead Goshawk, Helmsley, North Yorkshire



A dead juvenile Goshawk was found clutching ferns in a garden in Helmsley, North Yorkshire. The bird was extremely thin but showed no other injuries.

The bird was x rayed at Battleflatts Vets and showed no sign of shot or fractures. The bird had no sign of food in the gut and the kidneys were swollen showing signs of starvation. The bird weighed 562g/1lb 4oz.

I presume this young bird had not fared well and died of starvation.

Jean Thorpe

Gentleshaw Wildlife Hospital - Oct-2009



Foxy had been spotted in a field looking sorry for himself. His rescuer had caught him up, put him in a live fox trap to keep him safe and given him a bowl of fresh steak!

Foxy was thin but not injured and much perkier for the bowl of dinner! He is a bit scruffy, few broken feathers but he has been eating well and flying around and should be good to go shortly.

When I took the picture earlier he had done a huge poo up the back wall. It did not look pleasant and I was not going to disturb him so I have 'tided' up the picture to the best of my abilities. He's not getting anymore steak though!!

Jenny Morgan

Edinburgh Zoo 2009



I was contacted in September 2009 by Sarah Wright, Lead Animal Presenter at Edinburgh Zoo who was enquiring as to whether we were able to re-home with them another European Eagle Owl. She explained that we had re-homed one with them back in 2002 and that the bird was doing well and was used in educational displays, and due to the popularity of the display, they now want an additional bird.

As luck would have it, we had just been asked to re-home a European Eagle Owl due to its owner having passed away, so this seemed the perfect opportunity. The bird was taken to Gentleshaw Wildlife Hospital and later to Edinburgh Zoo by Trustee Ian Taylor.

Sarah Wright of Edinburgh Zoo reported that: "The owl has settled in well, she has been micro chipped which she didn't appreciate much and a check over from the vets showed that other than being a little on the porky side she is in great condition. She is in an enclosure next to Tango the male European eagle owl we had through Raptor Rescue a few years ago, and they have been calling to each other – we not sure what either of them make of hearing another of their own species being hand reared but it seems to have

got Tango quite excited! We have decided to call her Amber. We have had snow for the last couple of weeks, but it doesn't seem to bother her and she chooses to sit on the roof of the nice warm hut rather than inside it!"

Turbury Woods 2009

Turbury Woods Owl & Bird of Prey Sanctuary Have had a very busy 18 months. Andy Bilborough and his dedicated team of non paid volunteers have been involved in over 75 rescues during 2009 alone, seven of which were Peregrines.

A call from a member of the public reporting they had seen a falcon feeding on the carcass of a dead swan. On arrival at the scene Andy managed to catch the bird quite easily as it was quite weak and could not manage to fly more than 20 feet. After a check over by Andy and the local vets, no apparent injuries could be diagnosed although it did have a slightly sharp keel.



The bird was placed in an isolation aviary and fed a quality diet of rat & pheasant etc. Four days later the bird was test flown on a creance to check its fitness levels but again it could only fly 20 feet or so. She was then taken to a more specialised vets who X-rayed the Falcon and carried out a series of blood test. Interestingly the X-ray did show up a lead pellet in the Falcons rump, but this was not causing it any problems.

The results found no broken bones but a serious worm infection and also a decrease in white blood cells, which made treatment difficult as the drugs used to combat the

worms also lowered the white blood cells. She was treated with Panacur over 2 weeks and then she had to be re-hacked so she could regain her fitness, she was jumping to the fist 20 times each day for food then flown on an extra long Creance 5 times each day before being successfully released 3 weeks later.

Another female fledgling was collected from a vets in Barrow-in-Furness were unfortunately she had been caught in steel wire on the crane were her parents had nested. Her foot had to be amputated and she was placed in a special aviary with padding and soft Astroturf on all perches and feeding ledges. She already had a severe pressure pad on her only good foot and in a few weeks time this became worse as it became infected with the dreaded bumble foot. After several weeks of unsuccessful treatment it was decided euthanasia was the only option to save any further suffering.

A few months later Andy was called to a Stately home where he found another weak, recently fledged Peregrine sitting on the ground. Again female, the bird was looking slightly concussed. Andy took the bird back to the isolation units at the sanctuary, It was assessed by a vet and no illness or fractures were diagnosed. Luckily Andy works closely with the Lancashire Police wildlife liaison officer and His team of volunteers and he managed to locate the Parents at their nest site, with their help, which was only 2 minutes walk from where he found the bird. After 4 days of intensive feeding & worming they released the youngster back into the quarry were her parents' immediately responded to her calls and in no time she was back in the sky flying with both adults swooping alongside her.

The final bird was once again a success as the weak peregrine that arrived at Turbary was examined by a vet and having no broken bones or illness, it again was treated for worms, fed a healthy diet & hacked back to fitness and released 3 weeks later.



Volunteer Ian (left), about to release a barn owl that had been hit by a car, the bird made a very quick recovery and we managed to release it after 3 days.

The Owl flew away gracefully and even circled us 3 times, in a funny way he seemed to be saying thank you. He definitely knew the area as after 3 fly bys he landed in a tree adjacent to a farm building.

Andy Bilborough

The Board of Trustees would like to welcome to the following new members:

Patricia and Howard Atkinson
Joanne Gash
Roger Giles
Daniel Goldsmith
Arthur Heywood
Jenny and Ian Hollindale
Ed Hutchings
Bex Matthews
Sharon, Hannah and Graham Matthews
Deborah Howes



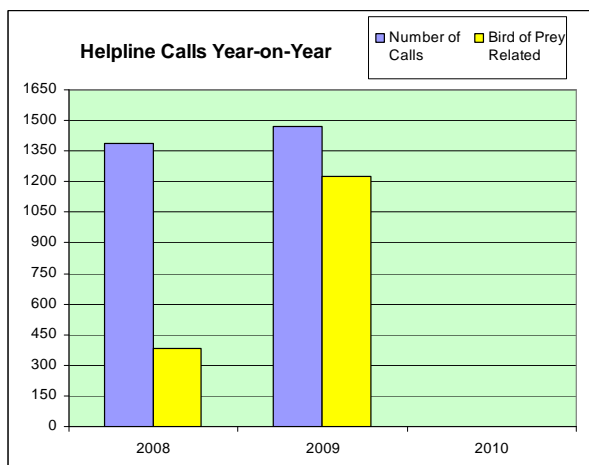
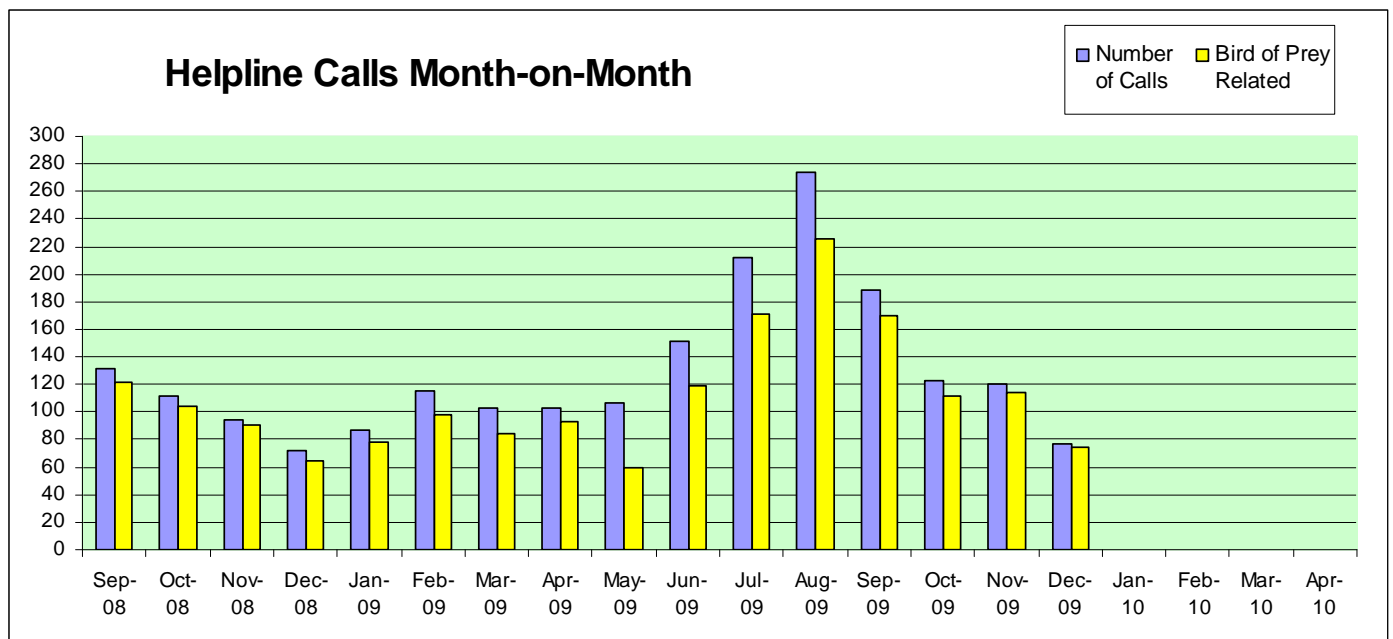
The Board of Trustees would like to thank the following for their kind Donations:

Val Turner
McKinsey & Co
Revena Swales
Shelagh Noden to celebrate the birthday of James Hanlon

Trustees

If any member would like to get involved with the running of the Charity by becoming a Trustee, please contact the Chairman on 01925 726704 for a chat about how you can help.

Helpline Update



The National helpline continues to receive a larger number of calls each month as can be seen from the graphs.

With regard to the yearly graph (left), we only started to separate the bird of prey related calls from the total number of calls in September 2008, hence the low bird of prey related calls.

Rehabilitators Handbook Update

In April last year I was asked if I would cast an eye over the Handbook and make any changes required to bring it up to date. The original document was produced in March 2008 so I thought not much to change so yes I would undertake this task.

My initial review identified that apart from a few minor changes to some of the sections only the one on 'Relevant Laws' would need checking out. A simple email to Defra would resolve this or so I thought. Defra has devolved some of their responsibilities to Natural England and the Welsh Government Assembly whilst Scotland has its own legislation. In Ireland, both North and South also have their own legislation.

OK, so emails off to the various departments with the relevant part of the handbook asking for their comments. With the exception of the Irish Governments, I received comments from all the others, with in some cases questions and requests for a copy of the complete document. However, as expected, these comments did not all come in at once so the expected completion date of July 2009 was going to be missed.

The Trustees agreed that it would be worthwhile to send it to other organizations as well, so copies went to RSPCA, Scottish SPCA, National Wildlife Crime Unit, Police Wildlife Crime Officers and the Partnership for Action against Wildlife. Most have given me useful information to include and has allowed me to highlight what we do. Although this task has taken a much longer time than was initially expected I believe that because of the various contacts made, the work we do with injured raptors within the charity now has a much higher profile. The Board of Trustees is currently investigating the possibility of including the Handbook on the Charity's web site.

Summary of the RSPB Birdcrime Report 2008, relating to birds of prey

The RSPB received 1,206 reports of potential offences against wild birds (all species) in the United Kingdom in 2008.

All incidents are recorded as either:

Unconfirmed – the circumstances indicate an illegal act has possibly taken place;

Probable - the circumstances indicate that by far the most likely explanation is that an illegal act has taken place;

Confirmed - the circumstances indicate an illegal act has taken place. These incidents are typically substantiated by evidence.

Shooting and Destruction of Birds of Prey - Of the 1,206 reported incidents, 210 were reports of shooting and the destruction of birds of prey. This is lower than the 2007 figure of 267 but above the last five year average (2003-2007) of 179 incidents. Of the 210 reports, 38 were confirmed and 48 were probable. Shooting was the most commonly reported crime with 105 incidents, of which 22 were confirmed and 19 were probable. There were 28 incidents relating to the destruction of birds of prey nests, eggs or chicks, and a further 77 incidents of other offences such as trapping.

Poisoning - In 2008 there were 133 reported incidents of poisoning and pesticide-related offences of birds or animals, which is fewer than the previous two years. 62 were confirmed by analysis of the victim to be pesticide abuse. There were seven confirmed incidents of birds of prey dying through secondary rodenticide poisoning.

The report goes on to deal with the persecution of Hen Harriers in England, Golden Eagles in Scotland and the RSPB campaign to stop the illegal killing of birds of prey. With regard to the trade in wild birds and taxidermy, 2008 saw 106 reported incidents involving the taking, sale and possession of live and dead birds, 42 of which were bird of prey related. Throughout the report there are case studies of which eight are related to birds of prey, in particular the rescue and re-fostering of peregrine falcon chicks in which Raptor Rescue played a major role.



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The following from Vet Help Direct may prove helpful not only to rehabilitators but anyone who keeps birds of prey.



Vet Help Direct has been helping owners to decide if their pet needs veterinary attention since May 2006. The site has recently been relaunched, with many improvements including the expansion of the Bird section which now covers Birds of Prey.

www.vethelpdirect.com is free to use and is the only website of its kind for falconers. Owners concerned about their bird's condition just answer a series of simple, step by step questions, starting with the main symptom. There are 28 symptoms to choose from; covering everything from Bumble Foot to exercise intolerance and fitting and completing the string of questions will generate a priority rating from "Self Care – treatment at home", with advice on what to do, to "Urgent – you need to contact your vet immediately". Relevant first aid advice is given for the more serious conditions.

Google mapping and postcode proximity searching allows owners to find their nearest veterinary surgery, its opening hours and specialisations at www.vethelpdirect.com/practices.php. The search by vet type facility allows owners to find their nearest vets that treat birds.

All the advice on Vet Help Direct is written by vets, many of them experts in their field. The Bird of Prey questions and answers were written by Neil Forbes, who became an RCVS Recognised Specialist in Zoo & Wildlife Medicine (avian) in 1992 and gained his FRCVS by examination on 'Exotic Bird Medicine' in 1996 as well as a European Recognised Specialist in Bird Medicine in 1997. Neil is currently President of the European College of Zoological Medicine, the scientific College for exotic animal Specialists across Europe. Many falconers will already know Neil for his publications and his day courses, which have been running for 20 years. Neil is based in his hospital in Swindon and his knowledge of bird of prey medicine and surgery is second to none within the UK.

"We are all acutely aware of the effects of the credit crunch, and fear that falconers may try to avoid veterinary fees. This website, helps owners and careers to know whether a visit to the vet is actually required or not." *Neil Forbes FRCVS*

Please take a look at our website to see how easy it is to use and if your birds should have any problems, you'll know where you can find help. If you have used Vet Help Direct we would love to hear your story, every month we offer a prize to the 'Pet of the Month' whose owners have used the site and we would really love to feature a Bird of Prey.

Annual Survey

Don't forget that we have changed the way we will be carrying out the Annual Survey; it will now run for a calendar year and not the charities financial year.

The survey was sent out to all rehabbers at the beginning of January to cover 1st September 2008 to 31st December 2009.

We have requested all returns to be in by 31st March 2010 and once all the data has been collated, a special four report will be issued towards the end of April or early May.



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Annual Survey Report 2009

Raptor Rescue has conducted a survey each year since 1990 to collate details of the birds treated by our rehabilitators throughout the UK, and all our rehabilitators are asked to maintain detailed records of the casualties they handle. These details are compiled into a yearly report and we are now working on compiling all the data year-on-year. This is proving to be a big undertaking as different people have administered the survey in different formats, recording slightly different data. However, this has now been standardised and will not change whoever administers the survey.

For a number of years now the annual survey has followed the **Raptor Rescue** financial year of September to August. As of September 2009, we changed this to a calendar year and linked it into the Accredited Rehabber System by making it a requirement that all accredited rehabbers to complete the annual survey in order to keep their accreditation. Again, this has

Trustee Profile - Each issue I will ask a Trustee ten searching questions to see how they tick! This issue I asked Treasurer, Carol Davidson:



1. What are your favourite five birds?

1. Peregrine Falcon
2. Mexican Striped Owl
3. Swallow Tailed Kite (can you see a theme building up?)
4. Long Tailed Tit
5. Bullfinch

2. What's your favourite book and why?

"Lord of the Rings" – it is probably one of very few books that I have read again and again. When I first read it I struggled as the books went on but after reading a few times and as I got older it made sense.

3. What's your favourite film and why?

I bet you thought I would say "Lord of the Rings". There are sooooo many. I am a big film fan and there are so many films that I have enjoyed but I think that "The Fifth Element" just pips it.

4. What's your favourite food and why?

Chips – not a great foodie, I do like my comfort food.

5. What's your favourite TV show and why?

At the time of doing this – "Miranda", Monday, BBC2, 8.30pm. I like to laugh and there are only a couple of programmes that really make me laugh – this is one of them.

6. What's your favourite piece of music and why?

It would have to be "Queen – Bohemian Rhapsody" or any Depeche Mode (what do you mean, who are they?) I like most music (except opera)

7. What car do you drive and why?

Mondeo Estate (N reg). I need an estate to get everything in and with the huge dog we have he would fill the inside of a Mini. I love my car, it is an automatic, it's old and fairly reliable. We have recently bought another Mondeo Estate (6 years old) to give mine a rest.

8. What place in the world would you most like to visit and why?

I would love to visit Norway. I keep putting it on my list of places to visit but there are a couple of problems; 1) its cold; 2) its expensive and 3) more often than not you have to go by boat and I don't like the cold, begrudge paying £8 for a pint and I don't have any sea-legs.

9. If you could have any job in the world, what would it be and why?

Any job that involved working with animals, particularly rescue, however, I am not very good at handling small furries. Which is probably why we have 28 pets/birds at home? I am always looking where we can fit something else in.

10. If you were stranded on a desert island, who would you most like to be stranded with and why?

As Steve is editing this, I will have to say my Husband. A close second would have to be Bruce Willis. I have liked him since "Moonlighting" in 1985 and I think he has played some fantastic roles (probably all the same type) – I love the Die Hard films. Interestingly, I know Bruce Willis by six degrees of separation: my colleague at work, her husband's cousin knows somebody who works in the film industry who knows Bruce Willis – how about that!

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Steve Dewsnap - Stock Control - Tel: 01244 813127 – contact for any issues relating to sales goods.

Andy Craven – IT Communication Coordinator - Tel: 07879 007007 – any issues relating to the website or for links to the website.

Ian Taylor – Trustee – Tel: 01298 70959 - any issues relating to the Rehabbers Handbook and Code of Practice.

Daniel Goldsmith – Trustee – Tel: 07881 826811

Membership Secretary: Barbara Turner, 31 Touches Meadow, Chard, Somerset, TA20 1PA, Tel: 01460 64664 – contact for membership and membership renewals.

Benefits of Membership

Membership of Raptor Rescue is open to anyone with an interest in birds of prey and who wish to support the Charity.

Annual membership fees are divided into three categories:

Junior Members (Under 16) £7.50

Household Membership (One address) £15.00

Wildlife Centre Membership (Raising own funds) £25.00

Application forms are available from our web site.

Our rehabilitator members are entitled to reclaim all legitimate expenses incurred in collecting, transporting, feeding and treating casualties. * Medical equipment and other items are regularly distributed to our rehabbers at little or no cost. All we ask in return is that reports are submitted for inclusion in the Newsletter and that details of all birds treated are made available for our Annual Surveys.

Subject to certain conditions, financial assistance may also be available from our Central Funds for expenses incurred whilst rehabilitating WILD raptor casualties.

* Details of the conditions covering reimbursement of expenses are Available on request.

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