

The Hort Report



Hort is a much loved, long standing member of the Westcott community, and alumni and friends who have fond memories of him may be wondering how he is faring.

For those interested in his pedigree, he is a wild Marginated Mediterranean tortoise, showing flared marginals at the rear.

Hort no longer lives permanently at Westcott due to his advancing years and health needs. He resides most of the year with the Revd Dr Janet Bunker, a Westcott alumna who is Team Vicar in the Parish of the Ascension, Cambridge.

Hort made his summer return to Westcott in May, making sure he didn't miss his annual appearance in the House photograph. He has lost quite a lot of his sight now, due to cataracts, so he needed lots of help finding food. Thankfully, Hort was kept fed and watered by a resident family and a member of the catering team who ensured he had plenty of fresh vegetation to eat and gave him his weekly bath.

Once term ended he returned to Janet where he will reside over the summer vacation and throughout the winter, until he takes up residence again at Westcott in time for the House photo in May next year. Janet has younger tortoises, so Hort has plenty of tortoise company when at his other residence.