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## Millions captivated by **magnificent** annual rhino migration!

Thank you very much  
SR1 staff and volunteers!  
It was one of the best days  
of my life ever!  
Sita Marattanachai

A safari holiday to London must surely be on every traveller's bucket list. But few travellers have the privilege of being able to view at first hand the awe-inspiring sight of the extraordinary annual rhino migration.

**Nigel Abbott** | Father of Kerrigan Abbott, 2015 rhino runner

**T**he migration is essentially the movement of thousands of animals (well 16 actually) across the gravel river terraces of the River Thames in search of food and water as the spring rains die away and the summer drought begins.

This great movement of animals, known as the 'spring marathon', heads from the vast plains of Greenwich in a north-westerly direction towards the famous London Parks Game Reserve. After the passage of the annual rains, by mid-April the area has dried out and starts to become desolate again, so the massive crash of animals are forced to move northwards towards St James Park Lake.

The exact route of the migration doesn't change from year to year – but the timing and speed of the migration differs enormously

depending on the fitness of the animals and their overall condition. They finally head to one of the most magnificent watering holes in the world – passing close to where the Queen Rhino is known to have her lair.

Many are known to take hours and hours on this extraordinary movement; some even taking over seven hours to complete the journey! Finally, after passing many dangers on their way, they arrive at their new home where they have food and water in abundance. They cast off their outer shells and through a process known as metamorphosis become human. Well, almost!



Thinking of running for  
Save the Rhino in 2016?

Costumes are not obligatory!  
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'what a great day'  
I was so happy with my time and the  
support from friends, family and  
random supporters... SR1 helped keep me  
informed, pushed me though, and made me  
proud to be running for such a worthy cause.  
David May





## Immortality & Douglas Adams

On 3 March 2015, 700 people congregated at the Royal Geographical Society for the 13th Douglas Adams Memorial Lecture.

The lecture was given by best-selling author and screenwriter **Neil Gaiman**, who wove together a blend of fables, history and humour with personal anecdotes of his friendship and work with Douglas. He concluded by saying, 'Our stories care for us, they make us human, and if they live forever the people who created them, who retell

them, who pass them along, are living too. And that's immortality.'

The 14th Douglas Adams Memorial Lecture takes place on Thursday 10 March 2016 at the Royal Geographical Society. Visit [www.savetherhino.org/events](http://www.savetherhino.org/events) to find out more, or contact [emma@savetherhino.org](mailto:emma@savetherhino.org)

A big thank you to **Steppes Travel** who kindly sponsored our drinks reception at our Sundowner Dinner in November 2015 [www.steppesttravel.co.uk](http://www.steppesttravel.co.uk)



## Rhino Mayday

In a break from tradition, this year's Rhino Mayday was held in June to coincide with the bi-annual International Rhino Keeper Association's Workshop, this time hosted by Chester Zoo.

With a packed room of zoo keepers and rhino supporters, nine expert speakers gave presentations covering a wide range of hot topics in the rhino conservation world.

As well as UK & European speakers, we were joined by Jamie Gaymer, Wildlife and Security Manager at Ol Jogi in Kenya, and Rod Potter, Wildlife Investigator at Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, South Africa. Thanks to all speakers and attendees.

## World Rhino Day 2015

On 22 September, rhino fans from around the world celebrated the sixth annual World Rhino Day!



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We were overwhelmed with the level of support from individuals, zoos and companies worldwide, who fundraised and spread the word to raise awareness for the world's five rhino species. With the help of some amazing volunteers, Save the Rhino took our rhino costumes to London Bridge and London Waterloo stations for a fundraising bucket collection, raising a fantastic £1,400 for rhino conservation. Sam Taylor, Chief Conservation Manager for Borana Conservancy, Kenya, took to Facebook for a live Q&A with supporters.

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## Walk4Wildlife

An exciting new journey for UK rhino lovers.

Be 1 in 1,000 and Walk4Wildlife. Raise funds for rhinos, by yourself or with a team of three friends, and take part in this epic journey walking from Land's End to John O'Groats. There's a leg of the trip with your name on it! Find out more at [walk4wildlife.uk](http://walk4wildlife.uk) or email [emma@savetherhino.org](mailto:emma@savetherhino.org)

## #Nailit4Rhinos

Thanks to all those who got involved in our #Nailit4Rhinos campaign, highlighting that rhino horn is made from keratin, the same substance found in human hair and nails. Your creativity was incredible. We'd also like to say a huge thank you to See.Saw, which provided pro-bono support in gaining publicity for our #Nailit4Rhinos campaign, and to Barry M Cosmetics for also supporting this World Rhino Day.



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## 2016 events for your diary

**Thursday 10 March**

14th Douglas Adams Memorial Lecture

**Saturday 2 April - Sunday 21 May**

Walk for Wildlife

**Sunday 24 April**

Virgin Money London Marathon 2016

**Sunday 31 July**

Prudential Ride London-Surrey 100 2016

**Thursday 22 September**

World Rhino Day

**Friday 7 October**

Save the Rhino dinner in Hong Kong

Left: Andrew, Phil & James with their medals at the finish

>NEWS< All our 38 Rhino Riders finished the ride, raising over £24,000 for Rhino conservation >NEWS<

## RideLondon 2015

2015 is the third year of the Olympic-legacy RideLondon-Surrey 100 and it did not disappoint. Our cyclists were part of a wave of 25,000 cyclists on the day, pedalling their way from the Queen Elizabeth Park in Stratford, through London and out to the suburbs of leafy Surrey, then circling back into the city centre ending their journey with the iconic backdrop of Buckingham Palace and the Mall. And all with no traffic lights to worry about.

Meanwhile, bathed in sun, SRI staff set up camp beneath an oak tree in London's Green Park.

With a freshly made picnic, ice-cold beer and a welcoming rug, the team were ready to celebrate with cyclists as they crossed the finish line.

Above: Supporter Becky wore a fantastic handmade rhino helmet during the ride

Right: A group of riders celebrate at the finish



Right: Steven and Laura with their impressive customised rhino bike



Our riders enjoyed a well-deserved picnic at the finish in London's Green Park



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**ON SUNDAY  
31 July 2016**

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