



**FRIENDS OF
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**NEWSLETTER N° 88 MAY 2016 & NOTICE OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT SHENFIELD PARISH HALL
AT 7.30^{PM} ON WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY 2016**

Once again we are inviting you to join us at **The Annual General Meeting** on 25th May to hear how the aged! Committee have survived the previous 12 months. Members wishing to raise any items under 'Any Other Business' are asked to give a minimum of 7 days' written notice of such items to the Secretary. So much has happened: we lost our storerooms and now use units at the kennels which entails driving down Clapgate, a lane pot-holed by enormous trucks and trailers, and we have lost our jumble van and driver who has moved away. We have found a replacement but his hours of work prevent him from calling to load at a fixed time and understandably Dee Robinson does not want traffic in her yard after 3pm as her doggy guests have been put back into their 'hotel' rooms and she does not wish them to be disturbed and voice their disapproval to the management.

This 'hotel' has undergone massive refurbishment: all the kennels' roofs have been reroofed, guttering is done, fences are being renewed/painted, drainage is being worked on and the yard is looking splendid with pots of flowers and hanging baskets, the gates are painted mauve and the staff are kitted out in matching mauve colours.

Dogs are brought in by the dog wardens, many with serious veterinary needs, very costly ones. We are always looking for funds to meet the vet bills. If you have a computer or iPad look up wallacekennels.com. You will see pictures of some of the dogs needing a new home. At the moment there is INCA a 2/3 year old described as Labrador/German Shepherd/Collie cross (I don't know how the three of them managed it!). She is spayed, chipped and vaccinated, very friendly with some dogs but not all. Does not like cats and small furries. Said to be very protective around the home and "will react to strangers/delivery people who enter for the first time - there is no second!"

PHILIP is a small Yorkshire Terrier 8-10 years (he can't remember). "A very nice boy, friendly, fine around other dogs, cats unknown. A tad nervous but no aggression."

Staffordshire Bull Terriers are still the most common visitors. LACEY is approx 3/4 years old, fantastic girl, cannot be faulted, loving, clean and affectionate. Could live with a submissive neutered male, good with children. Wormed and flea-treated, spayed, vaccinated and chipped. No wonder our vet bills are so high!

Two dogs that will be difficult to rehome are 4 year old CHARLIE who is deaf, and MACEY 7 years old, both with American Bulldog in them. Once again they had the “vet jobs”. They have lived with children and resident cat, both very affectionate but **MUST BE REHOMED TOGETHER**. Another pair that **MUST BE REHOMED TOGETHER** are CASPER, a 13 year old Springer and DIESEL, a 10 year old Cocker – ex working dogs and have always lived in a heated outdoor kennel so it is not sure how they will fare indoors. Diesel is neutered and starting to go deaf.

Dee Robinson gives as much information about her guests as she can. I suspect not all rehoming kennels are so honest.

You will know that our main individual fund raiser is the Annual Sponsored Dog Walk in Weald Country Park. I had arranged this year to hold it in September but have been discussing a combined effort with the local Retired Greyhound kennels in Pilgrims Hatch and due to their other commitments we have altered the date to 21st August. They too have lists of supporters and would bring their own gazebos, tables etc and be alongside but separate from ours. Sponsor forms will be sent out with our August newsletter and we hope that we will get support from the public. I will ask the new mayor (after he or she has taken up office later this month) to set off the proceedings.

In previous newsletters I have mentioned the possibility of Cynthia and I giving up the jumble sales but Teresa Bartholomew has undertaken to organise the storage and transport of jumble and we will see how the 7th May jumble works out. In other words keep the jumble coming until further notice.

Sponsor a Dog: Please find latest form attached.

WE HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU AT THE AGM. We MAY be able to arrange transport if you ring 01277 821737.

EVENTS (for full details please ring 01277 821737)

Jumble Sales at Doddinghurst Village Hall 10am to noon:
May 7th, July 23rd, September 10th and November 26th.

AGM: Wednesday 25th May 2016, 7.30pm, Shenfield Parish Hall, CM15 8LB.

11th June: **Stalls at Stondon Massey Fete**, Stondon Green, CM15 0EN.

16th July: **Ingatstone & Fryerning Horticultural Society Summer Show**, Seymour Field, Roman Road, Ingatstone CM4 0HH, 12 noon to 5pm.

30th July: **Navestock Village Show**, Village Hall, The Green, Navestockside, CM14 5SD from 12 noon.

6th August: **Table Top Sale**, Budworth Hall, Ongar CM5 9TG, 10am to 1pm.

Sainsbury's Collections: May 28th, June 18th, July 9th, Aug 20th, Sept 17th.