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This is the first Newsletter of the New Year and I hope that it will be a happy year for all of our members. I would like to thank all of our loyal members for your subscriptions and donations, and also those who pay by standing order each year. Friends of Wallace Kennels ('FOWK') would not survive without you and all of our other helpers.

Our Annual Christmas Draw went well, the draw having been made at the Bricklayers Arms, Stondon Massey on 16th December 2016, where we sold quite a lot of last-minute tickets. We raised £1,016 and are grateful to everybody who sold/bought tickets. The winners of the 1st and 3rd prizes kindly donated their winnings back to FOWK. The winning numbers were in order (all beginning with 00) 4645, 2489, 4102, 4908, 4732, 2460, 4629, 2274, 1575, 3564, 1903, 1763, 1098 and 2245. Thanks to all participants.

In addition, Carol Bartrop organised a 'Christmas Afternoon Tea for Two' on 11th December at Brentwood School. This was a very popular event and much enjoyed by all those who attended. Carol raised £480 for FOWK and we are most grateful to her for all her efforts on our behalf. In fact, people are already enquiring as to whether this event will be held again this year and are wanting to reserve tickets!

Membership

Annual Subs and Gift Aid forms are enclosed for those members who have not renewed for 2016/2017.

Events

Jumble Sales have been booked for: 18th March; 13th May; 8th July; 9th September; and 11th November, all at Doddinghurst Village Hall, CM15 0NJ, 10am – 12pm. As we usually have plenty of items left over we may need to fit in intermediate dates.

Doddinghurst May Fayre – 1st May from 10.00am at Doddinghurst Village Hall, CM15 0NJ.

The AGM will be held on 24th May at 7 for 7.15pm at Shenfield Parish Hall, CM15 8LB.

Wallace Kennels

Dee Robinson has been very active at the kennels and has done a wonderful job of rehoming. Honey, who is a Staffy cross and was in the kennels for just about a year, was rehomed a few weeks before Christmas. All the walkers were so pleased that she had found a new home.

Rehoming little dogs has been the easiest but larger ones, particularly Lurchers, have proved more difficult, some of them not being particularly sociable with other dogs. We think that many of them may have escaped from, or been turned out by, gypsies.

There is a good team of walkers so that dogs get out daily but there is always a demand for more volunteers. If you feel able to give up a couple of hours once or twice a week (and the exercise will help you keep up those New Year's resolutions), please phone Teresa on 07860 288643 or Mrs Robinson on 01277 821032.

Chairman and Future of FOWK

After many years as Chairman, ably supported by my wife Cynthia, I have to announce with much regret and reluctance that we will both be resigning from the Committee at the May AGM. We have continued for as long as we could but unfortunately my health issues are such that I can no longer fulfil the position of Chairman. We are also rather aged and the tasks and responsibilities of being at the helm of FOWK are now beyond us.

I am therefore asking all of you whether anybody would be prepared to take over this office? The reality is that, unless we have a new Chairman in place at the AGM in May, FOWK will have to fold. The entire Committee would be very sad if this were to happen as our priority is always to support the dogs at Wallace Kennels.

If any of you feels able to take on the Chairmanship, please contact our Secretary, Debbie Brown, details above.

Peter Jefferson