

**NEWSLETTER No 94 - MAY 2018 & NOTICE OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT SHENFIELD PARISH HALL
AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 6TH JUNE 2018**

Dear Members

I'm glad to see the sun is shining again and the flowers and blossom looking beautiful, you feel so much better on a bright day. It's lovely for the kennel dogs to have the sun on their backs. At the back of kennels there is a wood that fills with bluebells, such a sight to see and also on hot days it's cooler for the dogs to walk there. Most days we have several walkers that come in to walk the dogs but we are still short of weekday walkers and the dogs all get excited when they know it's walk time so if anyone is confident to walk the larger dogs and Bull breeds please give Dee a call on 01277 821032 and she will be pleased to hear from you.

Now spring is here we have to start organising our events at the local village fetes. We need helpers to cover stalls, transport to and fro and also relieve other helpers as some of the shows go on all day. If you can spare 2 or 3 hours please ring me on the number above.

The jumbles are doing very well as usual but I must apologise that we cancelled the March jumble due to the snow and ice in the village car park. We squeezed another in at the beginning of April so our April 21st jumble was cancelled because it was too near to the date of the last one. I would like to thank all the helpers and customers that make all our jumbles such a success.

EVENTS

Jumble Sales at Doddinghurst Village Hall start time 10 am

Saturday 16th June

- “ 18th August
- “ 13th October
- “ 1st December

Stalls at Ingatestone & Fryerning Horticultural Society Summer Show at Seymour Field on 21st July 12.30 start.

Navestock Village Show, Navestockside, 28th July start at 12 noon.

Edna Feaver's Garden Party on 28th July, 5pm till late (£10 a ticket please ask me for these.)

Address: Dounsells, Mores Lane, Brentwood, CM14 5RZ. (Parking is on Edna's field.)

Soup, BBQ, cakes, tea and coffee are supplied but bring your own alcohol. Live group and a dance floor, sounds like a good old knees up.

KENNEL TALK

Over the last year we have experienced lots of dogs coming in with medical problems from broken legs, eye problems, pregnant GSD and several other dogs with more than one problem unfortunately - that's why the poor dogs were dumped. The vet's bill for this year was £10,000 more than last year at a staggering £35,000. We will need to up our fund raising so if anybody has any good ideas please ring me, also if people want to volunteer to do fun runs or boot sales we would be very grateful. We raised £27,000 last year and our expenditure was £57,000 so we had to dip into our reserves so that needs topping up - any ideas please?!

OTHER BUSINESS

Hopefully some of you are using our FOWK Facebook page and all events coming up will be posted on that. The Essex Lottery has made a start with a few members joining up. We've had our first small payment from these tickets but it would be good to increase the participation. A flyer is enclosed in case you would like a dabble.

This year's AGM is at Shenfield Parish Hall at 7.30 pm on 6th June so please come along if you can.

We are sad to say that we are losing our Secretary Debra Brown because due to family circumstances she is standing down. Debra has done a fantastic job over the past two years and she really enjoyed it and will be sad to go. If anyone would be interested in stepping forward for this job please let Debra or myself know.

Many thanks for all your support, go careful out there.

All the best

Regards

Teresa