



Friends of Wallace Kennels



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NEWSLETTER No 100 – NOVEMBER 2019

Dear Friends

Christmas is around the corner and summer is well behind us. We have had a steady summer fund raising, not as much money raised as previous years as it gets more difficult to raise money each year. The weather was good except for the Navestock show as it rained all day, but as usual all the helpers soldiered on.

The sponsored dog walk had a good turnout considering the forecast was for heavy rain and raised £1,531.85. Thanks to everyone who turned up and made it an enjoyable morning, also thanks to Jacky and Peter for organizing this once again.

EVENTS

Our next jumble is on 7th December at Doddinghurst Village Hall and listed below are the dates for our 2020 jumbles:

22nd February Blackmore Village Hall
2nd May Doddinghurst Village Hall
25th July Doddinghurst Village Hall
26th September, Doddinghurst Village Hall
31st October, Blackmore Village Hall
12th December Blackmore Village Hall

THE ESSEX LOTTERY

We have had another winner, who kindly donated her £25 back to us. Thank you Mrs G!

KENNEL YAP

Good news!! In my last letter I wrote about 3 dogs that were difficult to re-home with various issues. I am glad to say that they have all now been re-homed successfully and are doing well. We had a note from Dee apologising that the next vet bill would be very high due to several dogs coming in with medical problems. One dog, a young Lurcher, had a broken leg so between the Council and FOWK the bill was approximately £1200 and FOWK paid £700 of this. Then a Spaniel, possibly pregnant, had to have a scan. An old Chocolate Labrador had a large tumour that needed exploratory treatment to determine whether it was cancerous or not. There was another poor Lurcher that came in emaciated, had a bad skin disease and looked like a skeleton; now weeks on after treatment the dog is making a full recovery. A Shih Tzu came in with eye and mouth problems so, what with the monthly neutering and vaccinations, the total vet bill was £4,548. Without all the generous support we could not have helped these poor dogs.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

We have made a decision not to hold a Christmas Draw this year. It takes some organising and without a Secretary it would mean more work for those who are already covering the other secretarial duties as well as their own. Maybe if a Secretary can be found we will do it again in the future.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Most of you have responded promptly to the Annual Subscription forms which we sent out with the last Newsletter. There are a few we haven't heard from who perhaps have set their form aside 'to be done' and forgotten! We are enclosing another form in these cases and would welcome your renewal and support.

CHEQUES

We need to bring to everyone's attention to the fact that Barclays Bank have told us that they will no longer accept any cheques where our name is abbreviated to FOWK or shortened to 'Wallace Kennels'. In all cases it must be Friends of Wallace Kennels in full.

SECRETARY

We are still looking for a permanent Secretary and would like to thank Jane for stepping in to take the minutes at our meetings.

I would like to thank all our volunteers who have helped throughout the year and all you members that have generously supported us.

Have a lovely safe Christmas and a happy New Year!

All the best

Teresa