



Friends of Wallace Kennels



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Dear Friends

Hopefully you are all keeping safe from COVID 19. The country now is in lockdown and what a mess we are in – sadly, so many lives lost already. Keep safe.

Since the last Newsletter not much has happened over the winter period. We had our Christmas jumble at the beginning of December, which went very well and many thanks to Edna, our cake maker, who made over 30 delicious cakes! Edna has put on a garden party in June over the last few years, raising hundreds of pounds for our charity but, sad to say, this is cancelled due to the Coronavirus.

Our AGM is booked for 20th May but we feel this may also be cancelled. We will update everyone via our website (details above) so please keep an eye out for updates.

EVENTS

Next Jumbles:

2nd May CANCELLED.

25th July at Doddinghurst Village Hall.
26th September at Doddinghurst Village Hall.
31st October at Blackmore Village Hall.
5th December at Blackmore Village Hall.

AGM:

20th May, Shenfield Parish Hall, 60 Hutton Road, CM15 8LB, 7.30pm.

Village Shows

July – Stondon Massey Fete (usually 1st Saturday every other year)
July - Ingatestone & Fryerning Horticultural Society Summer Show (usually 3rd Saturday)
July - Navestock Village Show (usually last Saturday)
Barrow Farm (date to be advised)

All Jumble Sales, AGM and Village Shows are subject to confirmation so please check our website for current information.

KENNEL YAP

Last year was a good year for rehoming, with a total of 221, compared with 2018 which was 197. The kennels' roof took a bit of a bashing due to the several high winds that hit the UK. All repaired now. Dee has been busy replacing ugly cladding walls with new cladding.

The large play area at the rear of the kennels has had to have new fencing - that was completed with new laurels, so looking very dog-friendly.

Dee is still looking for experienced dog walkers, so when this lockdown lifts please give her a call on 01277 821032.

Going back a few years, we used to get dogs that were long-stayers because of having bad temperaments and could possibly snap, so it could take months to rehome. Since Dee has been on Facebook it's unbelievable the number of dogs she rehomes via the page and normally within 3 weeks. When a dog first arrives, it's assessed and then it has to serve 8 days before we can rehome. The dogs are neutered, vaccinated, wormed and treated for fleas, which averages £220 per dog. Our vet's bills are still high due to dogs coming in with medical problems.

THE ESSEX LOTTERY

We receive around £130 per year from regular supporters, for which we are very grateful, and two supporters have won a prize in the last 12 months. We understand that some very topical prizes are going to be available in the future, ie fruit and vegetable baskets monthly for a year! For more details please go to: www.essexlottery.co.uk/support/friends-of-wallace-kennels.

FOWK NEEDS

Secretary: We are still in dire need of a Secretary!

Chairman: I will continue for the time being, if re-elected, but feel the time has come for me to 'hand over the reins'.

Volunteers: For jumble sales and village shows.

Wishing you a safe spring

All the best

Teresa

PS: Just to reiterate, any cancellations of events will be on our website, so please do check regularly.