



Friends of Wallace Kennels



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Dear Friends

I hope this letter finds you all well and keeping safe. It's been a tough 5 months being in Lockdown and not being able to visit close family members.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel several of our jumbles but we are hoping to do at least one at the end of the year, of course following government guidelines, but hey ho by December we might be back to normal? I will keep you posted by Facebook and on our website. If you have been collecting jumble for us could you please hold onto it as our store room is near full.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewal is due as of 1st September. Please support us by renewing your membership – **FORM ENCLOSED.**

EVENTS

As you are probably aware, all the local village fetes/shows we attend have been cancelled, as were hundreds of events all over the UK - many for charities, meaning a lot of money lost.

Jumble sales at Doddinghurst are unlikely to happen this year. A decision will be taken early next month about the last one on 26th September but we are not optimistic that we can manage the social-distancing rules, etc.

Jumble sales in Blackmore on 31st October and 5th December are uncertain but please refer to our website for up-to-date information.

Edna, our cake lady, normally holds a large garden party in June, which brings in well over a thousand pounds for FOWK. The weeks before the party Edna is usually busy baking and organising, as a lot of preparation goes into her parties. Not that she was pleased it was cancelled, as she likes to keep busy, but a well-deserved rest for her – enjoy!

AGM – 8th October (subject to confirmation)

We have provisionally booked our AGM at Shenfield Parish Hall on Thursday 8th October at 7.30pm. If we have to postpone this it will be on our website but please feel free to telephone for confirmation nearer the time.

KENNEL YAP

The kennels have been unusually quiet, which is nice to hear. I think maybe people in Lockdown have been spending more time walking and training their dogs. The kennels' kitchen has finally been refurbished after many years of being 'grotty' - for the want of a better word! The walls and units are all washable and mainly white. Anyone wanting to see pictures of the kitchen let me know or visit the Wallace Kennels website.

PAST MEMBER

I would like to mention the sad passing of our supporter Marion Cole. Marion had been a member for over 25 years. In the days of Francis and John, who started the charity, they asked Cynthia Jefferson to call on Marion to collect jumble. On arriving, Marion presented Cynthia with a Moorcroft dish so she questioned Marion re the dish knowing it was worth money. Marion said "yes I know and I have some more bits to go with it." From then on, she was a generous supporter of FOWK.

Marion was a great lover of dogs - she used to have Rottweilers and Griffons. Eventually she had a lurcher from Vera, then a couple of greyhounds from Greyhound Trust, who she also supported. So, a sad goodbye to a lovely lady who loved her dogs.

SECRETARY

We would like to welcome Sarah, who has offered to take on the job of Acting Secretary.

I would like to thank all our supporters again for being there in the difficult times.

Please take care stay safe.

All the best

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