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Dear Friends

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a lovely Christmas and have now put all the decorations away for another year.

The weather has been horrendous, so much rain! Having got four dogs of my own it's been hard work keeping them clean. Luckily the kennels have the lane to walk down which is not as mucky as the woods.

The jumble in November was run by Jacky Rudy and was a great success. The hall was packed tight with punters all pushing and shoving to get a bargain.

The vet's bill is still very high every month because people cannot afford the vet so are signing over their pets or just dumping them - sad to say but it happens. So running these jumbles really helps towards the vet's bill.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Many thanks to all of you who renewed your memberships last autumn. For those of you who didn't, but would like to do so now, a further annual subscription form is enclosed.

KENNEL YAP

I heard about 2 lurchers living in a car with their owners back in November. It was worrying me so I spoke to Dee at the kennels and Josie our Treasurer about helping.

We all agreed to take the dogs in as the weather was getting colder and we had room at the kennels. We decided to get them neutered and vaccinated in case these owners could not find a home that would take pets; also one was female and the other a male, so odds-on the female would get pregnant. The dogs are with us until mid-January, then the Council have arranged a home for the dogs and owners.

Over the Christmas period Dee took in 7 dogs, 2 of which were claimed. Over last year a total of 172 dogs were rehomed, so well-done Dee and FOWK for vaccinating and neutering all the dogs pre-rehoming.

Dee is still looking for confident dog walkers Monday to Friday. If you think you can manage a large, small, maybe difficult dog please call her on 01277 821032.

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COMMITTEE

Sadly, we've said 'au revoir 'to our long-standing Committee Member and Trustee Sonia Maxwell. Due to age and health, Sonia is no longer able to participate actively, although she will remain a member. Our heartfelt thanks go to Sonia for her huge contribution to FOWK over 20-plus years. Hazel Emery has also stood down from the Committee and our thanks also go to her.

EVENTS

We have booked 4 jumble sale dates for this year as follows:

13th April, 8th June and 7th September, 10am to 12 noon at Doddinghurst Village Hall.

7th December to be confirmed at Blackmore Village Hall.

We are still looking out for jewellery, watches, fountain pens, even if broken, and unused toiletries/cosmetics for our jumbles.

All the best for 2024 and thank you for your continued support.

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