



# Friends of Wallace Kennels

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## **NEWSLETTER N° 118 August 2025**

Dear Friends

Hope all is well with yourselves. When I wrote the last newsletter, we had so much rain but in the last few months we have had so much sun we're welcoming the rain again, funny world.

We held our May jumble which went very well, despite one problem; the weather forecast was for rain! Normally we set up outside for the larger bits and doggie stuff. So, on the morning of the jumble we had to decide about what to do. Finally, we brought all the jumble inside and it was a tight fit, but we managed. As a lot of you attend you will remember our cake lady Edna who always made so many cakes she finally retired. We had to ask our helpers if anyone could bake and bring a cake and several helpers now bring a cake to every jumble. If you think you could make a cake for the jumble sale please let me know we would be really grateful. Thanks to all our helpers, between 32 and 34 of whom turn out most dates to make the jumble sale possible and raise much needed funds for the charity. By the time this newsletter reaches you we will have held the August jumble and hope that one is just as successful.

Julia and Chris have had stalls at the Blackmore and Ingatestone summer shows. You can see more about these days below, but they were busy, and the stall looked lovely flying the flag for our cause, so thank you to them both.

I hope you enjoy reading the rest of the newsletter, which is compiled by our committee, with contributions from members too. Have a great summer!

Thank you all for your continued support.

All the best

**Teresa**

FOWK Chairperson

### **OUR EVENTS**

#### **Time for Tea**



In April we held our first afternoon tea event, which was a huge success. We virtually sold out all the tickets and all the attendees raved about how lovely it was. We were very lucky to have many of our regular jumble sale helpers along to serve guests, who enjoyed sandwiches, sausage rolls, homemade cakes and scones, alongside endless pots of tea.

We had many generous donations, including those from Tiptree and Rhoddas, who kindly provided all the jam and clotted cream for the event.





The raffle had many prizes which had all been given to support us and guests were very keen to purchase tickets in the hope of grabbing themselves a lovely prize.

*“Just to say how much I and the family enjoyed the afternoon tea today. So much work went into making it successful and you are all to be congratulated”*



*“We were very impressed by the food, the tea, and the waitresses and the whole afternoon.”*

Following the success of this event, we have another planned for **9<sup>th</sup> November** at Blackmore Village Hall. This time we will have a Remembrance/Christmas theme – details of tickets will be available soon on the website so keep checking, and we will send information to everyone that prefers to receive their communications by post. We hope to see you on the day.

### **Jumble Sales**

4th October - Doddinghurst Village Hall, CM15 0NJ  
22nd November - Blackmore Village Hall, CM4 0QW  
Times as usual 10am till 12noon.

### **Jumble donations**

Please contact Teresa regarding jumble donations (07860 288643) and don't forget we are always on the lookout for jewellery - even odd earrings or broken bits - as it all helps to raise money; also watches, perfumes and toiletries. Thank you.

### **Summer shows**

FOWK recently had stalls at both the Blackmore and Ingatestone summer shows. At Blackmore the weather was kind, and it was lovely to see so many people out enjoying the show. Unfortunately, rain tried to spoil the show at Ingatestone, but we carried on regardless and eventually the sun came out and so did the people. Each show helped us raise between £200-£300 through tombola and a lucky dip, as well as selling doggy bits and bric-a-brac, but most importantly, it gave us an opportunity to spread the name of our charity and the kennels amongst the public. Many visitors told us they had rescue dogs from Wallace Kennels and others were interested in dogs currently available. People were very generous, having many turns on the activities and often just popping a donation in the bucket. We hope to see everyone again next year and, in the meantime, we're looking at possibly doing a Christmas event or two, so watch this space.....



### **KENNEL YAP**



Recently numbers dropped at the kennels due to a few of the dogs being homed successively, however within a week the numbers were back up following a group of dogs coming in together.

At the time of writing there are about 15 dogs waiting for their forever homes. Hopefully, with a good amount of these being small to medium dogs, they won't be around too long, and fingers crossed some of the larger, longer-term residents will get their turn soon too.

We are pleased that Grace, who featured in our last newsletter, has found her forever home, let's hope her sister Kelly is as lucky soon. Dog walkers are always welcome at the kennels. If you are interested in walking, please call Suzanne on 07788 528324, she will be happy to discuss days and times, thank you.

## Give a dog a ~~home~~ home



**BUFFY**

Pocket Bully - around 3 years old, spayed, vaccinated and microchipped. She was seized by the authorities, assessed and released and is NOT an XL. She is a beautiful champagne merle colour and has different colour eyes. Temperament with people cannot be faulted. Hit and miss in kennels with other dogs so would initially place her as the only pet in the home. Cats and small furries unknown. Clean in kennels, walks nicely although she is strong and travels well.



**HUGO**

Belgium Shepherd 2-3 years old. Now one of the longest residents 😞 He is a very intelligent dog. Hugo is a super people friendly boy but sadly NOT dog or cat friendly. He is getting better at being able to walk past other dogs without issue but he will react to a reactive dog. Hugo is very loving and affectionate with his humans. He is house trained and travels well.

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## Real Life Rescues

We hope you enjoyed reading about our 'real life rescue' in the last newsletter. We would still love to have your stories to add to newsletters and our website. Please email our secretary Julia, at [FOWKsecretary@btinternet.com](mailto:FOWKsecretary@btinternet.com) with your rescue tale and she will get it up on the webpage, it would be lovely to hear from you. That is exactly what the owners of the Pixie did for this issue, after bumping into us at Blackmore Village Fair they kindly sent us their story.



### **Pixie's story by by Margaret & John**

We adopted Pixie on 28th February 2025. Someone had told us about her and we wanted another dog after our Bertie, also a Parsons Jack Russell, had died. We were so happy to find out that she was also a JR! Despite her 15 years, she is just the girl for us, especially as she is so like Bertie in temperament!



She has settled in really well and knows all the best chairs, sofas and beds to sleep on! We have a large garden which she likes to explore and chase the pigeons.



We have 2 walks a day over the fields and she is very interested in rabbits and deer! I haven't let her off lead as I suspect she can run faster than I can. She seems quite content and has made some new doggie friends too. We want to share her story on your website/newsletter so people know that older dogs deserve a new forever home too.



## Special General Meeting

At our SGM on 24<sup>th</sup> July the proposed changes to our constitution were passed with one amendment to maintain an officer as a signatory on all payments to external parties (instead of the change proposed to allow any two trustees to sign). Thank you to the members that provided their feedback on the proposals and attended the meeting. If you would like to see the minutes, please email [fowksecretary@btinternet.com](mailto:fowksecretary@btinternet.com) or call us on 01277 554459 and we'll put a copy in the post.

## MEMBERSHIP

It is that time of year again, when we ask you to renew your membership. We rely on our members for support, not just financially but moreover to keep the name of our charity and the work we do prominent. We really appreciate each and every one of you, and hope you will continue to support us this coming year.

Despite increasing costs, membership fees remain the same again this year, as we understand that many of you will also be trying to meet rises in outgoings yourselves. Please find attached a membership form, which covers all of the details on how to renew. Thank you for your continued support and if you know anyone else who may be interested in joining us, please share our website [www.friendsofwallacekennels.co.uk](http://www.friendsofwallacekennels.co.uk) where they can sign up online, or call our Treasurer, Charlotte, on 01277 554459 to request a membership form by post.

## **TV Dog Trainer Graeme Hall needs you!**

We've been contacted by Avalon UK, the makers of Channel 5's Dogs Behaving Very Badly to see if we could share an opportunity with you all!

The series is coming back for its 8<sup>th</sup> series and as well as his normal behaviour trainings Graeme is going to be enlisting the help of Vets, Nutritionists and Groomers to answer all your **non-behavioural related questions!**

Some examples of non-behaviour related questions would be:

1. Why does my dogs breath smell?
2. How would I make my own dog food?
3. Is there a way to stop Burrs and Brambles getting stuck in my dogs fur?
4. Does my dog need to wear a jacket?
5. Is there anything I can do about my dogs snoring?

The team at Avalon are looking for people to submit questions so if you have something you've always wanted to know about your furry friend then just email [questions@avalonuk.com](mailto:questions@avalonuk.com)

### **Fun ways to help raise funds**

Don't forget you can help us raise funds in lots of ways without personally donating a penny.



Simply register with Give as You Live at [www.giveasyoulive.com](http://www.giveasyoulive.com) and every time you shop online a donation will be made to Friends of Wallace Kennels.



Play The Essex Lottery and support our cause whilst being in with a chance to win the £25,000 jackpot every week! At least 60% from each ticket sold goes to support Essex charities, including Friends of Wallace Kennels.

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