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Newsletter

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A bi-monthly newsletter designed to keep every member in touch with what's happening at Ferrets in Need. If there's anything you'd like to

see discussed in the next issue, or you have an article or photograph you think might be suitable for the newsletter, please contact us at

editor@ferretsinnneed.org.uk, or via the contact details available on the Ferrets in Need Web site at www.ferretsinnneed.org.uk

A Belated Happy New Year!

The New Year is a time of reflection for many of us. A time to reflect on what we have achieved and on what we want to achieve.

In the last issue we promised to show you how the money you've helped us to raise has been spent. With your help we've been able to pay for vet bills, food, accommodation and microchipping kits, helping many hundreds of ferrets.

So far, thanks to your help, FIN has been able to donate over £4,000 to 9 different ferret sanctuaries. It's been FIN's policy right from the start to be open and transparent about our finances. Our annual accounts are freely available as a download from our Web site, and always have been. The notes to the accounts show how the money has been raised and how it was spent.

Our income derives largely from our attendance at local shows during the summer, donations, and from our monthly social evenings. Thanks are due to everyone who helps to make those events happen.

Our New Year's Wish is that you'll continue to support Ferrets in Need, and the ferrets that depend on all of us.

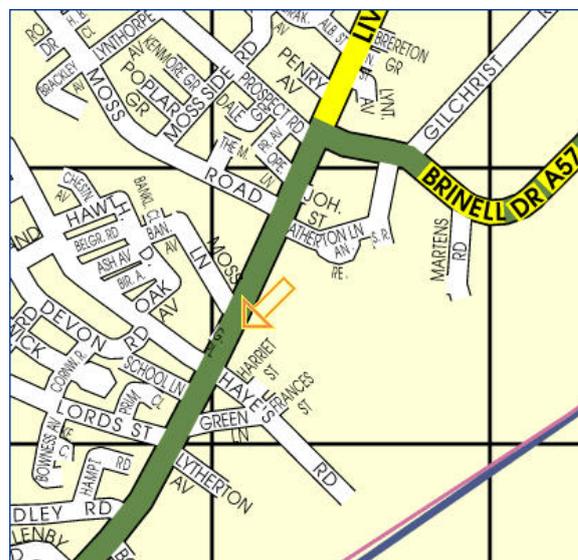
Social Evenings

Everyone who attended our last social event at St. Ambrose's Church, Widnes

will already know that for health and safety reasons those in charge of the hall felt unable to continue allowing animals into the hall. Ferret events without ferrets didn't make much sense to us, so we've been looking for an alternative venue.

From now on our social events will be held on the last *Tuesday* of each month at Cadishead Community Hall, Cadishead, Manchester M44 5BT.

The hall is just off the A57 Manchester/Warrington Road, opposite The Plough public house, in Cadishead. If you're coming from the Warrington direction the hall is on your right, from Manchester it's on your left.



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Events Diary



Social evenings are now held on the last Tuesday of the month at Cadishead Community Hall Cadishead Park Cadishead Manchester M44 5BT Start time is 8.00pm.

January 2006	Tuesday 31st January, Social Evening - Ferret Racing
February 2006	Tuesday 28th February, Social Evening
March 2006	Tuesday 28th March, Social Evening
April 2006	Tuesday 25th April, Social Evening
May 2006	Tuesday 30th May, Social Evening
June 2006	Sunday 25th June, Risley Moss Forest Trail Tuesday 27th June, Social Evening

Show Results October/ November 2005



Clive Williamson with Best in Show, Lara

Polecat Hobs		
1st	Salem	Natalie Owen
2nd	Brian	Brian Kenny
3rd	Gengus	Natalie Owen

Coloured Hobs		
1st	Gizmo	Sharon Owen
2nd	Teasel	Carol Owen
3rd	Scapey Doo	Sharon Owen

Albino Hobs		
1st	Timmy	Ruth & Eric Corbett
2nd	Sam	Ruth & Eric Corbett
3rd	Harry	Ruth & Eric Corbett

Polecat Jills		
1st	Piper	Natalie Owen
2nd	Pru	Natalie Owen
3rd	Maddy	Natalie Owen

Coloured Jills		
1st	Pebbles	Livi & Ben Parkins
2nd	Sasha	Katie Owen
3rd	Becky	Ruth & Eric Corbett

Albino Jills		
1st	Lara	Clive Williamson
2nd	Tara	Clive Williamson
3rd	Snowy	Eileen Sharman

Ferret Fun

Do you have a favourite ferret joke, story or amusing picture? Send it to editor@ferretsinnneed.org.uk and we'll include it in a future issue.

A ferret dies and goes to heaven. God meets him at the gate and says, "You've been a good ferret all these years. Anything you desire is yours, all you have to do is ask."

The ferret says, "Well, I lived all my life with a poor family on a farm and had to sleep on scratchy straw".

God says, "Say no more." And instantly, a lovely soft hammock appears.

A few days later 5 rabbits are shot

by a farmer, and they go up to heaven ...

God meets them at the gate with the same offer that he made to the ferret.

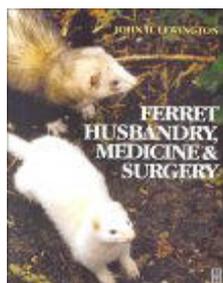
The rabbits said, "All our lives we've had to run. We've been hunted by farmers and chased by dogs and ferrets ... If we could only have a set of roller skates, we wouldn't have to run any more."

God says, "Say no more." And instantly, each rabbit is fitted with a beautiful set of tiny roller skates.

About a week later, God decides to check and see how the ferret is doing. He finds him sound asleep in his new hammock. God gently wakes him and asks,

"How are you doing? Are you happy here?"

The ferret yawns and stretches and says, "Oh, I've never been happier in my life ... And those Meals on Wheels you've been sending over are the best!!"



Thinking of buying a ferret book?

Buy it from the link on the Ferrets in Need Web site and Ferrets in Need will receive a small commission from Amazon on the sale. And it won't cost you a penny more.

And if there's a good ferret book not already on our site, then why not write a short review and send it to us?

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