

# ferrets in need



## 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@ferretsinneed.org.uk, or via the contact details available on the Ferrets in Need Web site at [www.ferretsinneed.org.uk](http://www.ferretsinneed.org.uk)

### Annual General Meeting

Our third Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday, 30th March 2005 at our usual venue, the Vicarage Hall, St Ambrose Church, Widnes.

All the members of FIN's executive committee are required by the constitution to retire from office at the end of the AGM, but may be re-elected or re-appointed.

FIN's current executive committee is led by the chairman Carol Owen supported by the Secretary Livi Parkins, Treasurer Eric Corbett, Social Secretary Sam Hennie and Events Organiser Ruth Corbett. Clive Williamson is a co-opted member of the committee with responsibility for shows.

All the members of the committee have expressed their willingness to continue in their positions for another year and no other nominations have been received.

There is only one issue requiring a vote at the AGM. The committee has proposed that an amendment be made to FIN's constitution such that any member nominated for election to the FIN committee must have been a member of FIN for at least the preceding 18 months.

The AGM will be followed by the hob show.

### Microchipping

As we all know ferrets, being intelligent and small, are great escape artists.

So we've been trying to encourage more ferret rescues to scan ferrets coming in to them, looking for microchips, and to encourage new owners to consider having their ferrets microchipped.

To date we've paid for four ferret welfares to attend the Pet Detect one day microchipping course, and donated three microchipping starter kits. We've also donated scanners to two ferret welfares.

One of our projects this year is to provide an on-line, searchable database of "ferret-friendly" vets.

Not all vets are happy to treat ferrets, and not all vets are knowledgeable about them. So if you have Internet access see if your own vet is included. And if he or she isn't already in the FIN database then please email his or her details to [vets@ferretsinneed.org.uk](mailto:vets@ferretsinneed.org.uk)

Try it out at [www.ferretsinneed.org.uk](http://www.ferretsinneed.org.uk)

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## Events Diary



One of our regular venues, Hale Carnival, has been cancelled this year. The organisers hope to have a new committee in place in time for next year's bigger and better carnival.

<b>March 2005</b>	Wednesday 30th March, Social Evening - AGM and Hob Show
<b>April 2005</b>	Wednesday 27th April, Social Evening - Ferret Racing
<b>May 2005</b>	Wednesday 25th May, Social Evening - Ferret Olympics <b>Sunday 29th May, Pickerings Pastures Mammals Fun Day</b> <b>Monday 30th May, Willow Park Craft Fair</b>
<b>June 2005</b>	<b>Sunday 19th June, Sale Lions Club Annual Fete</b> <b>Sunday 26th June, Risley Moss Forest Trail</b> Wednesday 29th June, Social Evening - Summer Fair
<b>July 2005</b>	<b>Saturday 2nd July, Croft Carnival</b> <b>Saturday 16th July, Winwick Carnival</b> Wednesday 27th July, Social Evening - Ferret Racing
<b>August 2005</b>	Wednesday 31st August, Social Evening - Ferret Krypton Factor
<b>September 2005</b>	Wednesday 28th September, Social Evening - Microchipping, Ferret Roulette & Ferret MOT
<b>October 2005</b>	Wednesday 26th October, Social Evening - Hob Show
<b>November 2005</b>	Wednesday 30th November, Social Evening - Jill Show
<b>December 2005</b>	Wednesday 28th December, Social Evening - Ferret Racing

Social evenings are held on the last Wednesday of the month at the Vicarage Hall, St Ambrose Church, Hargreaves Court, off Warrington Road, Widnes. Start time is 8.00pm.

## 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 goes into a bank and approaches the customer care representative. He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patricia Whack.

"Miss Whack, I'd like to have a £10,000 loan so I can take a holiday."

Patty looks at the ferret in disbelief and asks his name. The ferret says his name is Damien Jagger, his Dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager.

Patty explains that he'll need to secure the loan with some kind of collateral.

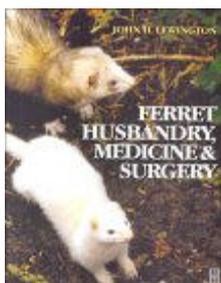
The ferret says, "No problem, I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink and perfectly formed.

Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office.

She finds the manager and says, "There's a ferret called Damien Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow £10,000. He wants to use this as collateral."

She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what in the world is this?"

The bank manager looks back at her and says "It's a knick-knack, Patty Whack. Give the fert a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone."



## 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 in?

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