

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

### 2005 Ferret Olympics

As a bit of fun we hold a Ferret Olympics at some of our social events. Past events have included the most yawns in one minute (from the ferret) and the highest number of kisses in one minute. Again, from the ferret of course.

At the Ferret Olympics held on the 25th May 2005 we had three events; the tube sprint, the ferret maze and the cup tip. The tube sprint and the maze are self-explanatory. The cup tip involves the ferret knocking over as many plastic cups as it can in one minute. Most ferrets are quite happy to knock over as much as they can as quickly as they can. Especially ornaments off shelves and the like. But when there are Olympic medals at stake the pressure sometimes tells and you can throw away the form book.

So the results of the 2005 Ferret Olympics were as follows:

#### Tube Sprint

In Gold medal position was Livi & Ben's Pebbles in a startlingly quick 18 seconds. Silver went Natalie Owen's Gizmo, who was very close behind in 18.29 seconds. Eileen Sharman's Snowy, who completed the course in 19.84 seconds took the Bronze medal.

#### Cup Tip

Doug & Ruth Earnshaw's Webley took Gold, knocking over 11 cups. Willie, belonging to Andy Kenny, took Silver with 9 cups knocked over, and the

Bronze medal was shared between Natalie Owen's Gizmo and Livi Parkins' Pebbles, who both knocked over 6 cups.

#### Ferret Maze

The Gold medal was taken by Ruth Corbett's Timmy, who seemed to be radar-guided, completing the maze in only 33 seconds, even though he's blind in one eye.

Very close behind was Eileen Sharman's Snowy in 34 seconds for the Silver. The Bronze medal went to Ruth Corbett's Barney who finished in 46 seconds.

It's particularly pleasing to be able to record that none of the competitors failed their mandatory Ferretone tests.



*Ferrets in Need at Risley Moss, 2005*

We're well into our event season now, and so far the weather has been much kinder to us than it was last year. In the next issue of the newsletter we'll be showing you how the money you help us to raise is spent on helping ferrets in need.

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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.

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.

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.

### July 2005

**Saturday 2nd July, Croft Carnival**

**Saturday 16th July, Winwick Carnival**

**Sunday 24th July, Colliers Wood**

Wednesday 27th July, Social Evening - Ferret Racing

### August 2005

**Sunday 14th August, Walton Hall**

**Saturday 20th August, Parr D'Gras**

Wednesday 31st August, Social Evening - Ferret Krypton Factor

### September 2005

**Saturday 3rd September, Barclays Bank Families Day**

**Sunday 4th September, Woolston Show**

**Sunday 11th September, Rainford Carnival**

Wednesday 28th September, Social Evening - Microchipping, Ferret Roulette & Ferret MOT

### October 2005

Wednesday 26th October, Social Evening - Hob Show

### November 2005

Wednesday 30th November, Social Evening - Jill Show

### December 2005

Wednesday 28th December, Social Evening - Ferret Racing

## Ferret Fun

When I was writing the piece on the Ferret Olympics, instead of saying "Willie, belonging to Andy Kenny, took silver ..." I very nearly wrote "Andy Kenny's Willie took Silver".

And for some reason that reminded me of these other newsletter howlers, all of them true.

- The Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children
- Thursday night Potluck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow
- Don't let worry kill you, let us help

- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs

- The Men's group will meet at 6 PM. Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and dessert will be served for a nominal fee

- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar

- The service will close with Little Drops of Water. One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in

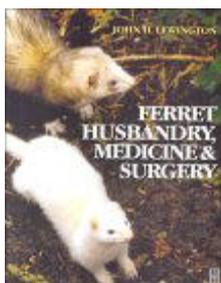
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door

- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice

- The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours"

- Our next song is "Angels We Have Heard Get High"

- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM Tuesday. Please use large double door at the side entrance



## 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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