

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BY ROBIN EASTMAN

Dear Friends

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support for the Friends. It is gratifying to know that there is still a body of people willing to help us to help animals in need.

Since my last report there have been a number of significant changes. Firstly I have to report that at the end of 2012 Valerie Cooper decided to stand down from the Committee. Thankfully Val is still involved and has edited this Newsletter and will continue to produce wonderful posters for our events.

You will no doubt be aware that for some time the Friends have been holding funds to facilitate the building of a new cattery. I am pleased to report that plans are now in an advanced stage. Work should start midyear. The Friends have also indicated their willingness to help fund the required improvements to the runs in A & B Bock kennels.

At the end of December the Home requested help with funding the Veterinarian costs for 2013 which the Friends have agreed to do.

Our Clothes Sale, held in March was very successful and my thanks to all those people who helped in any way to make it happen. We have another event planned for 12th May to include a Plant Sale and we would be very pleased to accept donations for it. Our dedicated volunteers are always looking for new ways of raising funds. Our regular refreshments stand at weekends and other events at the home bring in much needed revenue.

A number of Friends, for various reasons, have requested not to be sent raffle tickets. The method we use for the stuffing of envelopes, sealing them and then applying the address label means that it is not logistically practical to do independent contents. So accept our apologies if you receive tickets that you do not require. Please do not return them to us, just put them in your recycling bin. Thank you for understanding.

Finally if you have any queries do feel free to contact me by phone or email and I will endeavour to get you an answer.

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AGM

Friends of Bath Cats & Dogs Home
AGM will be held on

Wednesday 26th June 2013
in the

John Hobhouse Meeting Room

Meeting starts at 7.00 pm with
light refreshments from 6.30 pm

OPEN DAY

Please make a note of the date of this years Open Day as there is a slight change. It will be held on **MONDAY 26th AUGUST** to make the most of the Bank Holiday Weekend.

There will be the usual fun for all the family with dog shows, catless cat show, displays, refreshments and entertainment. If you are interested in having a trade stand in the bustling market place please call **01225 787 335** or email: zenajones@bvdh.org.