

Newsletter

Kennels situated at 51 Cromer Road, Hainford, NR10 3AU (on A140)
and are open from 10am until 2pm every day.

Note from the Editor

Hello everyone, and welcome to the Spring edition of the newsletter. Hopefully you and your greyhounds all enjoyed Christmas and New Year, sometimes I think our dogs get more presents than we do these days!

This year might be tough on many of us financially, so we really do appreciate every penny of funds raised for Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders. There are plenty of ways to help out, it doesn't all have to be donations of cash.

Could you do a load of washing for us for example? Molly and the gang are often asking this on our Facebook group, it will mainly be bedding, and not heavily soiled. (Please contact the kennels on 0845 458 3797 to arrange). Are you able to put a poster for any of our events, or place a collecting tin out somewhere? Could you share posts about events on social media? Are you available for dog walking on a regular basis? Could you help man a stall, or bake some cakes for open days? Are you available to help collect funds at either race meetings or on days at garden centres etc. keep an eye on the Facebook groups for requests to help out.

All of these things go such a long way to helping the smooth running of the charity, and getting as many retired hounds to their forever homes.

Please do send me your updates, photos, silly stories or "spotted" pics for the next issue -
michele_storer@hotmail.com - Thanks

Michele



Chris Hood Collecting at
Taverham Garden Centre



Co-ordinator's bit

A little bit late but here's wishing everyone a very good 2023! As you will see further in the Newsletter, we have already started on our programme for the year to give everyone chance to reserve the dates. We hope many of you will be able to support us on these dates.

I can't believe January has gone and we are halfway through February before you will get this Newsletter. The one thing I do enjoy is it staying lighter in the evening, it always seems to me JJ and Summer's walks get closer and closer in December and January. As I write this the temperature today has been a very mild 12 and it's been sunny for most of the day, but I know earlier in the year it was very cold. I was very lucky as I was on a cruise in the Caribbean for the coldest nights but I know the girls had a hard job keeping themselves and the dogs warm and prevent everything freezing up. To the lovely, kind walking volunteers who bought beautiful thick fleece jackets for some of the dogs thank you so much for your generosity they look very cosy in them.

In this economic climate I know people are very worried about taking on the extra expense of a dog. It is not cheap, and I was shocked when JJ's vaccinations had gone up to £62 this month and Summer's insurance had increased over £300 for 2023. We are always looking for foster carers for our greyhounds, short and long term, we provide everything you need food, vets' fees, and equipment. If you contact Molly at the kennels, she will take all your details to be added to our foster register.



Photo by Nigel Wallace

We are in the process of having our website updated so in the next few weeks keep an eye open for its launch.

JJ, Summer and I look forward to meeting you all at our first Open Day.

Corinne

Patsy's Page

Yippee! Wow! Whoop Whoop! I have finally turned Mr Grumpy into Mr Happy.....temporarily. Apparently I got everything right at the dog club and passed my Gold Obedience test, whatever that is. All I know is I had to do everything Mr Grumpy, oops sorry, Mr Happy told me to do which I could have done with my eyes closed. In fact that is exactly what I did most of the time. I hope that is all the being good I have to do for a while as it is much more fun being naughty.



I am sorry I missed the Christmas Fayre but I had to stay at home and look after my mum. It is a pity as I should have been there to keep a watch on Mr Grumpy as he decided to get a present for me. As you can see from the picture I was not best pleased. Apparently though the Fayre was a big success so well done everyone who went along and volunteered or supported it.

On the subject of work, for which I don't get paid, I recently went to Norwich University as part of my Pets As Therapy work to help some of the students there. I enjoyed the fuss and attention and I hope that I was able to help the students in some way. I must say they were all happy to see me and my friends who were there.

I am still up to my ears in paperwork due to there being so many of you supporting us through Easyfundraising, Standing Orders, Kennel Sponsorship and donations. Please note that Amazon Smile will no longer be running after Feb 23rd as Amazon are changing their plans and dispensing with this way of helping charities. The Amazon wish list is still available but their other plans do not help us. It is lovely to see all the support for my friends in the kennels and I send you all a big THANKYOU. I have been watching the news lately about all the strikes and I thought, as I don't get paid, it would be a good idea for me to strike and make my point. However if I stop then my friends will perhaps not get so many treats and not be so happy so I guess I will just have to keep nagging (I am very good at that) for more treats from Mr Grumpy.

I hope you all had a very lovely Christmas and I wish you all a happy, healthy and waggy tail type New Year.

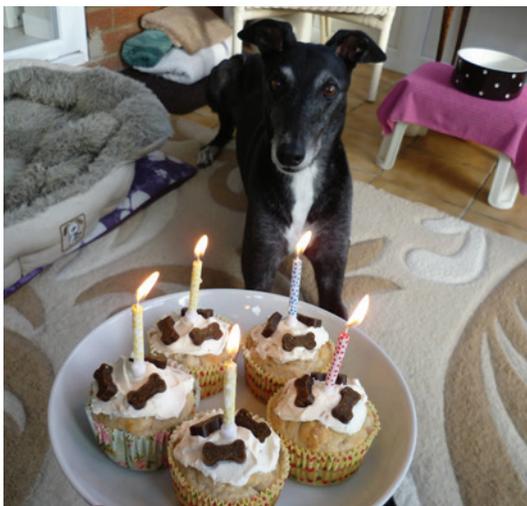
Patsy

Letters to the editor

Dear Michele

Just wanted to let you all know my lovely boy Sonny (was Mojo in kennels. Longwood Mojito) celebrated his 12th birthday before Christmas. No one has told him he is now fairly elderly, as he still chases me round the house every morning poking me on the bottom with his nose – his favourite game, to see how much he can get mummy to squeal!! - He's such a sauce pot!

He's actually not showing any signs of slowing down. He went for his yearly MOT at the vets recently, and the vet said he had the cleanest teeth he has ever seen on any greyhound. He's such a good boy, since the day I got him (over 7 years ago) he has allowed me to scrub his teeth every day, he just stands there with his mouth open. He is my constant companion as I work from home, and I would be completely lost without him.



He enjoyed a birthday trip out to Cromer, and helped with sausage and chips. He also had homemade fishy birthday buns with cream cheese topping. He swallowed them whole – he wasn't allowed all 16 at once, which he wasn't very impressed about haha. I'm hoping he's still got lots of years left with me.

Christina. (Sonny's Mum)

Dear Michele

Here are some photos of our Snowy, who really enjoyed Christmas this year! **Joanne**



Stamp update

Thank you to those of you who have collected stamps for us to sell.

All have to be hand sorted and trimmed before they can be sold. Given the quantity we receive, this can be quite a big job. It really helps if you can cut them off the envelopes carefully, leaving a margin as shown in the attached picture.

We appreciate your continued support. **Linda**



Dogs homed since last newsletter

Reuben (Rocky Wolf), Lizzie (Dominance), Bodie (Our Boy Body), Willow (Jura Go Willow), Squeaky (Squeaky Quango), Ruby (Bryanvale Ruby (Millie) ,Bryanvale Millie), Pam (Bryanvale Pam), Happy (Derrytresk Happy), Arthur (No Authorisation), Jet (Greencraft Jet), Mollie (I'm Alright), Me Me ((Me Me Me), Bono (Bon Accord).

Update on Izzy

On one of the coldest days of December Izzy's owners had the worst happen to them, when she managed to bolt after her "dad" accidentally dropped the lead for just a second. Izzy was out for 2 nights, with her owners searching high and low. Molly organised a large group of volunteers from our supporters to join the search. We are so happy to report that Izzy was eventually found safe and well, and her owners would like to pass their heartfelt thanks to anyone who helped look for her, either out in the cold or sharing information on social media.

One thing that was noted, Izzy was being walked with an extendible lead, which are not recommended for sighthounds. She would possibly still have escaped with another lead, but the worry is that a hound running loose with a flexi lead attached might keep running due to the noise of the plastic handle being dragged behind it. They can also lead to nasty rope burns, or neck damage if a dog bolts whilst still attached and reaching the end of the lead.

If any of you are using a flexi lead, could we please encourage you to stop doing so. The leather leads the dogs leave the kennels with are ideal, with either a fishtail or martingale collar, or a harness if your greyhound needs it.

MARTINGALE SAFETY CHECKLIST



1. ADJUST TO LOOSEN

2. ADJUST TO TIGHTEN

THE COLLAR IS TOO LOOSE IF THESE 2 SLIDES TOUCH

ADJUST COLLAR BEHIND EARS (largest part of head) TO FIT 3 FINGERS BETWEEN SLIDES

DO NOT ADD TAGS TO THE D-RING (tags & charms can snag) ATTACH TO SIDE INSTEAD

NEVER leave a martingale collar on at home/unsupervised - use only for walks as they can get caught up on things.

GLASS PATIO DOOR ADVICE

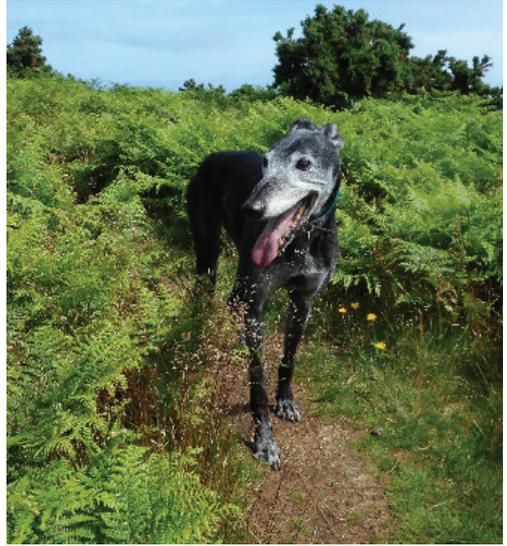
Please consider attaching either stickers or film to all patio/glass doors or windows to ensure the dog knows there is glass there. We have unfortunately heard of too many fatalities where a dog tried to run outside at full speed.

There are plenty available from Amazon, DIY shops or other online shops. Here is an example.



Dexter

For many years our family dogs were a springer spaniels. They were cheerful energetic dogs, though inclined to be a bit barking mad, we used to say. At the time when we lost the third of them, we had reached our eighties and decided that a gentler soul would make a more suitable companion for our daily walks. So, we brought Dexter into our home, and he proved the perfect choice for us, docile and comfortable with people. Visiting children liked him because several of them could stroke him at once. He spent five contented years with us before dying last year at the age of twelve.



During that time, I was led to write the following poem, which has just been published.

INCOMER

He's crossed a frontier
between lifestyles
at odds with each other.

He knew what winning's like –
racing around in circles
pursued by money.

Grey-muzzled now he sleeps
backed hard up against
solid security.

But since facing off a pencil
sharpener, his nose
pokes into everything.

So, I'm under surveillance:
he dogs my moves, adopts
my shadow as his cloak.

Such times we live in
picked up from a world
wildly chasing hares.

Bob Ward

From: Ronnie Goodyer, ed. *Voices for the Silent*, Indigo Dreams Nov. 2022, anthology compiled in support of the League Against Cruel

Update on the foster sisters

Before Christmas we put out an appeal for foster homes for four elderly ladies who came into our care. Here is an update from each of the foster families, were so pleased to announce that all 4 have filled in their adoption papers, what a happy ending!!



Milly

Milly came to live with us on the 11th November as a foster dog. She's settled in really quickly as Star her foster sister showed her the ropes.

Within days she had learned the arrangements for feeding and walking. She is a bit nervous with non-greyhounds, and likes to put me in between them and her on a walk.

She loves the beach and park to watch the squirrels. She has become best friends with Star and loves to snuggle up. Her teeth chatter when having a cuddle (luckily she only had 2 teeth removed).

Milly loves zoomies in the garden and chucking her toys around. I can't believe she is 12 years old with the energy she has! Milly is a sweet heart and I am very glad she came to live with us, we are now currently going through the adoption process. **Angie Scammell**



Pam

Hello, I am Pam (my new family call me Duchess Pam) I live with Lady May and Mr Storm in Lowestoft. When I arrived in Lowestoft my new mum and dad took me for a short walk with May and Storm. I had a good look around, mum said I took it all in my stride. On the first night in my new home, I chose to sleep in a corner of the living room, just behind a sofa. Apart from eating and going out to the toilet that is where I stayed. Over the coming days I gradually joined everyone in the living room, oh but the TV was a little scary for a week or two.

I discovered my love of toys very quickly; I love fluffy loud squeaky toys and balls. May and Storm didn't mind sharing theirs

until mum bought me my own. To help me settle into my new home I was able to meet up with my sister Milly, who is also now living in a lovely new home in Lowestoft and our mums are going to plan more meet ups soon. I also keep up with all of my sisters news via WhatsApp and all our mums are hoping to meet up at a Homefinder's open day very soon.

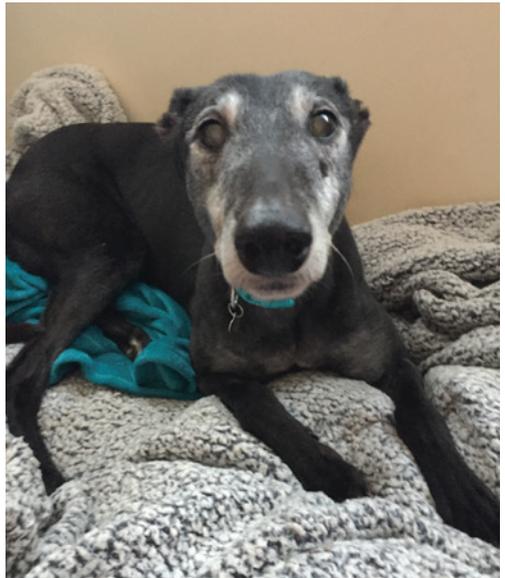
When mum works from home I like to stand and watch her online meetings while she strokes me, apparently the people in the meeting cannot see me. So, every now and then I throw a toy in the air that flies past the laptop camera, just so they know I am there. That might be why my dad has nicknamed me 'naughty nan.'

In December my new nan came to see me with her greyhound Monty, I took a shine to him, and he let me follow him around and even let me share his bed. I enjoyed my first ever Christmas with my new family and Santa even bought me some presents, but I liked the turkey and beef dinner the best.

We often have visitors who I love to see, mum has grandchildren who love to make a fuss of me. I like my walks, I like to try and look in the windows of the parked cars on my street, I like other dogs, but my favourite thing is a good rabbit hole!

I am happy so I have decided to adopt my new family, Happy 2023 everyone!

Michelle Rogers



Ruby

We had offered to be short term foster carers for Homefinders but when Molly told us about the 4 sisters and their need for long term fostering - we made our best decision of 2022.

Ruby came home with us & Harry our 7yo hound and settled in very quickly. It was hard to believe she had never been in a home environment before. We discovered that she loves her food, wanting to nickname her Dyson but is not so keen on the dark, prompting a nightlight purchase.

Ruby had a major dental operation at the end of November with 20 teeth being removed along

with treatment for a dental abscess which had broken out beneath her left eye. Both conditions clearly causing her much discomfort. Despite her years she came through with flying colours.

It is a real pleasure to see Ruby every morning. She wakes with a wag and a big smile and appears to be so pleased with life. Although unable to keep up with Harry's zoomies she definitely does "quite quickly really"s and loves her soft toys. Harry follows her example and now eats at mealtimes instead of grazing. He is clearly fond of Ruby as he obviously slows down to play and goes out of his way not to bump into her when in full flight. Ruby, often called Ruby Blue, has completely stolen our hearts so when given the option to adopt her it was our easiest decision of 2022.

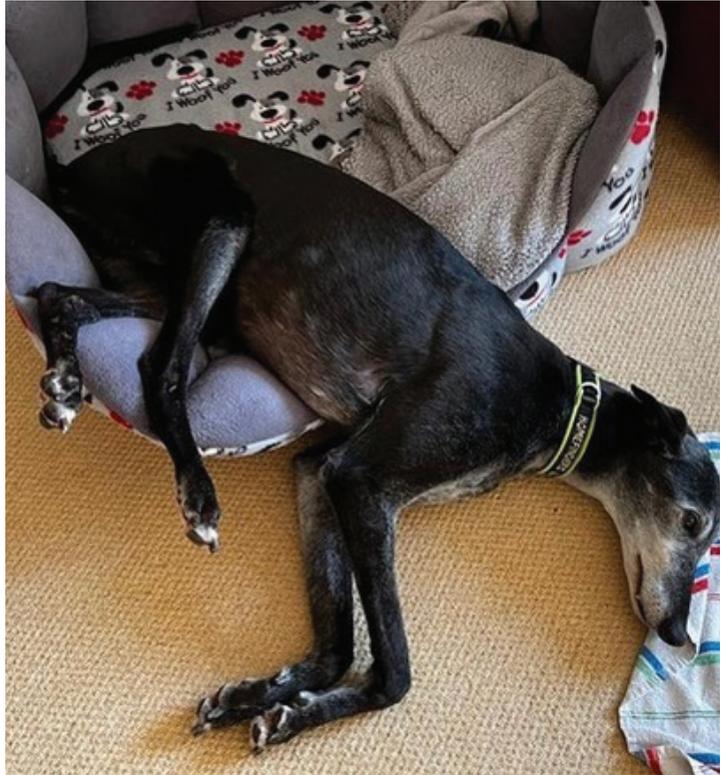
Jules Hutchinson



Squeaky

On Christmas Day Squeaky had been with Mabel and I for exactly a month. It felt like she had always lived with us! It was lovely to know that all four amazing sisters were now with their new families warm and cosy for Christmas and settling into home life for the very first time; four incredibly strong gorgeous girls, who, judging by the zoomies, don't seem to realise they are 12 years old!

Jane Bramham-Jones



Now a few words from Squeaky...

Mabel has introduced me to the neighbourhood and I have encouraged Mabel to eat up all her dinners! Sometimes she leaves me a few extra kibbles! When I first arrived we had fun choosing which new bed to sleep in. Mabel keeps hers very neat and tidy, but I like to rearrange mine several times till I get comfy. Here I am apparently perfecting my “bed fail” technique! I took a while to get used to something called a television. I kept looking to see where things were disappearing to around the back. I love my walks alongside Mabel with so many sniffs and especially meeting up with my greyhound pals who live nearby. I can't wait to meet up with my sisters again and say hello to you all at one of the Homefinders Open Days this year.

Squaky, Mabel and Jane would like to say a huge Thank You to Homefinders and especially Molly for looking after Squeaky and her sisters and finding them their forever homes.

New Years Day Walk



13 hounds and assorted humans got themselves up early on New Years Day to meet at Blickling Hall. The weather was very kind to us and we enjoyed a lovely, if slightly muddy underfoot at times, walk round the estate.”

Linda

In memory - Lowry

Maureen, Graham, Daniel and Ben said goodbye to their family greyhound Lowry on 21st December 2022.

Lowry was part of the family for 12 years, he crossed the Rainbow Bridge at nearly 15. Such a loving boy who enjoyed snoozing by the woodburner, sunbathing in the garden and occasionally some crazy zoomies.

Rest in Peace Lowry.



Charity Quiz

Thanks to everyone who took part in the 3rd Homefinders' Quiz; this raised £107 for the hounds. The winner was Katie Andrew who scored the maximum 40 points! The answers are in **red**:-

- 1) A scheme for Adam & Eve perhaps? **Eden Project, Cornwall**
- 2) One time dwelling of Catherine of Aragon; sounds like it should be in Yorkshire! **Leeds Castle, Kent**
- 3) Gormley's heavenly being. **Angel of the North, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear**
- 4) Eaten too much cheese here? **Cheddar Gorge, Somerset**
- 5) Harold's not so famous 1066 battle, no football played here though. **Stamford Bridge, E. Yorkshire**
- 6) Clock of the late Queen's tower. **Big Ben, London**
- 7) Naval winner at Trafalgar, now in dry dock. **HMS Victory, Portsmouth**
- 8) These ones off the south east would be difficult to sew with! **The Needles, Isle of Wight**
- 9) Mount of the late Princess Margaret's husband? **Mount Snowdon, Gwynedd**
- 10) You can walk across to this SW isle. Did it once belong to M & S? **St. Michael's Mount, Cornwall**
- 11) Ed's hilltop fortress. **Framlingham Castle, Suffolk**
- 12) Anglo-Saxon ship burial site. **Sutton Hoo, Suffolk**
- 13) Famous college known for its' Christmas Eve Carol singing. **Kings' College, Cambridge**
- 14) This famous landmark can be seen from the A303. **Stonehenge, Wilt**
- 15) Tribute to John Gray's very loyal Skye Terrier. **Statue of Greyfriars' Bobby, Edinburgh**
- 16) Northern military pageant; no inking involved. **Edinburgh Tattoo, Edinburgh**
- 17) Landseer's big cats lay here. **Trafalgar Square, London**
- 18) You can still ride the snails here at this east coast resort! **Joyland, Gt. Yarmouth**
- 19) Is there a long line of people to get into these gardens? **Kew Gardens, Kensington**
- 20) Border "town of books". **Hay-on-Wye, Powys**
- 21) Roman emperor's stone barrier. **Hadrian's Wall, Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear**
- 22) This shoreline may be occupied by dinosaurs! **Jurassic Coast, Dorset, W. Devon**
- 23) Will we find bluebirds here? **White Cliffs of Dover, Kent**
- 24) Home of the "Major Oak". **Sherwood Forest, Notts**
- 25) Birthplace of "The Bard". **Stratford on Avon, Warwickshire**

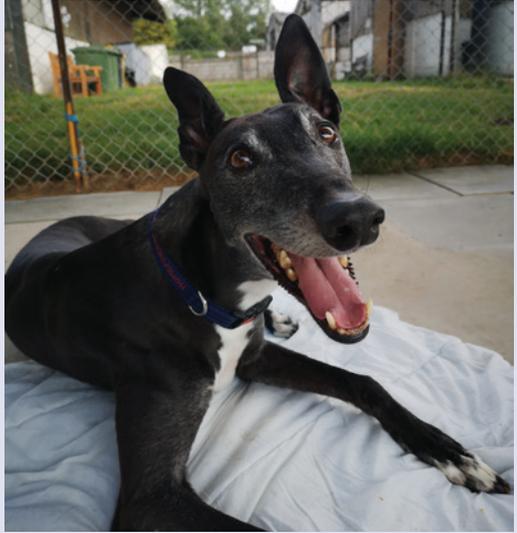
Picture Round Answers

- 26) Bullring Bull, Birmingham
- 27) Titanic Experience, Belfast
- 28) Crooked church spire (St. Mary & All Saints), Chesterfield
- 29) Hampton Court Palace, Richmond, London
- 30) Kelpies, Falkirk
- 31) The Shard, London
- 32) Ironbridge, Shropshire
- 33) Glastonbury Tor, Somerset
- 34) Beatles Statue, Liverpool
- 35) Cutty Sark, Greenwich, London
- 36) Spinnaker Tower, Portsmouth
- 37) Statue of Henry VII (with greyhound!), Pembroke
- 38) The Scallop, Aldeburgh
- 39) Gateshead Millenium Bridge (Blinking or Winking Eye) Tyne & Wear
- 40) Clifton Suspension Bridge, Bristol

For those who didn't already know, back in October our big beautiful boy Champ unexpectedly passed away following surgery. We were all totally shocked and devastated as Champ had been with us for over 2 years and had become a huge part of our lives. His kindness, love and loyalty to his people was like no other and we miss him more as every day goes by, it's not the same without him. He was a very content boy at the kennels but thankfully he was also able to enjoy a couple of foster breaks in the summer and regular sleepovers at my house before that, where he was going to come to stay permanently when the time was right.

We hope you've found the comfiest sofa ever and loads of pinecones to chase up there Mr Champ, love you forever

Molly xxx



Greyhound Lottery Results

Date	Nos.	Winner	Prize	December			
October				3rd	326	Paul Houseago	£60
15th	465	Irela Paddy-Amis	£60	10th	265	Ian Woodrow	£60
22nd	125	David Jones	£60	17th	264	Ella Hardy	£60
29th	651	Stephen Hardy	£60	26th	124	Stephen Crowe	£60
November				January 2023			
7th	642	No Winner	Rollover	2nd	124	Stephen Crowe	£60
12th	345	Ian Afford	£120	7th	432	Hazel Jubb	£60
19th	413	Deborah Houseago	£60	14th	516	Justin Franklin	£60
26th	235	Alie Winter	£60	21st	316	Lisa Edwards	£60
				28th	612	Sue Graver	£60

We have 5 places available for the lottery, if you would like to join, please email pusspearce58@yahoo.co.uk

Champs Walk

There was a brilliant turnout for our boy Champ in December at Blickling Hall. We really appreciate everyone coming along to show their love and support...

Well over 30 hounds and their humans plus lots of volunteers joined in to remember Champ.

All 10 of our kennel hounds loved getting out and were exhausted by the end of the day.

Molly



2023 Events Line Up

Kennel Open Days

April 2nd	11am-2pm
May 21st	11am-2pm Greyhound Dog Show at 12 noon
July 9th	11am-2pm
September 25th	Great Global Greyhound Walk 11am (TBC) Saxlingham Nethergate
October 1st	11am-2pm Auction of Greyhound Memorabilia at 12 noon
December 9th	12md-2.30pm Taverham Village Hall, Sandy Lane, Taverham, NR8 6JR

Incomplete list of events we will attend in 2023

May 8th	Hainford Coronation Fete
August 6th	Our all-breed Dog Show at Trimmingham
August 27th	All About Dogs Norfolk Showground and 28th



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