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C.A.T.S. NEWSLETTER

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CATS' CORNER UPDATE

The focus this year has been on the feral cat community in Hempton. Doreen succeeded in trapping fourteen of them—all were neutered at The Grove Veterinary Hospital, Fakenham and found to be in good health.



Jilly, Edna (aka Stripe) and Kylie

The two unrelated feral cats, **Edna** and **Kylie** (pictured on the front cover) have been inmates at C.A.T.S. for some time. These were trapped along with their kittens that were easily homed. The young mother cats need a very special person to adopt them as they are unlikely to become fully domesticated. They will need help with feeding and shelter, possibly in a barn or on a farm. Please get in touch with Doreen on 01328 878517 if you can help—they deserve their freedom.

We also need homes for three kittens that will make lovely pets: **Jilly** is a black (with small white patches) female kitten, pictured with Edna and Kylie and also below. **C.C.** is a black and white boy with a moustache and there is a very friendly tabby and white girl, **Millie**.



C.C. (Charlie)



Millie and Jilly

Once again there are so many people to thank. **The Douglas and Joanne Chapman Animal Trust** kindly donated £1,500 in June to support our good work. The **public** and our **volunteers** continue in their generosity by fundraising for us: donating items that we can sell, providing cat food or running their own stalls at events. The most recent accounts for the year show that 61% of our income comes through donations. **A big thank you to everyone who has helped in any way**—it would take up a page to list everyone!

HAVING FUN & FUNDRAISING

A **Tractor Road Run** on Easter Sunday (9 April 2023) raised £351 for C.A.T.S. Thirty five tractors took part in the run from Weasenham—stopping for a half-way break at Massingham Village Hall—returning to Weasenham for refreshments and a B.B.Q. Many thanks to Mr Nigel Joice for allowing the use of his farmyard for the tractors to run out of and to Abacus Marquees for their tables and chairs. Thanks also to Rash at the Castle Acre Shop for organising the supply of meat and bread rolls etc., staff at Massingham Village Hall, especially the lady behind the bar who was run off her feet when the tractor drivers and their passengers arrived en-masse and to everyone who helped out on the day. Thank goodness we had super weather!



C.A.T.S. had indoor and outdoor tables at the **Car Boot Sales at Hempton Memorial Hall** on all the Bank Holiday Mondays this year and we held our own Fabric Sale on 10 June. We sold plants, bric-a-brac, cream teas and home-made jam and this all went towards raising funds for the veterinary treatment of the large colony of feral cats in Hempton. Thank you to the Hempton Hall's team for all their help and support.

Thanks to our lovely volunteers, fundraising stalls have been held at many other venues in Norfolk.

Penny Pots have always been a good fundraiser but this year a special thanks go to **Castle Acre Shop** whose customers succeeded in filling a jar with loose change for us every month. In August there was an extra bonus. A customer delivered their own giant pot of coins and had amassed £54.85! We are immensely grateful for the support of Rash & Libby at the shop and all their customers. If anyone else can help in this way, do let us know.



Rash & Libby



Giant Penny Pot

A promotional banner for Easyfundraising. The background is teal. On the left, the text "Support us every time you shop online" is written in white. On the right, there is a white box containing a photo of a ginger cat and the text "Catch And Treat Strays C.A.T.S." in purple and pink. At the bottom, the Easyfundraising logo and the text "You shop, brands donate to us" are displayed.

If you shop online please use **Easy fundraising** that has over 8,000 big-name retailers who donate when you shop with no cost to you. So far £474 has been raised since C.A.T.S. joined the scheme.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cats1/>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please support.



Charity No. 1151666
Tel: 01328 878517



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Hempton Memorial Hall
The Green, Hempton, Fakenham, NR21 7LG

Saturday 11th November 2023
10am – 2pm



Bric-a-Brac



Christmas Gifts & Decorations
Homemade Preserves/Jams/Cakes
Jigsaws/Games/Books/Cards



Tombola, Raffle
Wine or Water



Homemade Soup & Roll
Tea ~ Coffee ~ Cakes



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 30 November to 5 December 2023

The theme for our Christmas Tree entry at [Fakenham Parish Church](#) last year was Dick Whittington (see picture below). Thanks to all who donated. The event raised just over £560.



This year the theme for our tree will be 'The Owl and the Pussycat'. The atmosphere at the church is always fabulous, with plenty to see and goodies to eat. Do try to get along and bring a camera! Please support Fakenham's local charities.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CAT IS SPAYED OR
NEUTERED AND PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR
CAT MUST BE MICRO-CHIPPED BY JUNE 2024.**

All the cat rescue centres have been overwhelmed and inundated with the increasing number of kittens and unwanted cats this year. There are not enough homes for the number of cats and kittens seeking re-homing. If you are looking for a furry friend to join your family, please do not buy a cat or kitten from a cat breeder—please visit the rescue centres where you will find the perfect companion. Kittens are always best re-homed in pairs.

It will be a legal requirement to micro-chip your cat by 10 June 2024. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £500.



WANTED

Foster Homes. We occasionally have cats and kittens that need a temporary home rather than wait in a pen until they are adopted. Requirements: a quiet spare room or space where a cat can get used to normal life in the home like the TV, phone and the dreaded vacuum cleaner. Foster homes also free up pens required for urgent new arrivals.

We also need **Volunteers** to help with fundraising or who are willing to go out trapping. From time to time we are desperate for odd job people to help look after the cat pens: repairs, cleaning and painting.

Donations of unwanted goods or presents are always needed that we can sell at our fundraising events. As well as our plant sales we are now making homemade jams, pickles and preserves. Any donations of plants, fruits and vegetables are most welcome as well as your own homemade produce and crafts. Donations of cat food or cat litter from Morrisons and GJL in Fakenham can be left in their dedicated baskets,

Speak to Doreen with any offers of help. Thank you.

CATS LOST OR FOUND

If you have lost or found a cat in the Fakenham area, we can put up a notice on our Facebook page. Please give as many details as possible and a picture, if possible.

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