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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER - 2025

Hello FOSTAC Members

Over the past year FOSTAC has given our supporters a varied year of events beginning with our local speaker John Woollard talking about past Criminals in our area. This was followed by Braintree Male Voice Choir presenting a concert of well-known songs with the addition of the ladies choir Braintree Voices

Later on our Talks were again different – first we had A Tudor Housekeeper by Eleanor Jenkins who gave an insight to many outfits a housekeeper would wear according the times of the year, and most were handmade – so were her exhibit outfits! Very clever lady. To complement this the next speaker was Bryan Thurlow who gave an extraordinary talk on the progress from a junior servant to becoming a Butler in a large country house

The last talk of the year was given by Lawrie Brailey from South Essex Wildlife. He spoke of the exceptional work they do in rescuing and re-wilding wild animals. How the hospital began 25years ago by a single dedicated Sue Schwar – a police woman who having dealt with many injured or damaged animals and birds thought a Rescue Centre was necessary and due to her family's support, conceived the whole idea and managed to secure the premises which now have extensive veterinary equipment and many dedicated staff to enable them to rescue and re-wild birds, animals and even reptiles! As with all Rescue Centres funding is always a problem – we hope that many people who attended the talk donated in Lawrie's 'bucket'

Next year we are hoping to plan more interesting and entertaining events for you all to enjoy – so await our news!!

In the meantime, we thank you all for coming along to support us over the year and we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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