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1. UCSW AUCTION – November 2009

This autumn we are running a fund raising Auction, with a closing date of **3pm on Friday 27th November 2009** - just in time for Lots to be used as Christmas presents. By now, all members should have received a copy of the Auction Catalogue with a bid form – please contact the Office if yours has not arrived. A copy is also available on the website www.ucsw.org

Please don't forget to bid and tell your friends! There are Lots to suit all budgets ranging from "A Day behind the scene with Channel 4 Racing", shooting days, lessons and accessories, fishing, signed books, magazine subscriptions, a visit to the European Parliament in Brussels with an MEP, visits to racing stables, hunting days, original pictures, polo lessons, a molecatching course, introduction to falconry, dinner and tour at Tattersalls and much more!

There are two late additions:

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| Lot 68 | DRAG HUNTING FOR 2 – MID SURREY FARMERS | £200 |
| | A day for 2 with the Mid Surrey Farmers Draghunt. To include drinks beforehand and tea afterwards.
<i>Kindly donated by the Masters of the Mid Surrey Draghunt</i> | |
| Lot 69 | THE HERO INSIDE - IN SUPPORT OF HELP FOR HEROES | £9.99 |
| | <i>Conceived and photographed by Gill Shaw, with a foreword by Ross Kemp</i>
The Hero Inside is the officially authorised fund-raising book for Help for Heroes, the charity founded in 2007 to support servicemen and women wounded in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. This inspirational book is a thought-provoking and, at times, emotional record of the experiences and traumas both on the battlefield and at home and is a tribute to our Armed Forces and those who support them on their return.
www.countrybooksdirect.com
<i>Kindly donated by Quiller Publishing Ltd</i> | |

All funds raised will go to the UCSW 'Fighting Fund' and a donation will be made to Help for Heroes. A big thank you goes to all those who have kindly contributed lots.

2. CHRISTMAS CARDS

We would be delighted to take your order for our first ever UCSW Christmas Card, as advertised in the summer & winter issues of *Living Country*. Packs of 5 cards cost £3.50 each, plus postage at the following rates: 1-2 packs £1.00, 3-4 packs £1.50, 5-6 packs £2.00, 7-8 packs £3. Cheques should be made payable to UCSW and your order should be sent to: UCSW, PO Box 129, Banbury, Oxon, OX17 2HX. Alternatively orders can be placed online at: www.ucsw.org where you can view the card.

3. EMAIL ADDRESSES

Do we have your correct email address? If you want to make sure we have your correct details, please email us with your name and membership number and we will check our system: office@ucsw.org

4. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS – Members can pay online...

If you have access to the internet, you can visit our website and pay your membership subscription online using the secure Paypal system. This means you can now pay by credit card (online only) if you wish. Please remember to quote your member ID Number on all payments. The UCSW will continue to send out manual renewals to those who do not pay by standing order so that you know when your subscription is due.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS CHALLENGE

Brian Friend, an Associate member of the Union of Country Sports Workers has heard that his claims against the Scottish Hunting Act and the English Hunting Act, lodged separately in the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, have been conjoined to case Number 16072/06. We now await a hearing date, which may take a couple of years. The UCSW will continue to support Brian with his expenses. Anyone wishing to speak to Brian Friend can call him on 01404 881357 or email: bkldfc@aol.com

6. ADVICE

Every week UCSW helps someone employed in country sports with an employment, housing or some other job related problem. If you need help, please call the office on: Tel: 01295 712719.

7. TRADE MEMBERSHIP

Why not become a Trade Member? If you run a business, small or large, this may be of interest. All Trade members receive a listing in our membership magazine *Living Country* (this includes all the essential contact details including description of your product/s) and a link from our website. Please contact the office for more details – subscriptions per annum are only £40.

8. UCSW MERCHANDISE – thinking of what to give this Christmas.....



Car stickers available now at £1 each plus p&p.

The UCSW holds various items of UCSW branded stock including: ties, baseball caps, polo shirts, sweatshirts and enamel membership badges which can be viewed by looking on the website under Merchandise: <http://www.ucsw.org/Merchandise.htm>. There are also a number of fun/gift items such as sporting notelets, badges and car stickers, key fobs, 'hunting' mouse mats, jute bags, etc.

Merchandise can be purchased through our website with a credit card using the secure Paypal system or send in your request noting which item/s you require together with a cheque (made payable to "UCSW") to the office including a donation for p&p or enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for all orders. Thank you.

We would like to thank all our members for their support through their membership, fundraising and donations, without which the UCSW would not be here. Please encourage your friends who are involved in country sports, whether workers or supporters, to join us – together we can be stronger...