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1. **CLA GAME FAIR – 28 – 30 July, Broadlands, Romsey, Hampshire**

Come and visit us on Stand No D441 (facing the main arena) during this year's CLA Game Fair. Seminars will be held at 2pm on each day, to which you are invited, to hear Brian Friend talk about the legal cases against the Hunting Acts. Also on the stand will be a selection of hunting and coaching horns for sale on the Friday and Saturday, gun making and gun fitting demonstrations will be held on all three days and hand painted china on Sunday. Help us with our fund raising for the legal appeals, find out more about our Race Day at Hereford on Sunday 5th November, check out our range of merchandise and don't forget to enter our prize draw – 1st prize - £200 – which will be drawn on Sunday 30th July. We look forward to seeing you there!

2. **LEGAL CHALLENGES – HUNTING ACT 2004 & WILD MAMMALS (SCOTLAND) PROTECTION ACT 2002 & FIGHTING FUND**

UCSW member Brian Friend is taking his Scottish Hunting Act case to the House of Lords despite an unsuccessful attempt by the Scottish Ministers to stop him. He will be lodging the case papers (all 65 volumes) in the Lords Judicial Office by 3rd August 2006.

In the English courts UCSW members Hugh Thomas and Brian Friend's application for leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal was refused, so their next step is to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

The Union of Country Sports Workers is launching a **major fund raising initiative** at the CLA Game Fair to raise £100,000 to support Brian and Hugh with their travel, court, research and administration expenses. There are no fees for lawyers or barristers in these cases as Brian and Hugh continue to represent themselves. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please send your donation, payable to the "UCSW Fighting Fund" to: UCSW, PO Box 129, Banbury, OX17 2HX.

Anyone who wishes to speak with Brian Friend can call him on 01404 881357 or contact him by email: bkldfc@aol.com

3. **UCSW MERCHANDISE **New merchandise on sale now****

- A fun mouse mat that every countryman should have – a single fox walking with a pack of hounds - £6 each

- Small red enamelled lapel badges with gold letters “B2B” – suitable for the office, the field or in the Houses of Parliament – when you visit to lobby your MP to repeal the Hunting Act - £1.50

These and all other items can be purchased from the office: UCSW enamel badges £2, UCSW ties £8, navy baseball caps £7, sweatshirts £17, polo shirts £13.50 all with Union logo.

We also have the following car stickers and badges

- “More than a Job, a Way of Life” membership car sticker – 50p
- Red “Bollocks to Blair” car stickers - £2
- “A Hunting We Will Go!” (White wording on green background) – badge & car sticker £1 each
- “Full Cry for Hunting – Fighting the Ban” (White wording maroon background) badge £1

Please send your cheque, made payable to “UCSW”, with a note of which item/s you require, to the UCSW office including a donation for p&p or enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for all orders. Thank you. All merchandise can be viewed on our website: www.ucsw.org

4. SHOWS

The Union will be at the shows listed below over the next few months. If you would like to help on the stand, please contact us, or just come and visit us – we would be delighted to hear from you! For direct links to individual show websites visit “Shows & Information” on the UCSW website: www.ucsw.org

July 28–30	CLA Game Fair – Broadlands, Hampshire – Stand No D441
Aug 3	Honiton Hound Show
Aug 19-20	Warwickshire & West Midlands Game Fair, Ragley Hall
Sept 2-3	Chatsworth Country Fair, Derbyshire
Sept 16-17	Midland Game Fair, Weston Park, Staffordshire
Nov 5	UCSW Race Day - Hereford

5. DEFRA CONSULTATION – TRANSPORT OF LIVE ANIMALS

The UCSW has been asked by the Scottish Executive to contribute to the consultation on implementing the new legislation of the welfare of live animals during transport which is due to come into effect from 5th January 2007. If you would like to contribute to the Union’s submission, please contact the office as soon as possible. Closing date for the Scottish Executive is 14 August, 2006.

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

We are now able to offer all Trade Members a web-link from our new website. Please make sure you take up this offer.

For those of you who may consider upgrading to a Trade Member, please contact the office for more details – subscriptions per annum are only £40.

8. UCSW WEBSITE

The UCSW has revamped its website which can be found at: www.ucsw.org We hope the new website is more ‘user friendly’ and more informative than the old one and hopefully it will continue to improve. As we are the only trade union representing those employed in field sports we feel it is important that our members make use of the website whether they want to find out information or have their own input into their organisation.

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