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### A round up of News and Events – July 2008

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#### 1. UCSW SUMMER PRIZE DRAW

The UCSW Summer Prize Draw takes place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2008 at the CLA Game Fair. Send your entries to the UCSW office as soon as possible or visit the Union Stand at the Game Fair (N1526). You may be the lucky winner of £200 – 1<sup>st</sup> prize, £100 – 2<sup>nd</sup> prize or £50 – 3<sup>rd</sup> prize!

#### 2. AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS TALK – 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2008

The UCSW have arranged for Dr Richard Newton to talk on African Horse Sickness and how it could affect your horse. The talk will take place at the Three Counties Hotel, Hereford on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 7 – 9pm. Tickets can be purchased from the UCSW office for £10 each.

#### 3. SHOWS

Come and visit us on Stand Number N1526 at the **CLA Game Fair** on 25 – 27 July at Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire.

In addition to our membership information, leaflets and merchandise you can discuss the Hunting Act and Human Rights and what happens next with Brian Friend, guns with Ian Summerell who will be at this work-bench, purchase old or new horns and whips from our Cambridgeshire, Essex and Hertfordshire representative, Tony Huggett. For one day only, visit Linee (Friday) with her range of hand painted china and talk to Steve Dixon (Saturday) about the two raptors that he will have on display. Also on sale will be a range of cards and two new calendars. Don't miss out!

Listed below are a few dates for your diary for the next couple of months. Do come and visit the Union stand or contact the office if you would like to help. More details on these and future events can be found on our website: [http://www.ucsw.org/Shows\\_&\\_Information.htm](http://www.ucsw.org/Shows_&_Information.htm).

<b>July 25 – 27</b>	CLA Game Fair, Blenheim, Oxfordshire
<b>August 3</b>	Herefordshire Country Fair, Hereford
<b>August 7</b>	Honiton Hound Show,
<b>August 29 – 31</b>	Chatsworth Country Fair
<b>September 14</b>	Frampton
<b>September 20 &amp; 21</b>	Midland Game Fair, West Park, Staffordshire

#### 4. SUPPORT YOUR CHAIRMAN – HALF MARATHON RUN

On Sunday 14 September 2008, UCSW Chairman, Alex Ford will be running in the Bristol Half Marathon to raise money for the Union. Alex, a keen runner, has taken part in full marathons and many half ones too. He is hoping to beat his personal best of 1 hour 48 minutes.

Please support him by sending in your donations to the UCSW Office marked “UCSW Half Marathon”. All donations will be put into the UCSW Fighting Fund to support country issues.

**5. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS – Members can now pay online...**

At the AGM we announced another way that members can pay their membership subscriptions. 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.

**6. HUMAN RIGHTS CHALLENGE**

Brian Friend, an Associate member of the Union of Country Sports Workers, will be taking his Human Rights Challenge to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg following the dismissal of his judicial appeal in October 2007. No date has been set for this and it could take several years.

Brian Friend says: “Although I have two appeals on the legality of the UK anti-hunt legislation, we must all continue to lobby our MPs and everyone else that we want the same protection to our way of life as given to other minority groups. The Government and any future Government must accept and ensure that Human Rights are for everyone”.

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](mailto:bkldfc@aol.com)

**7. TUNE IN TO UCSW “COUNTRY SPORTS RADIO”**

UCSW Member, Ian Summerell has set up Country Sports Radio and has produced a number of interesting Podcasts, which you can hear by visiting the UCSW website [www.ucsw.org](http://www.ucsw.org) and clicking on **Country Sports Radio** on the Home Page. Ian is always looking for more stories, so if you have something you think would be of interest please contact the UCSW office. Advertising opportunities are also available – again please contact the UCSW office for more information.

The ever popular hunting horn ringtone can still be download for FREE ... (under Archives March 2007 or <http://ucsw.podbean.com/2007/03/> )

**8. 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.

**9. 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 products) and a link from our website. Please contact the office for more details – subscriptions per annum are only £40.

**10. UCSW MERCHANDISE ....**

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, etc. A larger selection of stock, including various books, are available on the show stand.

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.