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1. FOX DUMPING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE – FACT OR FICTION?

With the apparent increase in the numbers of urban foxes since 2003, when UCSW first researched this subject, now seemed an appropriate time to re-open the files.

If you have any information, or better still photographic evidence to show our team, we would be delighted to hear from you. We will be seeking the views of visitors to our show stand throughout the coming months to try and ascertain whether fox dumping in the countryside is 'Fact or Fiction'. If you are unable to attend the shows, you can always contact the UCSW Office or send information to the above address. All photographs will be returned.

2. THE REUNION – BBC Radio 4, Sunday 4th September at 11.15am (repeat on Friday 9th September at 9am)

Lindsay Hill, UCSW Committee member, will be taking part in the Radio 4 programme called The Reunion where 5 contributors will be talking about their memories of hunting at the end of the 1990's and the events that took place at that time. Also taking part will be Robin Hanbury-Tenison who was CE of the CA at that time, Darren Hughes a hunting campaign stalwart, John Rolls of the RSPCA and John Cooper from LACS. The programme will be presented by Sue MacGregor. Do listen if you can!

3. NO TO A BAN ON LEAD SHOT

Ian Summerell, qualified gunsmith and UCSW Committee member is asking country sports supporters to sign a petition against a wider lead shot ban and asking The Secretary of State for DEFRA to seriously consider removing the lead ban for wildfowling. The petition will be available for supporters to sign at all the shows the UCSW attends this summer and Ian will be at the Midland Game Fair to answer your questions. The petition is available to download from the UCSW website, where you will also find more information on this subject: www.ucsw.org

4. SUMMER PRIZE DRAW

As you will have seen from the summer edition of *Living* Country, the UCSW summer draw has taken on a new format this year.

- The top prize is an oil on canvas picture (size: 395mmx 295mm) by wildlife artist, Brian Hood and will be on display on the Union stand during the show season.
- 2nd prize is a heavy-duty waterproof and tear resistant green game bag with net front, two pockets and removable inner (20"x15"x32").
- 3rd prize is a lightweight, waterproof, roller gun carrier to fit guns up to 130cm (51") long with adjustable shoulder strap.

Tickets are only £1 each and need to reach the UCSW office by Wednesday 15 September or taken to the Midland Game Fair ready for the draw which will take place on Sunday 18 September on the UCSW Stand. More tickets are available from the UCSW Office.

5. CHRISTMAS CARD

We are delighted to be able to offer a new, specially designed, cartoon Christmas card for 2011, only on sale through the UCSW. Cartoon illustrator and supporter, Caroline Hill from *One Only by Linee* has once again generously created and donated the illustration for UCSW. To order your cards, complete the form sent with *Livin' Country* or visit our website to download another form or place your order there www.ucsw.org This year we can offer an overprinting service for those who would like to include their address details inside the card. Please contact the UCSW office for more information and costs.

6. SHOWS

The UCSW will have a stand in Gunmakers Row at the Midland Game Fair, Weston Park on 17 & 18 September, 2011. For more information on this show, please visit our website: www.ucsw.org and if you do come along, please come and see us!

7. LIVIN' COUNTRY

If you have an article, photographs or comments that would be of interest to fellow members and you would like us to consider them for *Livin' Country*, please email us at: office@ucsw.org. Alternatively, if you would like take out an advertisement in a future issue, or upgrade to Trade Membership and have a listing in the Trade Directory and on the website, please contact the Office. Back issues of the magazine can now be viewed on our website: www.ucsw.org.

8. ADVICE, EMAIL & POSTAL ADDRESSES

The UCSW is here to help those employed in country sports with their employment, housing or other job related problems. If you need help or would just like to talk through a work issue, please call the Office on: Tel: 01295 712719.

As we are using email more and more for relaying information, please make sure we have your current email address – and if you have changed your email or postal address recently, do let us know! Contact the UCSW Office or email us on: office@ucsw.org

9. 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, '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.

10. MEMBER DISCOUNTS

The UCSW has organised discounts for members on a range of products:

- **Membership to C³** Benefits include insurance – see the home page of our website www.ucsw.org for more details or contact the Office for more information. Cost for one year for UCSW members is £16.95 (normally £24.95).
- **Utility Warehouse Discount Club** – With extra financial pressures on us all, why not reduce your utility bills, save on your shopping – these are just a few benefits from joining the UWDC. Call 0800 13 13 000 quoting our reference number **E62770** for more information: If you join up – this helps us too!
- **Webury.com** – UCSW Trade member – is offering UCSW members a 10% discount for items on their website www.webury.com. To find out how to take up this offer email the UCSW: office@ucsw.org.

**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
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