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1. UCSW at WARWICK RACECOURSE COUNTRYSIDE DAY – Sunday 13 March

Don't forget to make the most of the UCSW membership offer of 2 for 1 entry on full price tickets for the Warwick Racecourse Countryside Day on Sunday 13 March. Not only will there be a card of National Hunt racing but also falconry displays, ferret racing, a hound parade, farriery demonstrations, rural crafts as well as the Union Stand and more...For details on the day and how to make the most of the offer, see enclosed flier **but hurry tickets need to be booked 24 hours in advance!**

2. INTER-HUNT CHARITY FLAT RACE – JOIN IN!

UCSW is organising an Inter-Hunt Charity Flat Race at Southwell Racecourse on Thursday 28th April 2011 at the start of the Evening meeting.

If you would like to represent your hunt and take part in the race, contact the UCSW Office as soon as possible to register your interest. The hunt of the winning jockey will receive a donation.

Otherwise come along and support those taking part, join in the supporters dinner & auction, enjoy the hound parade, lurcher racing, farriery demonstrations, terriers and beagles and a full card of National Hunt racing. Donations will be made to the HSBS, Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance and UCSW. For more details visit the UCSW website: www.ucsw.org or contact the Office on Tel: 01295 712719. **£5 entry tickets available** (first come first served – normally £11) – see enclosed flier for details.

3. SUPPORT ALEX FORD...

On 22 May 2011 Alex Ford (former UCSW Chairman) is taking part in the 50 mile Taff Trail run from Brecon to Cardiff Castle. Setting off at 8am, Alex is aiming to complete the course in approximately 8½ hours. Alex is running in aid of both the Union of Country Sports Workers and the Chloe Bigmore Trust (charity registration No: 1127410 set up to help support families and those suffering from cancer – for more information visit: www.chloebigmore.co.uk).

You can support Alex by sending donations to: Alex Ford/UCSW, UCSW, PO Box 129, Banbury, Oxon OX17 2HX or by donating via the UCSW website: www.ucsw.org

4. BREEDING OF DOGS – CONSULTATION

The UCSW submitted its response to “The Animal Welfare (Breeding of Dogs) (Wales) Regulations 2011 Consultation, which was being undertaken by the Welsh Assembly Government. To view the response, please visit our website www.ucsw.org

5. ADVICE

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.

6. SHOWS

The UCSW show season is starting on March 12 & 13. Pat and Ian Summerell will be manning the Union stand (number 175) at the West Country Game Fair at the Bath & West Showground, Somerset open daily from 9am – 5pm. For more information on the show & advance ticket booking, visit: www.contour.uk.net

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 the next issue or upgrade to Trade Membership and have a listing in the Trade Directory, please contact the Office. Back issues of the magazine can now be viewed on our website: www.ucsw.org

8. 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.

9. EMAIL & POSTAL ADDRESSES

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

10. MEMBER DISCOUNTS

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

- **Membership to C³** It's benefits include insurance – see home page of our website www.ucsw.org for more details or join by completing the enclosed leaflet.

Over the last few years, UCSW members have been asking if the Union can offer insurance. As a result UCSW has been looking at the different insurances available for country sports people. It did not want to add compulsory insurance on to UCSW membership in a time of financial uncertainty, thus incurring additional costs for its members who did not want extra insurance. Optional membership to C³, which includes insurance, is the best way to meet UCSW member needs.

- **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. Please see the enclosed leaflet for more information and don't forget to quote our reference number: **E62770** 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. Webury.com is a family run business, deeply rooted in the countryside. They claim to be Europe's largest Driza-Bone ® stockists, and their expertise in Wellington Boots is second to none, with prestige brands Aigle (including the Equestrian ranges) and Le Chameau. Quality items to suit Gardeners to Gundogs, Campers to Coffee-holics, Foodies to Fashionistas, "there is something for everyone".
- **Special rates for websites, logos, brochures and photography from EquineIT.com** for UCSW members. Logos from only £75 and websites from only £250. Contact Ian Piper on 07811 450158 and mention that you are a UCSW member.

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...