

Members and club news



The Home Counties Hawking Club member profile is... *One of our more experienced members, Danny Ringham.*
Club member for? *16 years, since the club started .*
Years in falconry? *25 years.*
Birds kept? *Peregrine falcon.*
Birds flown in the past?? *Peregrine falcon, Goshawk, Harris hawk, Black Spar, Kestrel, Bonelli's, Gyr, Gyr/Peregrine.*
Dogs used? *German wirehaired pointer called Wally.*
Ferrets, love them or hate them? *Hate the damn things..*
Other field sports involved in? *Deer stalking and Fox shooting.*
Vehicle used for falconry? *Izuzu Trooper.*
Favourite bird? *Peregrine.*
Favourite game to eat? *Venison, particularly Muntjac.*

Club Website

The address for the club website is www.homecountieshawkingclub.co.uk.
We would welcome some articles to put on the site from members, so if you feel that you have something worth while to write about please do so and email any articles to Stuart or Kelly at the site or hand to a committee member.

August Meeting

At the August meeting we had a pub style quiz that was based on Falconry and the countryside. This was hotly contested by four teams. Despite some controversy and debate about the number of species of the crow family found in the UK and the fact that the British Falconers club was formed in 1927 not 1922 as I had stated and I did have the answer written down as 1927 so why I said 1922 I don't know. It turned out to be both a fun and educational evening.

The winning team was the Vestal Virgins on 51 points, consisting of Sue Winn, Paul Gray, Steve and Nicky Forrest who cleverly played their joker in the right round and getting twenty six points in one round.

The rest came in as follows, Hawkeye (Chtis Gray's team) 33 points, Martini (Alan's team) 49 points and the large Pricks (John Hall's team) on 35 points!

Other points Alan Greehalgh who was **FIFTY!** On that day, had happy birthday sung to him. He was presented with a card and a gift from the club, and, for services to the club (Alan was one of the three founding members and chairman for thirteen years) was made an honorary member.

Neil Forbes will be attending the club at our September meeting to talk about first aid for birds in the field. Neil is considered to be one of the top avian vets in the country and will be well known to many falconers.

Club Meeting dates for 2010

September 21st, October 19th, November 16th, December 21st.
Easy way to remember is it is the third Tuesday of every month at The Royal Swan, Blackwater, Camberley.

New birds, dogs and ferrets for the 2010/11 season

Many members will be flying new birds this season, here is some of them, Danny Ringham, female Peregrine falcon, Paul Gray, female Red Tail Buzzard, Dave Cox, male Goshawk, John Hall, male Goshawk. Ryan Williams, female Harris Hawk, Russell Cooper, female Goshawk, Steve Wise, male Red Tail, Stuart Mina, Female Red Tail, Kelly Mina, male Red Tail, Ashley Barnes picks up a GSP to train ready for next season and myself a male Harris Hawk and two new ferrets.

There may be others in the club that also have new birds that I am unaware of, if so please let me know. I will update you at the end of the season as to how members have done with their new beasts of the hunt.

For Sale

Slovakian wire haired pointer, dog, 13 months old, untouched, micro chipped. Contact Sean on 0797 6293695