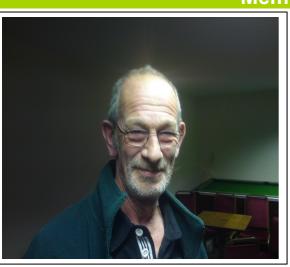
# Home Counties hawking Club September Newsletter written by Jem



# Members and club news

The Home Counties Hawking Club member profile is....*Ian AKA wrinkly.* Club member for? 10 years. Years in falconry? 10 years. Birds kept? *Male Red Tail.* Birds flown in the past? *Ferutail, Harris Hawk, Red Tail.* Dogs used? *Wire Haired Hungarian Visla and Slovakian Wire Haired Pointer.* Ferrets, love them or hate them? *Hate the bitey things..* Other field sports involved in? *Used to enjoy fox hunting, and sea fishing.* Vehicle used for falconry? *Land Rover Discovery.* Favourite bird? *Ferutail.* Favourite game to eat? *I don't eat game.* 

#### Club Website

The address for the club website is <u>www.homecountieshawkingclub.co.uk</u>. 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.

## September Meeting

Neil Forbes, one of the countries top avian vets gave an excellent talk at the September meeting on first aid in the field. The talk was attended by about 38 members.

I think that even the most experienced members of the club gained some useful information and tips from this most informative meeting.

## **October meeting**

At the October meeting we will have an equipment making evening. Learn how to make jesses anklets, leashes, bewitts and how to fit tail bells and telemetry mounts. If you have a bird that needs new furniture please bring it down.

We hope to also show how to crop tube at this meeting.

## Club Meeting dates for 2010

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



#### The New Season.

The new season is now upon us. Most of our members have now almost got their existing birds or new birds flying free. At the September meeting Kelly informed me that her new male Red tail had entered on that day, catching its first rabbit. Kelly was understandably ecstatic.

Stuart and Kelly's other Red tail has also entered since then. My own two Harris hawks are also out and hunting with two rabbits in the bag. Although the female caught them. The male still has yet to catch but has made several attempts to do so. I will keep you informed. Please let me know, if you have a new bird when it enters.

Steve Forrest and Alan Greenhalgh are attending The BFC meet at Wood Hall Spa in October. We look forward to hearing all about it on their return.