

## Members and Club News



The Home Counties Hawking Club member profile is... *John Byrne*

Club member for? *16 years and an Honourary Member for services to the club.*

Years in falconry? *30 Years*

Birds kept? *7/8ths Gyr/Saker*

Dogs used? *Bruno a Brittany X Sette.*

Ferrets, love them or hate them? *Don't mind them*

Other field sports involved in? *Bit of shooting, fishing and ferreting*

Vehicle used for falconry? *Anyone who will give me a seat in their four wheel drive*

Favourite bird? *Merlin and Sparrowhawk*

Favourite game to eat? *Muntjac and Wood Pigeon*

### News

*At the February meeting we had the photo competition. Sue Winn kindly judged the entries and chose a picture of John Byrnes Brittany cross Setter as the winner.*

*I gave a game despatch and preparation demonstration of Pheasant and Rabbit which was vacuum packed ready for the freezer.*

*The March meeting was the clubs AGM. The current committee stepped down and nominations were received.*

*Paul Gray has decided to take a much deserved break as social secretary and stood down after many years. His contribution will be missed and all members thanked him for everything he has done for the club.*

*The new committee is:*

*Chairman : Jem Pettit*

*Secretary : Nicky Forrest*

*Treasurer : Alan Greenhalgh*

*Hawk Liaison Officer : Steve Forrest*

*Social Secretary : John Byrne*

*Following this meeting after learning that Alan had never tasted rabbit before, we had a tasting session of the game that was prepared at the last meeting which consisted of cold roast pheasant and a rabbit and mushroom pie.*

*This proved very popular and after several requests as to how I cooked the pie I have included the recipe in this newsletter.*

*The new committee will now look at what we can organise over the next year and report back at the next meeting.*

*If there is something you would like us to organise please let a committee member know.*

*Many thanks*

*Jem*

### **Club Meeting Dates for 2011**

*April 19<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, August 16<sup>th</sup>, September 20<sup>th</sup>, October 18<sup>th</sup>, November 15<sup>th</sup>, December 20<sup>th</sup>.*

*Easy way to remember is, it is the Third Tuesday of every month.*

### *Rabbit and Mushroom Pie Recipe*

*First catch your rabbit???? For those that can (hawkers), if you are a falconer see someone who flies hawks lol!!*

#### *Ingredients.*

*1 rabbit*

*1 onion*

*Field or chestnut mushrooms*

*1 can Campbell's condensed chicken and mushroom soup*

*1 can Campbell's condensed chicken and white wine soup*

*Packet of puff pastry*

*Packet of short crust pastry*

*1 egg*

*Cut the rabbit into pieces, two back legs, two pieces of saddle and two forequarters. Place in a pan of boiling water with a pinch of salt and simmer for forty minutes.*

*Throw the water away and allow the meat to cool.*

*When cool (I help by running under a cold tap) peel the meat off of the bone.*

*Roll out the short crust pastry and line the bottom off your pie dish.*

*In a bowl empty both cans of the soup, the meat, the onion chopped up and the sliced mushrooms.*

*Roll out the puff pastry and place over the top of the pie*

*Take the white of the egg and a splash of milk mixed together and brush the top of the pie.*

*Place in an oven on gas mark six for between thirty and forty minute( check regularly after thirty minutes to ensure it does not burn).*

*Enjoy the fruits of your hunting.*

### **For Sale and Wanted**

To place an Advert in next months newsletter contact Jem on 0786 3339074 or [jp243@aol.com](mailto:jp243@aol.com) (falconry related items only).

*Wanted. The use of a small male ferret that is working well to breed with two of my ferrets. If you have such a beast please contact Jem on 0786 3339074*