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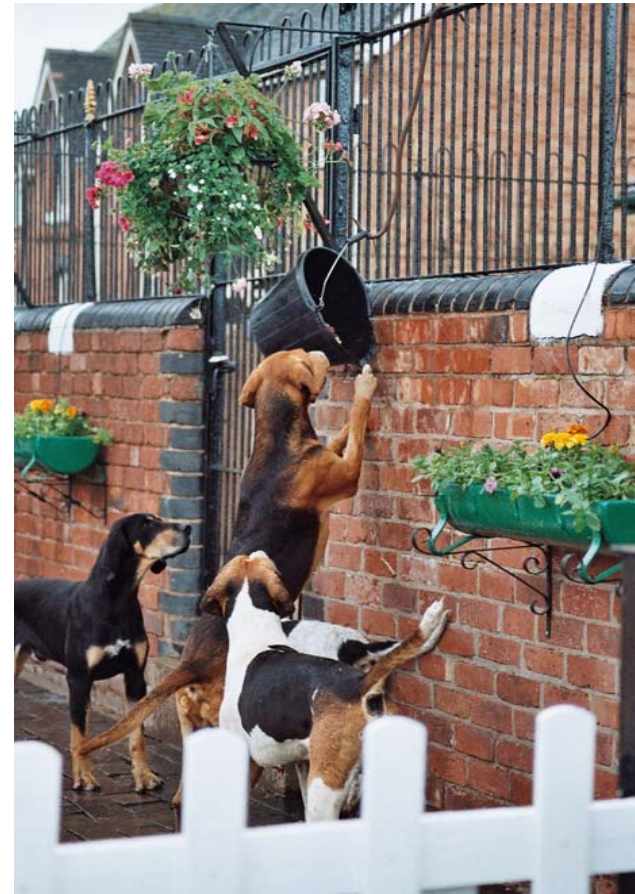
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CROOME HUNT SUPPORTERS CLUB



SUMMER 2008



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NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Summer Edition of the newsletter

The Autumn edition will be published in September; the closing date for your news, articles, adverts etc will be:
Friday 29th August.

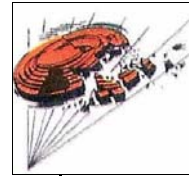
Please send anything you would like included to:

Charlotte Key. Hunters Lodge, Brewers Lane, Badsey,
Evesham, Worcester. WR11 7EU.



Some of the players from Worcestershire's county cricket club, presenting a signed bat for the H4H auction to Ian Baldrey & Catherine Hurley

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Clay Shoot

On Thursday 19th June we held a clay shoot at Cowsden Hall, by kind permission of David Lane. The weather was kind to us and every one who took part had a lovely evening. We had some local farmers and keepers taking part also our huntsman had a go, scoring quite well as I am led to believe. Thanks must go to David for allowing us the use of his farm, also to Barry & Trevor from the Bishampton shoot for all there hard work setting up the traps. Not forgetting all the people who helped on the night from scoring to sausage cooking!

Results:

1st Paul Cerrie

2nd Ian Seabright

3rd Steve Cooper

Horse Show

Once again we have been invited back to Chadbury Farm by Edward and Julia Weaving, this proved to be an excellent venue last year so we are really looking forwards to holding the show there again on Monday 25th August.

There are classes for everyone including showing, working hunter, show jumping - from 1'6" to 3'3", gymkhana, clear round, handy pony and a novelty dog show. Not forgetting the parade of the Croome & West Warwickshire Foxhounds, which was the highlight for many last year.

If anyone is willing to help by either judging, stewarding or just being there I would be very pleased to hear from you, I will be needing all the help I can muster this year as my baby is due 3 weeks before the show!! So as you can imagine any help will be very much appreciated. Charlotte Key.

CROOME HUNT

Win £50 every quarter

This quarter's winner is

John Firkins

With ticket no

69

All the tickets are now sold for the next 2 draws, we will start selling next years tickets in October.

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 25th August - Horse Show, Chadbury Farm

Sunday 19th October - Hunter Trial, Hilltop Ledbury

Sunday 21st September - Hound Racing, Kennels

Thursday 25th September - AGM, Drakes Broughton Village Hall

Wednesday 12th November - Quiz, Drakes Broughton Village Hall

Request for new members

The supporters club are looking for new members to join the committee, if you are able to help we would love to hear from you. We meet once a month and run several events throughout the year which raise money for our hunt.

If you would like to join us then please speak to one of the committee. If you are unable to join the committee but would still like to help out at some of our events then just let one of us know.

Dear Member/s,

You are invited to attend the Club's 39th Annual General Meeting to be held at the **Drakes Broughton Village Hall** on **Thursday 25th September 2008** at 8.00p.m. prompt. A ploughman's supper will be provided.

An agenda for the meeting is included in the newsletter. The following is a list of the present officers and committee.

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| President | Mr Bill Jones |
| Chairman | Mrs Catherine Hurley |
| Vice Chairman | Mrs Charlotte Key |
| Hon. Secretary | Mrs Charlotte Key |
| Hon. Treasurer | Miss Anna Millington |
| Minute Secretary | Mrs Marie Brown |
| Committee | Miss Vicky Ash |
| | Mrs Kate Orme |
| | Mrs Sally Robinson |
| | Mrs Penny Forsyth * |
| | Mr Bruce Forsyth * |
| | Mr Daniel Aldersey |
| | Mr Steve Gowenlock |

The committee is mainly unchanging, those marked with a * have retired from the committee, however if anybody is interested in joining the committee you would be very welcome, we can always do with the help! A number of fresh people bring in new ideas for different fund raising events and we can always do with one or two extra pairs of hands. The commitment that you would be making would be for one meeting every month and then help in the organisation of five or six events. Please give it a serious thought and if you are interested or know of somebody who is, please give me a call to register your interest.

I would like to thank all our members for their support for the 2007/08 season. Support in attending events or even judging at the horse show, fence judging or helping at the clay shoot is greatly appreciated. Without this, the committee would not be able to organise and hold the larger events that we organise annually. These events are held to generate the funds needed to help support the Hunt financially. Thank you to you all.

A little reminder to all members. The annual subscriptions are due at the AGM and you will be able to pay them on the night. If you are unable to attend you can post it to Mrs Charlotte Key, Hunters Lodge, Brewers Lane, Badsey, Evesham, Worcester. WR11 7EU. (£15.00 family, £10.00 individual).

Once again, many thanks for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at the AGM and our social events for 2008/09.

Regards

Catherine Hurley

Chairman Croome Hunt Supporters Club

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CROOME HUNT SUPPORTERS' CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

For the 39th Annual General Meeting of the Croome Hunt Supporters Club to be held at Drakes Broughton Village Hall, on Thursday 25th September 2008 to start promptly at 8.00p.m.

1. Apologies For Absence
2. To receive and approve the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 28th September 2007
3. To discuss any matters arising from these minutes
4. Chairman's Report
5. Hon. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Chairman and Committee Members
7. Future Events for 2008/09 season
8. Any Further Business

Promise Auction

On Friday 18th April, Peopleton Village Hall was taken over with the sound of a gavel hitting wood when promises were brought under the hammer.

After months of preparation, cajoling, asking and sometimes pleading for promises the day finally arrived when we could realise all our hard work in turning promises into money. The promise auction was to raise money for the Help 4 Heroes charity and the C&WW hunt.

We had a tremendous response in promises with over 80 coming forward. We were greatly helped by Ian Baldry, who is the Help 4 Heroes co-ordinator for Worcestershire who put his full weight behind the auction and secured great promises like Badminton 4 day tickets, golf days and a signed cricket bat from Worcester County Cricket. Both Ian and I went to the cricket club for a presentation from the Captain Vikram Solanki and his team mates.

The CHSC committee would like to pass on our tremendous thanks to everyone that gave promises to the auction. The evening wouldn't have been the success it was without your generosity.

With over 80 lots, a great auctioneer in Dan Lovett, who I would like to give my whole hearted thanks to for helping us out, we had to have a good shot at raising some money. On the night we had some great bids, which finally ended up in raising £4,600. The money has been split between Help 4 Heroes and the Supporter Club hunt funds, which we will be able to use to help support the hunt and Peter in buying various things over the forthcoming years.

Thank you to all those people that came and purchased a promise and supported the supporters club, the hunt and help 4 heroes. It is greatly appreciated and I hope that you all enjoy or use your promises over the next few months.



From the Chair.

Welcome to the next edition of the Croome Hunt Supporters Club newsletter. I hope this finds you all in good health as we start to enjoy the English summer and endless barbecues and summer parties.

Obviously in our closed season I don't have very much to say about the hunting side of things and our minds are taken away from the enjoyment of the sport to fund raising through, hopefully, the drier months. However, it is still a busy time for Peter who keeps the kennels clean and tidy and gets the hounds looking their best for the showing ring, whether it is a national hound show like Peterborough or our own Puppy Show in July. I'm certainly looking forward to this one as we have our first puppies that we've walked being entered so the kids and I are looking forward to seeing how they do.

I would also like to let you know that we have a new young couple that are living down at the Kennels. Johnny Wilkinson (no not the rugby one) and Pippa Gowenlock are now in the top cottage at the kennels and Johnny is helping Peter out around the kennels allowing Peter to have a well-earned break. So if you see a young lad in Peter's pickup and it's not Peter, no he hasn't suddenly got younger, it's Johnny. So welcome to Pippa and Johnny and please make them welcome into the community.

Onto our fund raising events that we have held since the last newsletter. Our end of season supper went down a treat as always. We had a change of venue this year to Arrow Mill and they did us proud. We were served with lovely food and enjoyed good company, our guest speakers from Help 4 Heroes gave us a flavor of the charity and the work that they are trying to do and raise money for.

Which moves us nicely onto the big event of the year, the Promise Auction. Well it took some organizing and cajoling of people to get promises but in the end it came together. We raised a total of £4,600 on the evening. For a more detailed report please see the article within the newsletter.

Following the Promise auction we held a Hunter Trial at Bissell wood instead of the fun ride on Bredon Hill. We had a few people turn up but unfortunately we fell foul of the wet weather, which stopped a lot of competitors turning up. I would like to give my thanks to all the fence stewards that came and helped us on the day and braved the weather. I hope we haven't put you off for the future.

From the Chair

And most recently we held our Clay Shoot at Cowsden Hall by kind permission of David Lane. We had a lovely night with the weather being kind to us. Not as successful as last year due to a championship gathering in Hereford, but still a good night. Thank you to the lads from the Bishampton shoot for helping us out in setting up the traps.

Onto the future. Within the newsletter you will find our updated Diary Dates so please add these to your diaries and support us in these future events. I am now starting to look at the Open Day for 2009 so if you have any ideas, want to sell something in the craft or farmers market marquee or even led a hand, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you to those of you who have paid your annual subscription. This subscription pays towards the production of this newsletter so if you are still outstanding, please send your subs to Charlotte Key. Details found within the newsletter.

All that leaves me to say is enjoy the newsletter, keep in touch over the summer, keep your diaries up to date with our summer/autumn events and look forward to seeing you all out and about.

Regards

Catherine Hurley
Chairman

P.s. Please be aware that the family and I have moved house and our new address is Martinbrook Farm, Lower Town, Claines, Worcester WR3 7RY - 01905 753666 - 07974 024344.

Bisslewood Hunter Trial

On the 25th May the supporters club held a Hunter Trial at Bisslewood, with classes starting at 2'3" up to 3'3", the weather was not in our favour as it rained from the moment we arrived until the time we left. The rain did not put off our supporters from the Croome with Vicky Gowenlock winning her class, Jane Goodhead and Laura Fiddes placed in the pairs and Laura being places in the 3'3", well done to every one.

A HUGE thank you to all those who fence judged and helped on the day we would not be able to run these events without your support .

Hilltop Hunter Trial

Once again this year we are holding a hunter trial at Hilltop, Ledbury, this has been a very successful event for us over the last few years and we are hoping to raise a lot of money again this year. We have changed the date to 19th October, with the hope that those of you who ride will have their horses in and will be autumn hunting, so will come and compete.

Once again we will need around 20 fence judges so if you are able to help for the day (or 1/2 a day) please let one of the committee know.