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KEEPING UP WITH THE PACK THE NEWS LETTER OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT HUNT LTD October 2016





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In order to be able to vote at any IWH Ltd General Meetings you are required to be a member. It is a Company Limited by guarantee of £1. Should you wish to become a member please contact

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Keep up with the pack

Remember to keep an eye on our website www.iwfoxhounds.com for up to date info on planned events, If you have an idea for an event but would like help getting it off the ground please contact The Hunt Secretary **Eve Ablitt tel: 07970 731016** or Hunt Supporters Club Secretary **Di Rann tel: 292473**

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Master's Report Autumn 2016

As I write we are fast approaching Opening Meet with only ten more days of Autumn Hunting to arrange. At the time that we appointed Emlyn I remember saying that he would be the fourth huntsman I had had the pleasure of introducing to the Island, taking around to meet our farmers and landowners and showing the layout of the various hunting areas (and their pitfalls).

I remember saying at that time that although for a new huntsman this is a time consuming task, that I was looking forward to the challenge and particularly to working with a young man at the beginning of his career, taking his own pack for the first time.

How right I was!

We have had some lovely days this Autumn, Emlyn has been confident with his new hounds, given them all a wonderful chance to hone their skills and demonstrated that sound balance between enthusiasm and due care that is essential to a successful career here on the Island.

We have all enjoyed bacon roll breakfasts thanks to Rosie and others, and I would like to thank all those of you who have kept up the dawn starts which are in this dry Autumn essential for hounds to have a chance to work.

I look forward to an exciting season ahead. Tally Ho!!

Countryside Alliance

All members are encouraged to join The Countryside Alliance please look on their Website it is very interesting and full of news and information

WWW.countryside-alliance.org

The Summer Scurry

The event was a huge success thanks to Harold George and his team of Andrea George, Matt Legge and Colin Boswell who transformed the field into a race course in what seemed no time at all! The weather was kind to us and Emlyn did a super job of looking after the jockeys. Thank you to Bumble for being available to catch loose horses and ponies. Luckily we did not keep her too busy! Thank you to all those who helped and supported in making what will hopefully be the start of many summer scurrries. It raised over £800 for the hunt.

Race 1 18yrs & under

1st Jessica Morris - Poster's Frolic

2nd Paige Ely – Domino

3rd John Waghorn - Chevy

Race 2 Over 18yrs

1st Jenny Coke - Peregrina

2nd Sharon Waghorn - Ramiro's Quest

3rd Anne Eldridge – Rowdown Nightlife

4th Sue Jones – Flicker

Race 3 30 years & under

1st Lydia Buckeridge – Thorndale Hazey King

2nd Paige Ely – Harleyquinn II

3rd Laura Selby Spring Thyme

4th Tatty Liddle – Kelsie

Race 4 Over 30 years

1st Karen Begley – Signs of Love

2nd Rosemary Jones – Jasper

3rd Colin Boswell – Tory

Day trip to The Combined Services

Rundle Cup Polo

Anna - Marie organised for us a day trip to watch the combined services polo at Tedworth Park and here are the comments from one of our party

Through the eyes of a first timer pleasantly surprised by such a fun and very well organised event. Journey up was fun and entertainment on the coach through raffle and commentary was a blast.

To have front seats / blanket within such a relaxed atmosphere in beautiful grounds was a great start to the Polo. Clear commentary and fun (stamping the divots??) through great company and browsing stalls.

A must do again next year .

A Stressful Game This Polo



Dunsbury 2016

We were fortunate to have some lovely weather again this year for Dunsbury Cross Country. Many thanks to Patrick and Susannah Seely for their continued support with this event and the National Trust for allowing us to use the course. A huge thank you to Brian Waghorn for putting the course together. It looked amazing and the day ran smoothly. A huge thank you from the riders to our jumps stewards-without who we could not hold the event. I will be contacting you all for next year! The two day element of the event introduced a couple of years ago is proving very popular. Entries were up for the Dunsbury challenge which involves the eventing disciplines of dressage, show jumping and cross country. Dressage and show jumping was held on the Saturday at Little Kennerley Farm in Godshill by kind permission of Dawn and Andy Webster. Many thanks to them for the use of their facilities. Riders can enter just the Dressage or Dressage and Show Jumping which is a Combined Training class. Entries were good and we managed to raise just short of £2500 for the Hunt.

Wallace & Gromit

"I wonder if he would come over and bring some of the puppets?"

I have a habit of coming out with thoughts which have been forming for some time and expecting John to instantly know what I am on about!

Having seen that Dave Riddett (husband of my stepdaughter) was occasionally giving talks about that famous pair Wallace and Gromit and the others like Shaun the sheep and Feathers McGraw I was wondering if he might include the Island. I plucked up courage to ask him and was delighted when he said he would come; we hadn't seen them for 7 years and so had a lot of catching up to do and hopefully funds would be raised. I asked the Hunt Supporters Committee that a donation was given to our Air Ambulance which helped persuade Dave, he not being a hunting man, although Rachel used to come out with hounds in our Cornwall days.

There followed a worrying few weeks lots of advertising with posters everywhere. It seemed to take forever and then suddenly bookings came rolling in. We were so lucky to be able to use Cowes Enterprise College which is a superb venue. Dave brought several of the puppets with him from Morph to Shaun the Sheep and the Farmer and of course Wallace and Gromit. The first reaction from the 200 strong audience was how small they are. Gromit for example sits in the palm of Dave's hand. We learned how they could spend 2 years shooting by the stop-motion method and perhaps only produce 2 seconds of usable material in a day, how they filmed the train chase where Gromit lays out the extra track in front of the train just in time and that the look of rain running down the window pane is achieved by blowing gently on blobs of KY Jelly with straws! These days digital technology is occasionally used; for example to paint out the rigs used to support flying characters.

It was a good fund raiser and £400 was handed to The Air Ambulance, after all any one of us might need it at some time.



Charity Tractor Run to Kings Manor

On Sunday 5 June 2016 tractors from across the island set-off for a journey to Kings Manor, Freshwater, the home of the Sheldon Family, direct descendants of Harry Ferguson. The day was organised following the Ferguson Club's suggestion to hold local road runs all over the country on the same day in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support to celebrate seven important Ferguson anniversaries:

- 1936 Ferguson Brown – 80 years.
- 1946 Ferguson TE20 – 70 years.
- 1956 Ferguson FE35 Grey / Gold – 60 years.
- 1976 Massey Ferguson 500 series – 40 years.
- 1986 Massey Ferguson 300/3000 series – 30 years
- The Ferguson Club – 30 years.
- Friends of Ferguson – 21 years.

Once we had looked round the museum several times and our brains were unable to take in any more we went back out into the sunshine for a cream tea (supplied by IWHSC) in the garden. Kings Manor is set in a stunning position on the bank of the River Yar with beautiful views to Yarmouth in one direction and the Causeway at Freshwater in the other. This was a great opportunity for all the drivers and their families



to relax and chat about their tractors and the interesting things they had seen in the museum.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the tractor drivers that took part in the run – the event raised £300 for MacMillan Cancer Support. Thank you to Suzie and family for letting us invade and to Ian Rann for coordinating the tractors.

MASTER DIRECTIVE NUMBER 42

I have decided that in order to make Emlyn feel at home all Hunt Supporters are to acquaint themselves with the Welsh language.

To this end vocabulary tests will be carried on the hunting field on a regular basis.

There is a requirement to submit a short essay in Welsh to the Senior Master - 100 words - by the first of December. The first vocabulary test, please supply the Welsh words for the following:-

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| 1. Fox - | 6. Lesbian - |
| 2. Trail Layer - | 7. Senior - |
| 3. House - | 8. Bikini - |
| 4. Line - | 9. Master - |
| 5. Wax - | 10. Travelling - |

Notice Board & Dates for your Diary

Lucky Winners of the 200 Club Draw

Aug 2016 £100.00 Neil Lilley £75.00 Daphine Bates
 £50.00 Sharon Groves £25.00 James Brett

As they say you've got to be in it to win it – Join now when you renew your IW Hunt Supporters Club Membership.

Isle of Wight Hunt Supporters Club

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Wednesday 16th November 7:30 for 8pm

The Chequers Inn, Rookley

Introduce a new member and get a discount on your membership

I W Hunt Supporters Club
Cordially Invites You to Our

CHRISTMAS JUMPER PARTY

Come and enjoy a delicious supper and have some early Christmas fun

Friday December 9th - 7:00 p.m.

Tickets £15

Bring your own drinks

ARRETON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Competitions

Not compulsory but please try something !!

Christmas Hat or Jumper

Sloe Gin

Christmas Tree Decoration

Interesting Hip Flask

Six Mince Pies

Call Heather on 866776 to book

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I wonder if you're looking down
And cursing all this fuss
I wonder if you know how much
You're missed by all of us
I wonder if the weathers good
And if the Hunting's hard
And if the horses jump like stags
And do you have a yard
And does the yard have chickens
And ducks and geese and goats
Can you see a shore line
And can you see some boats
Is cubbing still in autumn
Are you up at crack of dawn
Can you sit the biggest bucks
Did you see your new foal born
Have you caught up with old friends
That beat you to the post
Do you look the same as ever
And are you now a ghost
And if you are in heaven
Which where I guess you'll be
Do you to pay a cap
Or is the hunting free

Are racetracks flat and emerald green
And all have perfect turf
Can you ride on sandy beaches
And cool legs in the surf
Do you ride in chases
Is using whips a sin
Do you ride in your old colours
And do you always win
Are your dogs as well behaved
As well behaved can be
And is your garden tidy
And is it chicken free
Is every day a sunny day
And every night sky full of stars
Does everyone ride horses
And nobody drive cars
Are you cooking just for pleasure
Does it always turn out great
Are you getting better organised
And never running late
A hundred different questions
Will never answer why
You baled out with such dignity
But never said good-bye