



the
AUSTRINGER

News journal of the WELSH HAWKING CLUB

Editorial.

Despite many setbacks we have at last managed to produce the first issue of what we hope will be, a regular "literary" masterpiece, which is intended to bridge the difficult gap of keeping you acquainted as to what is happening in the Welsh Hawking Club. We realise that with so many members living well away from meeting venues, the only way to keep you all in the picture and help you to feel you are a member, is by "feeding" any news by means of this Newsletter.

In order to make your Newsletter interesting it is as much your responsibility to keep the Editor busy by giving him matters of interest for future issues. We also ask your help in giving suggestions of subjects that could be discussed that would be of general interest.

On then into the first gems of The Austringer, and long may they reign. The "Handy Annual" is flowering at long last.

Editor.

Club Services etc.

Membership.

Current membership is something like 50 souls. Many have joined in the past and failed to resubscribe so we aim to send this first issue only to all who have in the past been members in the hope that their interest may be re-kindled and they may decide to rejoin.

Subscriptions should be sent to :-

Les.Reid (Hon. Treasurer),
"Grove Villa",
Llanarth,
Nr. Raglan,
Mon.

Library.

As most of you already know we have formed a most interesting library of Hawking Books, which are available to all members on request. A small charge is made to cover postal expenses etc. The Librarian, Mr.L.Workman, has asked me to remind you that if you have any publications, that is, one no longer used by you we would be happy to include them in our lists. This is your library, please use it, and make your librarian feel he is doing something.

The following books are available:-

- 1.HAWK FOR THE BUSH.by J.G.Mavrogordato.
- 2.FALCONRY FOR YOU. by Humphrey apEvans.
- 3.THE ART AND PRACTICE OF HAWKING. by E.B.Michell.
- 4.THE MANUAL OF FALCONRY. by M.H.Woodford.
- 5.OBSERVATIONS ON MODERN FALCONRY. by R.Stevens.
- 6.THE GOSHAWK. by T.H.White.
- 7.THE HAWKING OF JAPAN. by E.W.Jameson,Jr.
- 8.A BEGINNERS MANUAL OF FALCONRY. (2 copies).

Members may borrow the above listed books for two weeks only at a charge of 2/6d. and should be returned by Registered Post to the Librarian. (address overleaf)

Library cont'd.

L. Workman,
"Ynysdawel",
Rudry,
Nr. Caerphilly,
Glam.
Phone No. Caerphilly, 3810.
" " Cardiff, 752107 (Daytime)

We would like to thank Jim Cullen, the previous librarian, for his efforts in getting this section off the ground, we are sorry to see him abdicate.

Hawking Furniture.

In response to numerous requests we are now holding stocks of Hawking furniture. You will notice that most of the items are at a ridiculously low price. The reason being that most of the equipment is made by club members and supplied at cost of material only. This is a "members only" service and the goods are not available outside the club on those prices.

After months of trial and error one of our members, Gordon Gower, has managed to make pairs of Goshawk bells. This is a remarkable achievement when you consider that the art of bell making has been limited to a mere handful of Oriental and European metal working experts. Most bells available in this country have to be imported and undoubtedly this announcement will cause great interest to falconers in Great Britain and our European friends.

Many congratulations, Gordon. Incidentally, Lorant de Bastyai has tried these bells and confirms that they are absolutely first rate and up to the standards of bells he has had from all over the world.

When applying for furniture etc. please include cash with order, adding 2/- to cover postage etc., and state your requirements precisely and give details of the Hawk it is intended for.

Orders to Les.Reid. (price list overleaf)

Hawking Furniture cont'd.Price List.

Pure Neatsfoot Oil	2. 6d. per lb jar (supplied)
Jesses (rawhide)	5. Od. pair .
Leashes	5. Od. each
Lures (made to spec.)	15. Od. each
Bells (Goshawk size)	10. Od. pair

Club Tie.

We now have available our own Welsh Hawking Club Tie. Cost £1.5.0d. cash with order to Les Reid.

This is a most attractive tie. Hunting green background with our own Club Replica circled in red with a repetitive pattern. This tie can be used quite easily as casual wear but would look equally at home with a dress suit.

It was designed by one of our Club members, Eric George, to whom we extend our thanks.

Every member in the club should have one, so get your orders rolling.

Hawks.

Members wishing to dispose of or requiring birds, should place their enquiries with relevant details to the Hon. Secretary, Terry Jenkins. He will do his best to accommodate you.

Address.

30, Rumney Walk,
Llanyravon,
Cwmbran,
Mon.

N.B. Will members please refrain from using the address stated on Club letter heading, and direct all correspondence to above address until notified otherwise.

Secretary's Page.

Quite by accident I recently learned that a number of people have written to me and received no acknowledgement. The fault lay, not with myself, but with the Post Office, who had been instructed to re-direct my mail. This they did not do, returning all mail to senders and omitted to keep any record of these people. If any members are aware of any of these persons would they kindly request them to write me, at the address shown on the previous page. They can be assured of my immediate attention.

With regard to future activities, the club will be holding an informal dinner party on Tuesday, 7th May, 8.00pm at "The Kestrel" Bwlch. Guests may be invited. The dinner will comprise of four courses, at approximately 17/6d per head. Please inform me of your intention to attend at your earliest possible convenience, so that arrangements can be finalised in good time.

By the way don't worry about the "Drink and Drive", those members that were somewhat concerned regarding this, are talking in terms of arranging a mini bus, and for those who may find it impossible to ascend the steps of the bus, no doubt can be fixed up with B.& B. by Peter Nannfeldt.

The Club has been asked and has agreed to arrange a Hawking Display at the Welsh Game Fair to be held at Bridgend on the 3rd August. Our President, Lorent de Bastyai, together with other members, will, it is hoped, be flying their falcons. Hawking Furniture and other items will be on display.

The 2nd International Falconers Meeting In Austria, organised by the OSTERREICHISCHER FALKNERORDEN, will be held in Maschegg, near Vienna, on September 24th-28th 1968. An invitation has been extended to all our members. From information received it should prove quite an event. Those wishing to attend please drop me a line.

It is hoped that "The Austringer" will be issued approximately every three months. The next issue will carry amongst other things a list of members addresses and information on how to apply for a licence to take a bird of prey in this country. I appreciate that some members may require this information prior to the next issue. Those that do I will gladly forward the required information.

News Shorts.

Peter Nannfeldt's new business venture is going like a bomb, despite the plastic bag. Mine host will be happy to see any members and their friends at The Kestrel, Nr. Bwlch.

Congratulations to Graham Date on having one of his Wildlife photographs printed in the Shooting Times.

Michael Woodford, Hon. Sec. of the British Falconers Club has left for Africa where he is doing an 18 month stint. We wish him a happy trip.

Our President has lost his Sakaret whilst flying it at Leamington. Perhaps the quarry was too large.
