



### 'HK's FEBRUARY BLOG'

The blog of Mullenscote Dog Training Centre and Lains Shooting School



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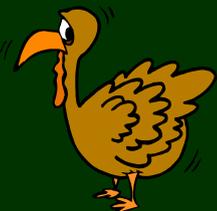
OOOOHHHH NOOOO! The Shooting Season has finished, no more shooting days, travelling, nights away, trialling, catching up with all the gossip or skiving off work. However will we survive? It's definitely going to be difficult but it will mean a couple of months of general busy, busy and re-grouping then Pow! Back on the show circuit again, more travelling, nights away, dog demo's, catching up with all the gossip and skiving off work. I like that stuff.

#### Trial Results

We've had a really great Competition season with some great results. Link started at the Top of his game winning the Kennel Club Open Cocker which qualified him for the Cocker Championships where he gained a Diploma of Merit, Monty ran twice got a COM and then a second in the Meon Valley AV (Any Variety) and Tashi the GLP went out won his first trial with the Bristol and West at Durley and then got a trio of COM's, three guns choices and finished this season with a win at the Norfolk and Suffolk All Aged held at Boreham in Essex. Very pleased!.....



#### Fierce New Grouse Targets



With the assistance of Andrew of Bowman Traps we have installed a Variable Target system into the Grouse Butt layout, the Grouse Targets thrown over the butts are really testing and will certainly test the very best. Lain's regular and his grandson commented after a session in the Butt, "Brilliant, we loved it, great fun, ohh boy those targets are Fierce." So there's the challenge, Can you do Fierce?



Very much looking forward to this year's Shows and demo's, there are some new venues. The Royal Bath and West Show, Chatsworth Horse Trials and The Game Conservancy are on the list. Some of the old hands, Henry, Brook, Sam, Tim and Carrie along with a couple of new canine stars will be Climbing aboard Mullenscote Tour lorry so that should be loads of fun. Further dates are to be added so watch our website.

25 <sup>th</sup> April	Game Conservancy
4 <sup>th</sup> May	New Forest Spring Fair
17/18 <sup>th</sup> May	Chatsworth Horse Trials
28/29/30/31 <sup>st</sup>	Royal Bath and West Show
17/18 <sup>th</sup> June	Cheshire County Show
29/30/31 <sup>st</sup> July	New Forest Show
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Countryside Alliance Warwickshire

If you're at one of the shows don't forget to come and say Hello...



## Training Courses

Training a dog can and should be a highly rewarding experience, in reality living with a dog that pulls on the lead, jumps all over your children and guests, runs off at every opportunity, has killed the neighbours rabbit and tries to hump anyone who stands still for long enough is not always as you imagined life with a dog to be.

Here at Mullenscote our structured PAWGO (Pet and Working Gundog Organisation) courses are designed to bring like minded groups of dog owners together on a weekly basis. Using Discussion, Demonstration mixed with Practical Dog training we deliver a course aimed at helping handlers to prevent, avoid and manage some of the behaviours our dogs present. Focussing on giving our dogs purpose, something to do and clear structure is a positive way to approach life with a dog, so come on train your Gundog to be errrrmmnn? You got it A Gundog.

We have two new courses, the first for puppy training and the second a platinum course for working gundogs. All details and course dates are printed at the end of this blog.

Dates and detail on <http://www.mullenscote.co.uk/courses.html> or call us on **01264 889467**

## KC Working Gundog Certificate

We are holding a Kennel Club Working Gundog Certificate assessment day on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014, places are limited to just 12 candidates so do make sure you book early. The day will be jointly assessed by Lez Graham and myself (Howard Kirby).



## Quote of the Month

Whilst sat in the classroom with a middle aged couple, the wife had phoned and booked a dog training lesson expressing explicitly that her husband thinks he knows everything about training a dog but is really not very good with theirs. Two minutes into the lesson husband says " I'm much better with the dog than my wife, Fido is really obedient with me." Wife turns to husband and gives him the 'special stare'.. husband shuffles nervously in his chair and looks at the floor. I think 'whoops it's going to be a very quiet ride home in the car.'

## Weddings Bar Mitzvahs and Children's Parties



I seem to be venturing into a career that allows me out after dark, After Dinner Speaking, whoever would have thought that! Does the after Dinner Speaker get to have Dinner?

## Sporting Shooter

### Stop telling Fibs

As part of my work for The Fantastic Sporting Shooter Magazine I am asked to write answers to readers questions, if you get the magazine, apologies you may have seen this, if not why not? Hurry up Subscribe now. I hope you enjoy it as much as I enjoyed writing the answer

Q.....I've been invited to go shooting at my girlfriends parents farm, stupidly I told them and my girl friend that I have been shooting all my life but the truth is I've never even held a gun and I've only been on one shoot as a beater two years ago. The shoot day is in late January...Helpppppp!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

A.....Whoops! Firstly don't worry you're not the first, and it's a good opportunity to talk about just how much experience one should gain before going on a peg for the first time, so many people have just one lesson and then assume they're ready, secondly ohhh dear you are in deep, deep trouble. Hey I'm not about to give you relationship advice, but honesty is definitely going to be the best policy here. Short of you going and working on a Shoot for the next three months you're not going to have enough experience to bluff your way around this one young man. Any experienced 'Country-person' will see right through your waffle the moment you start to talk about the subject or worse still if they just hand you a gun. Go and see your girlfriend, explain your situation, tell her you told fibs because of your undying Love for her, trust me it will work. You will then need to have a quiet word with her Father (rather you than me) and explain that you have been a Pillock and because of your devotion to his daughter you have made an error of judgement. If he's a decent sort of chap he will understand you're stupidity, bearing in mind he's a boy too.

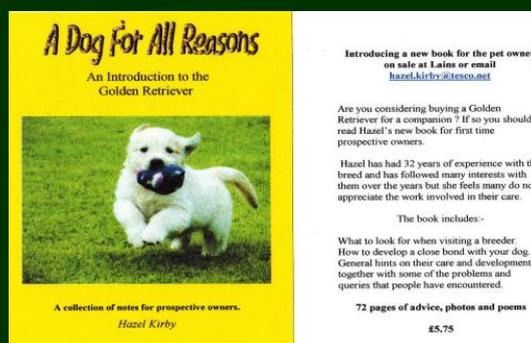
Assuming you are not sent packing you will then be able to explain that you have enrolled on a series of shooting lessons, (that means at least two per week for the next three months and that's at least 24 by my maths, a top of the shelf Game Shooting Instructor will have you looking pretty slick by then) which will cost you but if you are to put in a good show nothing less will do. Tell him that you would like to bring your Instructor with you on the Shoot day to ensure that you do everything safely and correctly.

You don't need to be a brilliant shot to go game shooting but it's essential you know how to handle and shoot a Shotgun safely. Ideally you would get to spend some time in the Beating line or with the Pickers up to get a better understanding of the day's events. The more you understand what goes on the better you will be able to make the most of what is a wonderful days sport.

So come clean, learn how to Shoot properly and stop telling Fibs. Have a brilliant season!

## Hazels New Book

Hazel Kirby has just published this new book, although written with Golden Retrievers in mind, it has some really useful stuff in it about the day to day introduction and management of any puppy to your home, priced at £5.75 it's well worth having.



# KEEP TRAINING!!!



Howard

## Chudleys Dog Food



Look! Great Price....Chudleys Classic 15kgs - £15.99

## Gift Vouchers

'Easter is coming , your dog is getting fit, so get off your backside and let's do something about it!' (Just a little poem I wrote)

How about an Easter Voucher for the love of your life (your spouse not the dog!). Maybe a series of Dog Training or Shooting Lessons? Give the office a call and we'll send the voucher to you.



## Full Details of Courses (As promised ...)

Course	Brief Description	Dates	
Brand New Puppy Training and Socialisation Course  <b>NEW</b>	<i>A 5 Week Course designed to assist and advise Owners how to train and socialise a young puppy. Motivating your puppy, Basic obedience, Loose Lead walking, Meet &amp; Greet and supervised Play and Socialisation groups.</i>  <i>For Puppies 12-20 wks at start of course</i>	Course starts on Sunday 09 March 2014 at 9.00am – 10.30am Then 16th , 23rd, 30 <sup>th</sup> of March	<b>ASSESSMENT DAY</b> 06 of April 9.00am – 10.30am  <b>PRICE PER COURSE IS £99.00</b>
Working Gundog - Platinum Course  <b>NEW</b>	<i>Our new training course designed specifically for Handlers that have reached our Gold Award standard and are now wanting to work towards taking their KC Working Gundog Certificate here at Mullenscote before moving on to live game in the Shooting Field.</i>	Saturday 08 March 10.00am – 11.30am Saturday 15 March 10.00am – 11.30am Saturday 22 March 10.00am – 11.30am Saturday 29 March 10.00am - 11.30am Saturday 05 April 10.00am – 11.30am	<b>ASSESSMENT DAY</b> SATURDAY 12 APRIL 10.00am – 11.30am  <b>PRICE PER COURSE IS £125.00</b>
Foundation Course	<i>Basic course for young gundogs at the start of their training. Instruction will concentrate on the basics of heel work, sit, stay, recall and introduce the dog to basic retrieving. Socialisation with other dogs and handlers will also be covered.</i>	Sunday 09 March 11.00am - 12.30pm Sunday 16 March 11.00am - 12.30pm Sunday 23 March 11.00am - 12.30pm Sunday 30 March 11.00am - 12.30pm Sunday 06 April 11.00am - 12.30pm	<b>ASSESSMENT DAY</b> SUNDAY 13 APRIL 11.00am - 12.30pm  <b>COST OF £125.00</b>

Bronze Courses	<i>Entry level course following on from foundation training aiming to prepare handlers and dogs for taking the Kennel Club Working Gundog Certificate. Dogs will be streamed into classes to match their stage of learning.</i>	Sunday 09 March 2.00pm – 3.30pm Sunday 16 March 2.00pm – 3.30pm Sunday 23 March 2.00pm – 3.30pm Sunday 30 March 2.00pm – 3.30pm Sunday 06 April 2.00pm – 3.30pm	<b>ASSESSMENT DAY</b> SUNDAY 13 APRIL 2.00pm – 3.30pm  <b>COST OF £125.00</b>
Silver & Gold Course	<i>A follow on to Basic Training courses, aiming to produce a well trained Shooting Dog that is now handled off lead and continues to advance retrieving skills to multiple retrieves, blinds, Gunshot and steadiness.</i>	<b>Silver</b> Saturday 08 March 12.30pm – 2.00pm Saturday 15 March 12.30pm – 2.00pm Saturday 22 March 12.30pm – 2.00pm Saturday 29 March 12.30pm – 2.00pm Saturday 05 April 12.30pm – 2.00pm  <b>Gold</b> Saturday 08 March 2.30pm - 4.00pm Saturday 15 March 2.30pm - 4.00pm Saturday 22 March 2.30pm - 4.00pm Saturday 29 March 2.30pm - 4.00pm Saturday 05 April 2.30pm - 4.00pm	<b>ASSESSMENT DAY</b> SATURDAY 12 APRIL 12.30PM - 2.00PM  <b>PRICE PER COURSE IS £125.00</b>  <b>ASSESSMENT DAY</b> SATURDAY 12 APRIL 2.30pm - 4.00pm  <b>PRICE PER COURSE IS £125.00</b>

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### Mullenscote Links and Information

**Club Membership** – free access to rabbit and bird pens, 10% discount on dog food and much much more for just £48 for the year. Call for details on 01264 889467

**Course Dates** - <http://www.mullenscote.co.uk/courses.html>

**Shows and Events** - [http://www.mullenscote.co.uk/shows\\_and\\_events.html](http://www.mullenscote.co.uk/shows_and_events.html)

### Training DVDs, Dog Food, Hunter Wellies and more



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