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## SOCIAL CALENDAR

- 26.1.03. BRAES OF DERWENT HUNT BALL: at RAMSIDE HALL  
HOTEL Tks. from Angela Moralee (01388-746315)
- 29.1.03. HUNT BREAKFAST, Before Meet at MOSS INN, Sunnyside,  
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Tel. Jack Wilkinson re details and catering on  
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- JAN/FEB - BDHSC CLUB: Darts match Details from Andrea  
Hodgeson Pls. call 01207-255230
- FEBRUARY  
12.2.03. "CALL MY QUAFF": Sorry POSTPONED But join us on  
for A "VALENTINE QUIZ" & FUN EVENING at THE MILL,  
KNITSLEY. Tks & details from Dave & Erica Smith  
Please Call 01740-653501
- 8.3.03. BDHSC SOCIAL EVENING: at St Aidens Hall, Blackhill,  
Consett. Tks from Margaret Smales 01207-509266.
- 21.4.03. BDH POINT TO POINT: at Downhills,  
Corbridge - Everyone welcome.
- 27.4.03. BDHSC CLAY PIGEON SHOOT: @ Hownsgill Farm. Tel:  
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## Hunting Report

Hunting in the New Season took off on Opening Meet Day on the "Northumberland Side" on Saturday 26th OCTOBER, preceded by a hunt breakfast, kindly hosted by Val and John Armstrong from their home HIGH BARN, APPERLEY Banks.

There were plenty of foxes afoot, which kept us all on our toes. Hounds dispersed in different directions on a good many scents, - and at one point on our travels we got good sighting of Charlie who came towards us - if we hadn't "ducked" we would have headed him, - hounds soon followed after a few hearty 'holloas'. Although the day was blank, it was really busy day for all concerned.

\*And many thanks to Les Smith, family and friends who generously provided everyone with a warm send-off for the Opening Meet for the "Wednesday Country" on 30th October from KNISLEY MILL, (See further report).

Saturday 2nd NOVEMBER, from SNODS EDGE. We met on a cloudy morning by Snods Churchyard. (David Martell explained to a number of followers, how fitting it was to note that Mr Priestman, a past Master of BDH for some 50 years, lies there, his headstone proudly telling the world at large of his Mastership of our Hunt.) - Nothing much has changed in that area since his day, thank goodness, except because of the now busy road in that quiet place, it was felt safer for the mounted field and followers to assemble in the field!

The first draw took place below North Snods farm. Hounds soon picked up scent, and as Robin and I sat upon some piled logs, Charlie headed straight for us! The bob-tailed fox came right towards us with the wind in the right direction, and in our favour, - once again we had to move quickly to get out of sight. But Charlie turned left-handed down the farm track. I almost thought he was going to clamber over the top of us - (I've never been so close to a fox, and wished I had my camera!) A "Tally-ho Away" was heard nearby and 7½ couple soon came to our cries along with Simon blowing them on. There were two foxes in here, and Simon came back as hounds made plenty of cry whilst on a scent. It was 'touch and go' where to be to get sight of Charlie again, but I guess Robin and I felt we had our share of spotting him (or they). Hounds were given a full circle run-around between Fines House and Shotelyfield, and after much local hunting Simon blew for home around 5.15.

We met at BROOMLEY on 7th NOVEMBER. - Hounds screamed across Broomley Fell and gave plenty of cry, as they got on to scent in the lower wood. Our fox gave the run-about and went to ground at the Bridges. Hounds picked up scent again at Broomley Fell Wood, and ran across to Broomley Fell Farm - It was a good line and a good chase, and although they worked very hard unfortunately ran out of scent, as Charlie appeared to run on to Riding Mill.

Hunting Report Continued...

Simon then took hounds back towards the far side of Broomley, and the field watched them working by Fell House Cottage for some time. They then moved on to Lower Bridges at a good pace, on a scent with plenty of cry. Hounds were called back and taken into the far side of Wheelbirks Wood Ford, where much music was heard. Then our fox gave the runabout, and hounds followed the line on into Fell Wood. - Despite much hard work from hounds and huntsmen it was a blank day, but as usual it was good to be part of it!

**"GREY FOX'S VIXEN"**

Wednesday 30th October, KNITSLEY MILL. - The Opening Meet in the Wednesday Country was this year kindly hosted by Mr Les. Smith, family and friends at "The Mill" on a glorious, if scentless morning.

After drawing Mr Swan's & Mr Tomlinson's coverts blank, Hounds were taken to draw the large whin covert at Bogglehole. A fox was soon on foot and away across the Lanchester-Leadgate road crossing between High & Low Woodside - he skirted Mr Gadd's covert before dropping down over Lund's Lane and the Newhouse Burn, but went to ground in Mr Herdman's covert at Sunnyside.

Wednesday 6th November, PAAL HILL. - After a week of persistent rain things looked more positive for the first meet of the year in the Brancepeth country. A fox was quickly on foot and away from the Hanging Covert on Wooley Hill, - at first it looked as though he might try for the Upper Deerness Valley, but after crossing the road and a quick turn round West Wood, he re-crossed the road and returned to the Hanging Covert. This gave hounds time to settle and it wasn't long before he was fresh found. This time he turned straight down the hill to Waterhouses Wood, & Standalone where he was run into - a good hunt.

Hounds were then taken to draw the windblow on Rabbit Hills and took a fox from here in the direction of Pithouse but they were quickly out of scent. They were then taken to Mr Henry Sedgewick's good whin cover at Hill House and after a fast hunt towards Standalone and back into the bottom, he turned along Rappath where he was marked to ground.

Wednesday 13th November, SATLEY. At first it was touch and go as to whether we would be able to hunt at all due to thick fog on the higher ground, but after enjoying the extended hospitality of Mrs Julie Ross and her gallant band of helpers it was decided to try the Parsons Whin "just to see" - this was blank but as the fog seemed to be clearing lower down, hounds were taken to Sawmill Wood. A fox was quickly on foot and after a turn round the covert he headed out towards Major's Whin and up to East Butsfield where they ran out of scent. Going back to Sawmill a second fox took them towards Browney Bank before turning back up the burn, then right-handed over Longedge Lane to Woodlands Hall, here he turned left to cross behind Woodlands Park Farm and back over Longedge to Major's Whin and up to the Rippon Burn where they again ran out of scent.

Hunting Report Continued...

They were then taken to a field of roots at Broadmeadows Crossroads and managed to get a fox on foot and crossing Eliza Lane they took him up the hill past China Hall to cross Longedge Lane at Oliver Ford, past the ruined steading of High House and down into Beggarside, from here they climbed out to Middles Farm and into Hownsgill where he was given best in fading light.

Wednesday 4th November, HEIME PARK After some local hunting around Cocks Hill and Helme Park Wood, hounds were taken to try the covert around Low Harperley. Finding on the old railway, hounds took their quarry along the riverside to the Houseshoe Covert at McNeil bottoms, - here he turned up to Wadley Wood, and passing close by the badger earths on Chester Hill he dropped into Harperley Dean and up towards Abbotts Close, turning left-handed he made past Harperley Hill and back up the river to where he was found and unfortunately they ran out of scent after a good old-fashioned hound hunt!

**"BILLY ROW"**

OBITUARY:

ERIC GEORGE TEMPLE: "JOCK" Temple was a Kennelman, and subsequently worked as Kennel Huntsman for the Braes of Derwent Hunt for some 30 years. He was the son of Sidney Temple, also a Huntsman to the Braes, (Under Mr Prestston's Mastership) - who was tragically killed at an early age at a railway crossing whilst leading a horse in 1926. Jock joined Hunt service with the Braes straight from school, as a Kennelman and following an accident early in his career although he subsequently became Kennel Huntsman he did not ride, but was an outstanding hound handler. - His management, discipline and his priority to hounds was exemplary, in fact he was known by many at the time to be "the man with the yellow duster", - instead of his whip he always carried a yellow duster in his pocket, which when waved about by him, seemed to have a magical effect on the pack. He left the Braes in 1964, to go on to the Quorn, finally retiring from Hunt Service at the Brocklesby, where the Earl of Yarborough provided Jock with a residential home for the remainder of his life. He died recently in his 82nd year, a very brave man, as very few people knew of his illness. He will be remembered as an exceptional "hound man" and as it was reported in the press on his departure from the Braes - "all done with kindness".

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## CO-OPERATION IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

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## BRAES OF DERWENT HUNT SUPPORTERS CLUB

**BDHSC "100 CLUB":** The recent winners were as follows:-

**AUGUST:** Mr Keith Johnson      **SEPTEMBER:** Mr N Whillis

**OCTOBER:** Mrs Maureen Mace      **NOVEMBER:** Mr H Whitfield

**\*PLEASE NOTE:-** The December draw will be made at the Boxing Day Meet at Lanchester, and will be a £50 "special" for Christmas. Anyone wishing to join "The 100 Club" may do so at any time, - the cost now at December being £11.00 for the remainder of the Subs. year. Pls. send your cheque to BDHSC Treasurer: Mrs Margaret Smales, Allensford Hall, Nr Castleside, Consett, Co. Durham DH8 9EA and she will include you in the draw scheme.      MRS-BDHSC

### SUPPORTERS CLUB - NEW WAGON FOR HOUNDS AND HORSES

The BDHSC have once again provided the solution to the Hunt's transport requirements.

They have purchased a Ford Cargo Wagon and Container which will be used by the Hunt. The container requires some conversion to enable hounds and hounds to be transported together, thus reducing costs and to meet the current regulations when moving different animals in the same vehicle.

A big "Thank You" on behalf of the Hunt Committee to the BDHSC Club for providing this facility which continues the Club's long commitment to assisting with the Hunt's transport needs.

Thanks also to all who have helped with the interim transport arrangements and are planning to undertake the work necessary to complete this particular project. Thank You.      DAC

### BRAES OF DERWENT HUNT HOUND SPONSORSHIP SCHEME:

(The NOVEMBER Draw winner was Mrs Anne Dale). You may of course enter the scheme at any time, - obviously if you join in December 2002, the cost will be 10 months @ £3 = £30.00, and as previously reported Mrs Margaret Smales (at the above address), has kindly agreed to operate the scheme for the Hunt Committee for another 12 month period. If you would like to have more information on the Sponsorship Scheme please call Margaret on 01207-509266.

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\* B.D.H.S.C. SOCIAL EVENING, ON SATURDAY 8TH MARCH 2003 \*

\* At St. Aidens Hall, Blackhill, TKS. FROM Mrs M Smales \*

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DEFRA Minister Alun Michael has announced the Government intends to ban stag hunting and competitive coursing and to subject all other forms of hunting to a stringent licensing system.

The Countryside Alliance and Council of Hunting Associations have signed up to a document of cohesion saying that an attack on any form of properly conducted legal hunting, coursing, shooting or fishing is an attack on all. There is no evidence for this sacrificial gesture of banning stag hunting and coursing, and these sports should be allowed to apply for licences under the same tests of animal welfare and utility as foxhunting. The Countryside Alliance and the Council of Hunting Associations look forward to your support in defending our way of life.

DAC

#### WORKING DOGS DEMONSTRATION

As reported previously, on Sunday 27th October the North East Regional Countryside Alliance organised a "Demonstration of Working Dogs" in the Prime Minister's home village of Trindon. The main purpose of the demonstration was to highlight the fact that any ban on hunting would not only affect packs of hounds but also the many individuals who regularly "hunt" with terriers, lurchers, greyhounds and gundogs.

About 300 people attended along with their dogs on what had to be the wettest morning of the year! The Braes were represented by our Kennelman David Sherwood with a couple of hounds and also in attendance were the Huntsmen of the Zetland and South Durham Hunts.

After a short march through the village, with some of the demonstrators dressed as convicts, being let by a prison officer, and a short rally on the village green the demonstrators left a "Trojan Horse", - in the form of a wooden dog kennel on the forecourt of Trindon Labour Club! Many thanks to all who attended on such a miserable Sunday morning.

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1/2 teaspoon salt  
pepper  
3 fluid ounces stock or hot water  
2-2 1/2 pounds topside, cut 1/2-inch thick

3 tablespoons oil  
4 tablespoons water  
Combine breadcrumbs, onion, celery, parsley, seasonings, and enough stock or water to moisten.

Spread stuffing on meat and roll like a Swiss roll. Tie in several places or fasten with skewers.

Brown roll on all sides in fat. Add water. Cover closely and cook slowly about 1 1/2 hours, or until meat is tender.

Remove to hot dish and make gravy with the liquid in the pan.

Serves 6 to 8.

### QUICK LAMB CURRY

2 ounces sliced mushrooms  
4 ounces diced apple  
1/2 small onion, finely chopped  
3 tablespoons butter or margarine  
2 cans condensed cream of celery soup  
2 teaspoons curry powder  
1 1/2 pounds cubed cooked lamb  
6 ounces rice, cooked  
desiccated coconut

Cook mushrooms, apple, and onion until soft in butter. Add soup, curry powder, and lamb; simmer about 20 minutes.

Heap curried lamb on hot rice; top with coconut. Serves 6.

### Mulled Cider

Serves 4

1.2 litres/2 pts Medium dry cider

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SUN 26 <sup>TH</sup>		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
SUN 2 <sup>ND</sup>	JEDFOREST	FRIARSHAUGH
SUN 9 <sup>TH</sup>		
SUN 16 <sup>TH</sup>	COLLEGE VALLEY	ALNWICK
SUN 23 <sup>RD</sup>	BERWICKSHIRE	FRIARSHAUGH
<b>MARCH</b>		
SUN 2 <sup>ND</sup>	TYNE DALE	CORBRIDGE
SAT 8 <sup>TH</sup>	CUMBERLAND FARMERS	DALSTON
11 <sup>TH</sup> , 12 <sup>TH</sup> , 13 <sup>TH</sup>	CHELTENHAM	MUSSELBURGH
SAT 15 <sup>TH</sup>	NPPA CLUB	FRIARSHAUGH
SAT 22 <sup>RD</sup>	BUCCLEUCH	ALNWICK
SUN 30 <sup>TH</sup>	PERCY	
<b>APRIL</b>		
3 <sup>RD</sup> , 4 <sup>TH</sup> , 5 <sup>TH</sup>	GRAND NATIONAL	LOCKERBIE
SUN 6 <sup>TH</sup>	DUMFRIES	
11 <sup>TH</sup> , 12 <sup>TH</sup>	SCOTTISH GRAND NATIONAL	TRANWELL
SUN 13 <sup>TH</sup>	MORPETH	AYR
SAT 19 <sup>TH</sup>	EGLINTON / L & R	
SUN 20	EASTER	CORBRIDGE
MON 21 <sup>ST</sup>	BRAES OF DEWENT	BALCORMO
SAT 26 <sup>TH</sup>	FIFE	
<b>MAY</b>		
SUN 4 <sup>TH</sup>	LAUDERDALE	MOSSHUSES
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<b>THURSDAY,</b>	26th December	QUEENS HEAD, LANCHESTER, (Boxing Day)
	(Collection for	Hunt Staff)
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	28th December	DR. SYNTAX, NEW RIDLEY
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	1st January	PUNCH BOWL, SATLEY, (New Years Day)
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<b>SATURDAY</b>	4th January	GREY MARE HILL
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8th January	BRANCEPETH MANOR
<b>SATURDAY</b>	11th January	BROADOAK
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	15th January	"PAVILLION" (Formerly New Inn), IVESTON
<b>SATURDAY</b>	18th January	CAMPERDOWN, SHOTLEYFIELD
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	22nd January	WITTON LE WEAR
<b>SATURDAY</b>	25th January	THE MANOR HOUSE INN, CARTAWAY HEADS
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	29th January	MOSS INN, SUNNYSIDE, NEAR TOW LAW, & and
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<b>SATURDAY</b>	1st February	JOINT MEET WITH HAYDON-Moss Kennels
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	5th February	LORD BUTE CROSSROADS
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8th February	THE GLEN, SLALEY
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	12th February	OLIVER FORD, ROWLEY
<b>SATURDAY</b>	15th February	"THE BAIRNS" (Hedley's) CHOPWELL
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	19th February	HOUSELOPE GRANGE
<b>SATURDAY</b>	22nd February	NEWLANDS
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	26th February	HAMSTERLEY HALL
<b>SATURDAY</b>	1st March	SNODS
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	5th March	BRANDON HALL
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8th March	APPERLEY-WHITTONSTALL
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	12th March	LOW WOODSIDE
<b>SATURDAY</b>	15th March	HEALEY

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