

MGS MILBURN GAME & SHOOTING

**QUIDENHAM & HARGHAM ESTATES SHOOT
NARFORD HALL SHOOT
GREAT HOCKHAM SHOOT**

DRIVEN GAME SHOOTING IN NORFOLK

JANUARY '11 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you all enjoyed Christmas and New Year. Notwithstanding the holiday season, we were hard at work in the run up to Christmas and in the period to the New Year. It was all worthwhile as our Guns enjoyed some excellent shooting and hospitality. A thoroughly good time was

had in particular by the various Shoot Syndicates who we provide with a terrific Christmas meal each season so they can enjoy a little of the festive spirit with their shooting colleagues.





WHITE PHEASANTS

Some of you who have visited us this season may have spotted a number of white pheasants on our Estates. These have been providing just a little bit of extra fun as the shooting of one or more can attract a number of penalties or prizes in the entertaining **White Pheasant Challenge**. The rules of engagement are: The first Gun to shoot a white pheasant pays the Shoot £20; If that Gun shoots another one, the other Guns have to pay him £20 each; If the Gun goes on to shoot his third white pheasant in a single day, he has to pay £30 to the local children's hospice; and If, very unlikely, the Gun bags a fourth one in a day, all the other Guns have to give him £30 each.

Here's Stephen Casey (holding the evidence) handing over his £20 to a rather happy Philip Milburn after he got his first white pheasant of the day. Stephen tried so hard for a second but it wasn't to be.

ESTATES NEWS

We were delighted to welcome Captain Mark Philips and his son Peter to Quidenham & Hargham in November. The shooting party, including Captain Mark Philips and Peter Philips stayed at Blo Norton for the night prior to the shoot and our crack catering team swung into action to provide some excellent cuisine using, where possible, produce from our Estates. Their shoot day was a terrific success with a total well north of 300 fast pheasants and high partridges from six drives. The team were delighted and hope to join us again next year.

We had a super Woodcock Day at Great Hockham just before Christmas. The whole day was spent in the Forestry and woodcock were seen throughout the day. The Guns had a mixture of standing and walking, assisted by the Keeper and some of his staff. The team must have enjoyed it as they are in the process of hopefully booking another day with us before the end of the season.



The 22nd January '11 will see a very special day for us at the Quidenham & Hargham Estates Shoot - it will be Robert Brown's **1000th** day as Keeper on the Estates! That's really some achievement and a massive milestone in his career. We're delighted that this has been recognised

already by the Shooting Times who will be attending to write a feature on the day and Robert. See next month's Newsletter for pictures.

SHOOTING OPPORTUNITIES

There's still a couple of pegs available for **single Guns or small groups** this season - but literally only a very few so if you are interested in taking one give Philip a call on 07802 546175 **as soon as you can**. Here's the availability we still have:

19/1 - Quidenham & Hargham Estates Shoot - 150 bird Syndicate day - 1 peg

20/1 - Great Hockham Shoot - 150 bird fully catered day - 2 pegs

22/1 - Narford Hall Shoot - 150 bird fully catered day - 1 peg

28/1 - Quidenham & Hargham Estates Shoot - 150 bird fully catered day - 5 pegs

If it's a **complete let day for a full team** you're after you might just be lucky as we have the following left:

Tuesday 18th January - Quidenham & Hargham Estates - 200 bird day
Thursday 20th January - Narford Hall Shoot - 120 bird day

For further details and to confirm availability, contact Philip Milburn on 07802 546175. As always, dates are offered on a first come, first served basis and they will be gone very soon.

SHOOTING GAZETTE

We mentioned a few months ago that the Shooting Gazette would be running a feature on the Quidenham & Hargham Estates Shoot - we've been advised this will appear in the February edition. We hope you'll take a look.

NEXT SEASON

Yes, we know this season isn't over yet but..... we are already taking bookings for next season! We found this year that our prime season dates, with Saturday's and back to back dates in particular, went extremely quickly so, if you have a particular date in mind we would urge that you contact us sooner rather than later to reserve your day.

