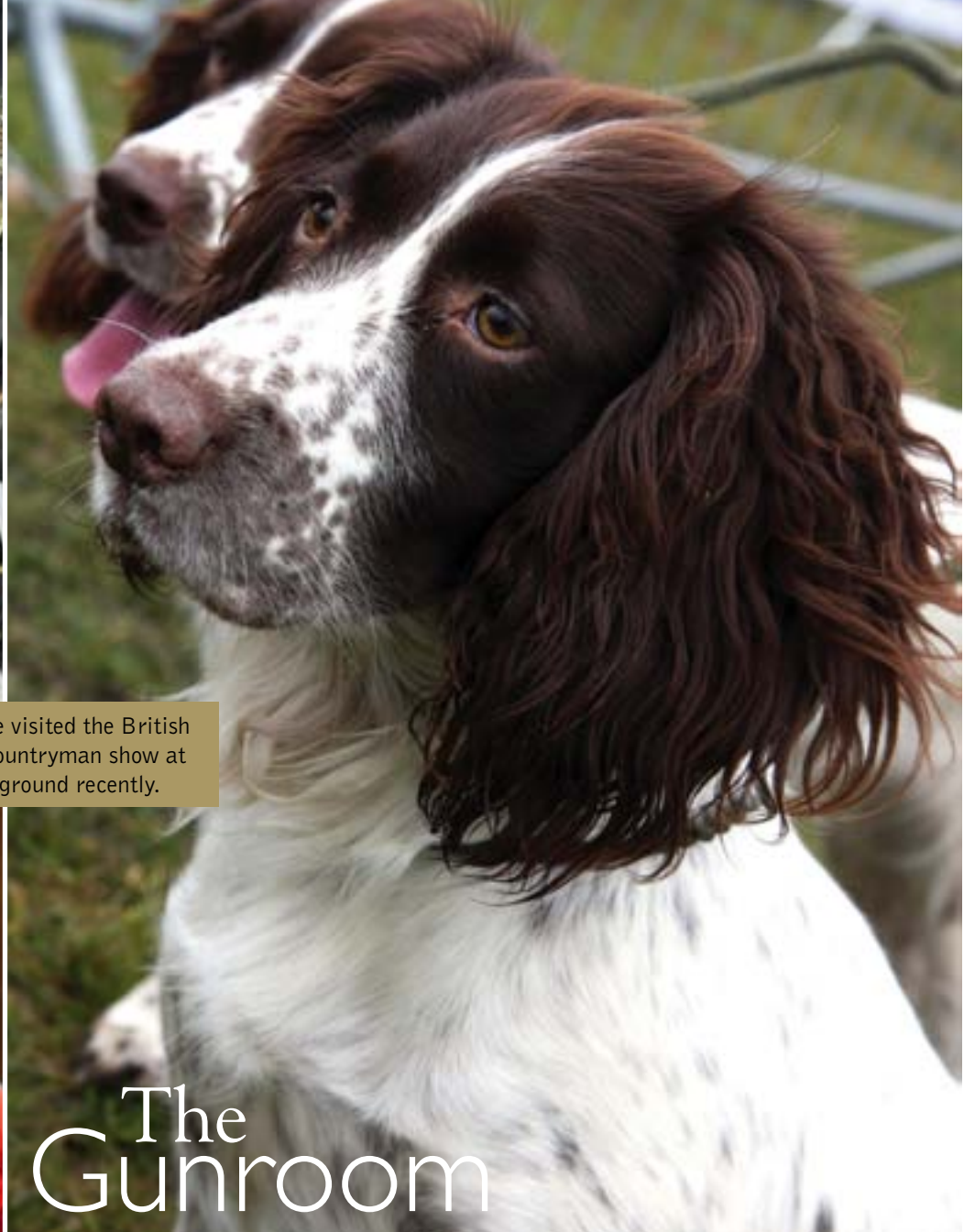




Lincolnshire Life visited the British Shooting and Countryman show at Newark showground recently.



The Gunroom

The weather changes but shooting goes on the same both indoors and out. Although there are seasons for shooting certain game the actual sport of shooting knows no boundaries and more and more people are turning to club membership. Competition is high and the events calendar gets more and more packed. Don't forget to let us have your events and results news. Contact us on gunroom@lincolnshirelife.co.uk

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Gundog club

The Gundog Club started an eight-week grade four training course for retrievers in Norman Cross, Cambridgeshire on 18th March running for eight weekly sessions (seven training and one test), and the Grade Four test. The sessions are held every Thursday at 4.45pm.

If you are too late for this course, don't worry because there are more planned for the future. Details are

available from www.thegundogclub.co.uk or by phoning 01428 717529.

You can pay in full at a cost of £168 or by two instalments of £48 and £132 for a total of £180.

Before attending this course, dogs must have passed Grade Three, or have reached the equivalent standard. There is a maximum of six places available.

These are popular courses so don't miss the next one.

Spotlight - Ancholme Valley clay target club

Ancholme Valley Clay Target Club is a small clay pigeon shooting range situated on the North Lincolnshire former Second World War airfield at Kirton-in-Lindsey, between Gainsborough, Scunthorpe and Lincoln. Owners Dave and Lesley Noar and their staff aim to provide good quality clay pigeon shooting practice facilities in English Skeet, Down the line, Automatic Ball Trap and Sporting for shooters, both novice and experienced, in a safe and relaxed atmosphere.

Dave and Lesley took over the site in 1985 and offer Have-a-go-lessons, tuition, social and corporate group shoots, and gift vouchers as well as cartridge sales.

They have a small but comfortable clubhouse with a café selling hot snacks. There are of course toilets and

wheelchair facilities.

The Club holds a Police Exemption Certificate 11(6) (providing shotgun certificate cover for non-certificate holders) and £5 million public liability insurance.

Dave and Lesley are always happy to give advice on any clay pigeon shooting matters where able.

Membership is renewable annually and offers financial benefits and opportunities to enter club member events. However, visiting shooters are equally welcomed.

So, whether you are an experienced clay pigeon shooter, someone wanting to try the sport or looking for a different corporate event telephone 07788 583358 or take a look at the club's website at www.ancholme-valley-ctc.org.uk.



In the dog club

Want to join a Gundog Club? Here's one you might like to consider. The Barton on Humber Gundog Club evolved out of what was formerly the Barton on Humber Wildfowlers Association. For many years the club was known as the Barton on Humber Gundog Retriever Club and catered for retrievers only. In 2005 the club obtained permission

from the Kennel Club to run two-day open qualifying stakes for retrievers and in 2006 was given novice a/v spaniel trial status and became the Barton on Humber Gundog Club. The club continues to go from strength to strength and, if the demand is there, it will consider applying for novice cocker trials and, in the future, open spaniel qualifying status.

Today, the club's main aims are to encourage the breeding of working retrievers and spaniels; to conserve the best type of working dog; to promote Field Trials and to encourage the Novice Handler.

If that appeals to you - and your gundog of course - contact the club secretary, Stephanie Smith on 01724 734700 or mobile: 07793 321613.

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