



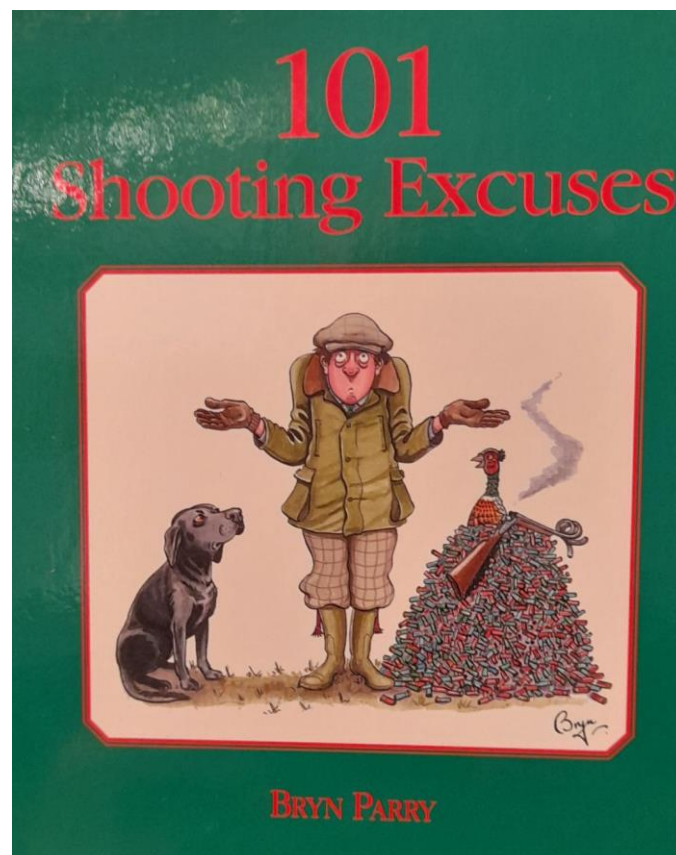
Now that the full beaver moon has passed I am sure fowlers all over the country will have had varying levels of success and failure during the six or so days when it was showing. Reconnaissance is all very well but unfortunately the weather will have a lot to say and sometimes at the very last minute. A sky completely covered in cloud will mean that flying throughout the night and wee hours in the morning isn't going to happen so you may as well stay in your cosy bed. The good news is that you will enjoy a normal evening or morning flight! Like the photograph above you could take the chance like me and sit it out hoping for small areas of clear sky when Pinks rise from their estuary roost to navigate along a narrow window to raid their favourite field, in doing this it practically doubles the birds feeding time. Obviously this is a great time to bag a few as they are in perfect condition. Back in the day it was always thought that duck fed from dusk till dawn then returned to the estuary's and I am sure you will all have your own opinion on whether that is in fact still the case in these modern days.

As for myself I went for a moon flight which never happened then I got lucky and tucked 2 pinks into my game bag after a surprising morning flight, so much for tactics and an abundance of knowledge!!

November and December are great months for treating yourself to driven pheasants, if the tides not right or the winds not blowing hard enough book a couple days with your friends don't forget to study all your old game shooting books before going. Etiquette would also keep you right. Taking the birds out in front is really what it's all about better to miss in that manner than follow across and shoot behind.

Technical books there are a plenty and names like Sir Ralph Payne-Gallwey, John Humphreys and Colin Willock spring to mind.

For me I've got to look on the light hearted side of things and you can't get more technical than Bryn Parry's 101 pages of info. I would suggest that you memorise at least 20 of these pages and use them sparingly on each estate. Just be aware that if the Gamekeeper smiles reluctantly at your technical issues he may well have a copy at home!



It was sad indeed to hear that Jim Gillespie a TVWA committee member for many years had passed away. Jim was a stalwart of the club who definitely enhanced the lives of dog owners via his assistance and enthusiasm within the gundog section. The photograph below shows Jim's presentation for 22 years service with the club. Our sincere thoughts go out to all his family.



The club AGM is currently being arranged and is most likely to be on the 2nd or 3rd week in December. Any thoughts or ideas bring them along. The official date, time and venue will follow shortly.

All the best in sport. JM