



With the 2022/23 Wildfowling season about to commence and no sign of bird flu amongst our local wildfowl its situation normal for fowlers who will be lucky enough to try an early morning foray from the 1st Sept onwards.

By early I mean early! Like a 4ish alarm call depending naturally on how far you live away from the foreshore. The signs I must say are looking favourable as far as the biggest of wildfowl are concerned, only last weekend I was out and about the estuary's and counted good numbers of Canadas on both the river Tay and river Eden's surrounding fields. With the harvesters for ever busy at this time of year their menu will change almost daily hence intercepting these geese between roost and field isn't always that easy.

For those members out there with young dogs it's an exciting time seeing how they react to a real situation, whether you discharge a few shells or not won't matter a jot, but it would be nice to have them sitting peacefully by your side as the morning awakens. Has your training through the summer nights paid dividends, or is it back to the drawing board, personally I wouldn't bother too much not everyone has the time to do them justice, cut yourself a bit of slack and just enjoy the company while it's there.

Club membership renewals will soon be taking place it's also a nice time to include any new fowlers who have shown an interest to join TVWA.

The Chairman and myself met such a person a couple of weeks ago and after a few hours spent on introductions, familiarisation, map reading and finally a short trip down the south side of the estuary we all came away happy and all the better for it.



Hopefully all your Fowling gear has been looked at and is in a good enough state to keep oneself dry above and below the waistline nothing worse than to feel salty water seeping into the old waders or wellingtons, finding a zip on a jacket that is simply not going to move is just as bad, oh! And look out the midge net!

I am afraid other things have been keeping me occupied this summer and it looks like it will be late Sept before I get out on to the estuary's so its good luck to members just remember to stay safe at all times.

Keep an eye out and inform the club if you see any signs of bird flu.

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