

Saturday 8th September 2018, The Lions of Weston-super-Mares' first Clay Pidgeon Shoot and a great

day it was thanks to all the people that put in a great effort to make it so including those that turned up to shoot.

Newavon Arms of Pill supplied all the cartridges at a price that ensured we would make a profit and also 5 licenced instructors at the last minute when the initial sponsor dropped out. Without this fantastic effort with only a days' notice the shoot would not have gone ahead



As people turned up, they were greeted by Iris and Marion who controlled the finances for the day and issued the relevant red dots when required for the extra shooting. Marian also assumed the role of tea monitor for a while to make sure everyone was enjoying as much tea as she thought they needed and filling up the payment cup in the process.



The shoot was at Woodspring Clay Shooting Ground, owned by Trevor Williams who gave us a lot of encouragement and help besides setting up the entire shoot single handed and ensuring the day ran very smoothly paying constant attention to make sure there were enough clays in the traps. The



first group out was at 09:00 and then there was a constant stream of groups until 12:00 when the open shoot began that didn't attract as many people as hoped but it was worthwhile nevertheless.

After shooting the five main stands which started off easy and gradually became harder and

harder a sixth stand was available as an extra where Tom and his son had a 150 year old gun with black powder cartridges that they had loaded themselves and gave a talk to everyone that indulged into the origins of black powder and a very interesting insight it was too. They spent all day on the stand and supplied everything at their cost.



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Now shooting is a very thirsty and demanding sport which is where our very own Lion, David Hunt came to the rescue slaving over a red hot barbeque, cooking egg and bacon rolls all day long which were very welcome along with endless teas and coffee.

To make sure everything ran smoothly, numerous members of the Lions were also involved and without them also the day would not of happened so we would like to thank everyone who gave us their time and effort and role on next year where hopefully it will be bigger and better.

