



## **Welcome to The Wicken**

We would like to offer you the opportunity to take one or more days of shooting during the coming 2012/13 season with a maximum of nine guns.

Shoot transport is provided or you are welcome to bring your own 4x4. Loaders can be provided at extra cost.

For bookings and further enquiries please contact Kathryn Woodrow at The Estate Office on 01760 755335 (Option 2) or e-mail : [office@thewicken.co.uk](mailto:office@thewicken.co.uk)

## **History at The Wicken**

The Wicken is a 4000 acre estate located in the heart of classic Norfolk partridge country with the birds being driven over high hedges.

Our goal is excellence. We endeavour to provide high quality sport and we pay close attention to every detail so as to ensure that our guests have a memorable and enjoyable experience. Both male & female guns are welcome.

## **Hospitality at The Wicken**

A high degree of hospitality has long been a hallmark of The Wicken and we take great pride in ensuring that our guests are well looked after.

Upon arrival at the shooting hall, guests are offered juice, coffee, tea and pastries.

They are then welcomed by the Head Keeper and if required, introduced to their loaders (loaders are recommended but not required unless the gun is inexperienced).

Lunch is served in the Shooting Hall and guests are provided with afternoon tea at the end of the day whilst the shoot cards are tallied up.



## **The Shoot at the Wicken**

The Wicken has 17 high quality partridge drives, enabling us to adjust each day's shooting as dictated by differing weather conditions. It also allows those who wish for more extended sport to enjoy two day's back-to-back shooting.

Our line of guns normally shoots between 125 brace to 200 brace of partridge per day.

At the start of 2012 the Wicken hired a new head keeper, Tom Goodridge, with a mandate to rethink the shoot from the ground up; lay out new drives; upgrade the game plots; revitalise the woods; and to rebuild our offering of both partridges and pheasants. Tom, who is a previous winner of the Purdey award, has worked at some of the pre-eminent shooting estates in the United Kingdom and brings a great deal of experience and expertise to the Wicken. Tom manages every aspect of the shoot and is responsible for ensuring that the day goes well.



## **Safety at The Wicken**

Safety is essential. To this end we require that:-

1. All Guns have familiarised themselves with the BASC Code of Good Shooting Practice and conduct themselves accordingly.
2. Have insurance.
3. Are in possession of a valid Shotgun & Game Licence.
4. If not experienced shots, they are accompanied by an experienced loader.

Without prior approval we do not permit minors to shoot nor do we permit the sharing of pegs.

The Gun Captain is responsible for ensuring that all these conditions are met before the guns take the field and that the guns conduct themselves safely whilst in the field

## Places to stay near The Wicken

For those wishing to stay one or more nights in Norfolk, The Wicken is close to several first class country hotels. In particular, we can suggest any of the following:

<b>Strattons Hotel</b>	Swaffham	Tel: 01760 723 845	<a href="http://www.strattons-hotel.co.uk">www.strattons-hotel.co.uk</a>
<b>The George Hotel</b>	Swaffham	Tel: 01760 721 238	<a href="http://www.bw-georgeswaffham.co.uk">www.bw-georgeswaffham.co.uk</a>
<b>Bedingfeld Arms</b>	Oxborough	Tel: 01366 328 300	<a href="http://www.bedingfeldarms.co.uk">www.bedingfeldarms.co.uk</a>

Rooms at the Bedingfeld Arms



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