

Snapshot

Charlie, our filly foal by Superior Premium, is growing fast and consequently sleeping when not eating!



Fishy business!

When walking across 'Front' field at the stud to check the mares on one of the rare fine sunny evenings of mid summer, Sarah heard a 'whoosh' followed by a loud thud behind her. It turned out to be a fish which had dropped from the clear blue sky! Although no birds - or poachers - were visible it seems that the 1lb fish was dropped from a great height by a passing gull, cormorant or heron. All very fishy!

Reaching new heights!

Local builder Keith Marchant busy removing ivy which had overgrown a barn roof and was out of reach by ladder. Removal of the ivy has also revealed an opening in the stonework which is now occupied by one of our resident barn owls.



College Chapel with Lester Piggott



Septieme Ciel - Group 1 sire

Stallions race to the fore

Latest performance statistics show that the stallions of Homebred horses are performing well. College Chapel (sire of Divine White) is in the top 10 of Europe's speed sires with an

impressive 40.4% winners-runners whilst Septieme Ciel (to whom Snowy Mantle is now in foal) is also one of the top 10 sires of 2-year-olds in Europe based on ratio of winners to runners.

Getting to know the new structure of British horseracing

BHA

British Horseracing Authority

Controls the regulation and governance of British Racing e.g. setting and maintaining integrity standards and controlling the rules of racing, the race programme and fixture list

REL

Racing Enterprises Ltd

A commercial body set up to assist in creating new markets for British racing through the sale of pictures and data; control of all non-Levy money coming into British racing; to assist in establishing a prize-money agreement

HBLB

Horserace Betting Levy Board

Statutory body that collects levy from betting on horseracing (based on 10% of gross profits) and distributes it, according to agreed formula, to prize-money and racecourses. Also funds projects relating to veterinary science, education and improvement of horse breeds

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Now Ascot joins Gold roster

Ascot has become the latest addition to the select group of courses to receive the ROA Gold Standard Award. Ascot's prize-money is unsurpassed among British courses, totalling £9.4 million in 2007/08, thanks in part to an executive and sponsorship contribution of 50.9%. The course has also enhanced its hospitality for owners with runners, expanding their complimentary food offering to include a substantial buffet. Gold Standard activity is set to continue in the coming weeks, with Chester agreed as the next course to receive the award.



Owners meet for a drink and a chat before visiting the horses. More pictures inside.

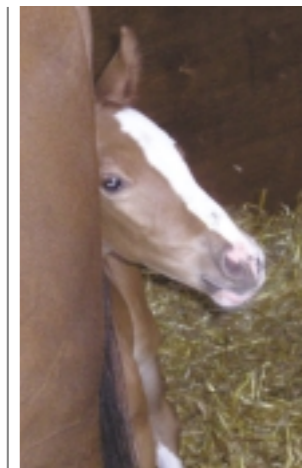
Owners' Day beats the weather

Racecourses in new prizemoney pledge



A groundbreaking agreement negotiated by the Horseman's Group should result in tracks maintaining their contribution to purses - for the good of all. Over 50 of Britain's 60 racecourses have now signed up to a prize-money agreement with the Horsemen's Group, the industry-wide body made up of owners, trainers, jockeys, breeders and stable staff. Courses owned by Jockey Club Racecourses, Arena Leisure and Northern Racing are among those that are party to

the agreement, as are all of Britain's major courses such as Goodwood and York. The agreement, which runs from 2008 to 2010, is based on a commitment from racecourses to at least match the average of their own contributions to prize-money during the past three years. Prize-money is broadly made up of a combination of funding from the Levy Board, from owners' entry fees and from what is designated as racecourses' executive and sponsorship contributions.



Go-ahead for GoingStick

The British Horseracing Authority Board has sanctioned the mandatory use of the TurfTrax GoingStick readings from January 1 next year, following an extended trial since March 2007. The Levy Board allocated funding of £45,000 to enable each course to lease a GoingStick. Clerks of the course will provide GoingStick readings at declaration stages and on racedays. The lower the figure, the softer the ground.

Meet Widget!

Many will remember Lawn - our bay filly by Contract Law out of Pastures Green - who was trained by Peter Bowen. She has just produced her first foal - a really flashy little colt with white stockings all round and christened Widget by Len of White Horse Transport who's looking after her.

Did you know?

Of the current leading jump jockeys - who gives you the best chance of finishing in the frame? 48.5% of Richard Johnson's rides are winners or placed, (Tony McCoy 42.8%).

Let us have your ideas and views



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Homebred Racing's Owners Day 2008



Homebred Racing's annual Open Day at our stud in West Wales was happily one of the few dry Sundays in mid summer which also rewarded us with good spells of sunshine. Visitors arrived from as far afield as

Yorkshire, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire to enjoy meeting other owners over a glass, or two, of fizz and a buffet lunch. Recent runners were on show with those about to go back into training.



The Llanwnnen Hunt



Owner Anna Bateman with her Keep a Welcome

(Below) Owners enjoy a chat before a buffet lunch

Hunt Master Ieuan Evans



Gerry Enright chats with Huw Mason



But stars of the show were our new foal Charlie and a parade by the immaculately turned out Llanwnnen Hunt. This was a dress rehearsal for the hounds who were to make their next appearance

48 hours later at the Royal Welsh Show. It was ultimately a long day for their Master and Huntsmen as the sudden arrival of summer meant tractors worked late into the night cutting our hay.

Broodmare Gran Cliquot keeps an eye on visitors!



Buffet lunch in the stableyard

Polarity settles in...



Leading bloodstock agent Hamish Alexander shows Polarity to owners on our stable visit to James Bethell's yard

Homebred's latest racing recruit is our 2-year-old filly by Hamas out of winning miler Snowy Mantle. Polarity left home on the 1st August on the long trip to James Bethell's yard at Coverham - near Middleham - where she'll be in training alongside her 8 times winning half brother Snowed Under. Some shares in her are still available - please call the office on 01293 884433 if you're interested.

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Horses work at speed on the all weather gallops on Peter Bowen's Open Day



Course Factfile: Hereford

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Roman Road,
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A right-handed track, square in shape and of just over a mile, Hereford is a good galloping circuit with easy bends and a steady fall to the home straight. This is a good track for front runners who can be difficult to peg back from the last in the back straight.



Celebrations:
The Three Crowns at Ullingswick for great food created using local

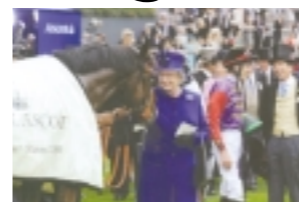
ingredients and it's also possible to stay here (Tel: 01432 820279). A little further north is The Three Horseshoes at Little Cowarne which offers comfortable bedrooms as well as a good choice of meals and wines in a pretty setting (Tel: 01885 400276) - ideal for racehorse owners wanting somewhere to stay within an easy drive to or from the racecourse.

EU plans to change transport rules

There is light at the end of the tunnel for those who have campaigned for an end to the live transportation of horses for slaughter. The EU Commission is now planning to review the law which regulates the welfare conditions under which slaughter horses are transported.

Speaking in the House of Lords, in a debate entitled 'Transportation of Live Horses for Slaughter', instigated by Conservative peer Lord Higgins, Government spokesperson Lord Davies of Oldham affirmed that the government wished to see an end to the live transport of horses for slaughter throughout the EU.

A right Royal Ascot!



The Queen enjoyed being a winner at her 'own' meeting when her homebred 2-year-old Free Agent won the Chesham Stakes. Afterwards Joe Grimwade, manager of the Royal Studs, said that the winner will now be aimed at

the Champagne Stakes and that the hope is he'll be good enough to run in next year's Derby.

Did you know?

Racing will reduce from 1504 to 1477 meetings in 2009. (911 flat and 566 over jumps)

Did you know?

Only 523 horses (from a total racehorse population of 19,570) earned their keep in 2007 - just 2.7%

Flying pan!

Spring gales at the stud resulted in many branches and trees being brought down - but most strangely a frying pan from the barbecue area landed 2 fields away!

ROR launches new website

Retraining of Racehorses has launched a new website, www.ror.org.uk. Visitors can register retired racehorses, find information on how to go about looking after an ex-racehorse, and find various competitions under the ROR series. The charity's long term aim is to build up a database illustrating the whereabouts of ex-racehorses.

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Sweep Home parades in front of a big crowd at Peter Bowen's Open Day

