

Course factfile: Goodwood

Although the weather wasn't glorious at Goodwood this year the setting makes it one of the most spectacular racecourses in the world.

It's an undulating right handed track which hosts a week of top class racing at the end of July over the full range of distances from 5 furlongs to 2 miles plus. It's something of a specialist's track and are not necessarily suited to staying or galloping types. Trainers to follow are Mark Johnston, Richard Hannon - and Dandy Nicholls in the big sprints.

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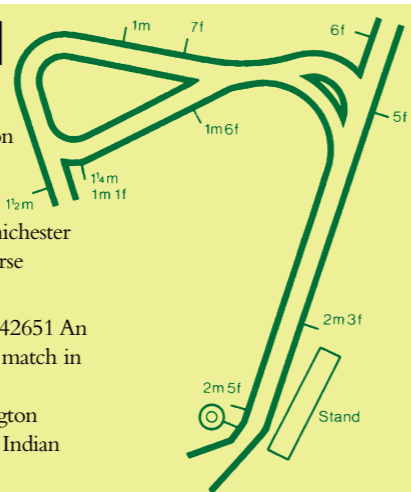
Location: London 66, Brighton 32 and Portsmouth 20 miles via A27/A285

Trains: London Victoria to Chichester and then by bus or taxi to course

Celebrations:

Badgers at Midhurst 01798 342651 An upmarket pub serving food to match in comfortable surroundings

Cottage Tandoori at Storrington 01903 743605 one of the best Indian restaurants around



Spotting the likeness!

Visitors to the Open Day were fascinated by the dark blotches on our two year old Gwyl. They are actually pigmentation in his skin rather than his coat which also has some grey flecks. These markings can be traced back to his ancestor The Tetrach who was foaled in 1911 and was a 'freak'.

He was probably the fastest horse in the history of the Turf. From the outset, 'The Spotted Wonder', as he was dubbed, was a contradiction. His sire, Roi Herode, was an out-and-out stayer who was second in the Doncaster Cup. When Atty Perse paid 1300 guineas for the big grey as a yearling, one or two fellow trainers wondered if he had taken leave of his senses. Far from it, Perse had seen the distinctive colt running rings round the other yearlings at his breeder's stud in Ireland: indeed according to his breeder, Mr Eric Kennedy, he was the only yearling who could keep up with the deer!

One morning, because he was getting above himself, Perse jumped him in with his most forward two-year-olds expecting him to finish tailed off. To everyone's complete astonishment, The Tetrach won the gallop doing hand-springs. The shrewd trainer was not averse to a tilt at the ring, so to ensure that the gallop was not a fluke, Perse now subjected The Tetrach to a series of even more astonishing trials. The most severe was against a seven-year-old called Captain Symons with whom he galloped on terms 60 lbs worse than weight for-age, the equivalent of giving twenty lengths' start. The Tetrach won the gallop in a canter, with another two-year-old, Land of



'The Spotted Wonder' with Steve Donoghue

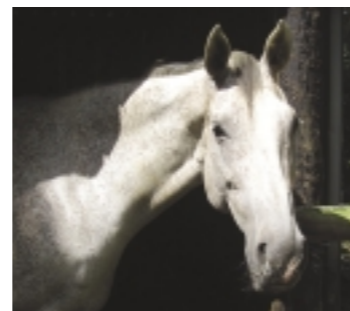
Song, receiving 21 lbs, beaten out of sight. Land of Song went on to win the Windsor Castle Stakes at Royal Ascot from the following year's 1000 Guineas winner, Princess Dorrie.

So when The Tetrach went to the races for the first time he was one of the greatest certainties ever to look through a bridle - and won like it! Remarkably, Perse's stable security was so good that he was returned at 9-2. It was the only time he ever started at odds against. He won with the greatest of ease at Epsom and by ten lengths at Royal Ascot. Only in the National Breeders' Produce Stakes did he face defeat.

Anticipating the start, he went up with the tapes and lost almost fifty yards, but amazingly he caught the

leaders in the nick of time, and won by a neck. Many racegoers, unable to see the start because of mist, felt that the grey freak was in decline. They soon learnt the reverse. The Spotted Wonder trotted up at Goodwood - where he was mobbed after the race on Trundle Hill - at the Derby and at Doncaster in the Champagne Stakes. Sadly that was his last race. He rapped his off-fore fetlock joint, and was pin-fired. The following spring he knocked the same joint, and that was that. At stud The Tetrach proved a most shy breeder, and produced only 130 foals. Nonetheless, eighty of them won races including four Classic winners, the best of them Tetratema.

Getting to know the family



Snowy Mantle

Phyllis Fane, breeder of Divine White's dam, recently provided us with the fascinating research of Snowy Mantle's female line back to the origins of the Stud Book. The Fane's involvement began in 1966 when they bought a chesnut mare by Supreme Court at Newmarket December Sales - Moment Supreme. She was the winner of 2 races and her first 4 foals were all winners too. Their new purchase was from the immediate family of Myrobella, a winner of 11 races and dam of numerous black type winners. Phyllis' research traced the family back through no less than 28 generations including the filly Fancy, foaled in 1780, who was a full sister to Diomed - winner of the first Derby.

The founding generations were 'The Old Morocco Mare', by Lord Fairfax's 'Morocco Barb', and ultimately 'Old Bald Peg' out of the 1650 entry which The Stud Book simply describes as a 'Barb Mare'. Clearly it's a wonderful family and as Phyllis says "They've produced the winners of 28 races for me so far - and we haven't finished yet!"

Let us have your ideas and views...



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Aintree legend attends Open Day



Red Rum and Brian Fletcher lead over Bechers in 1974

Homebred Open Day visitors were thrilled to meet V.I.P. guest Brian Fletcher - the most successful Grand National jockey of all time. Brian's record of three wins, a second and two third when the Aintree fences were much tougher than they are today, is never likely to be challenged. Even Tony McCoy is still looking for his first win! Brian's victories came with Red Rum, of course, as well as Red Alligator.

One of Brian's changing room pals was John Enright - brother of Homebred trainer Gerry - so there was much news and gossip to catch up on! Recalling those wonderful Grand Nationals

Brian told us how it was virtually impossible to get Red Rum to jump at all at home... "If you'd try schooling him he'd just dig his toes in and refuse! But he was like a cat on the day". Gerry Enright said "Brian Fletcher is a legend - he was a brilliant jockey with the most wonderful hands. You'll never see anyone better over jumps. It's been great to see him today and we've swapped phone numbers to put my brother John, who's in Ireland, back in touch again". After a life in the limelight at the pinnacle of racing success, Brian now enjoys a quieter life on his farm in West Wales where he pursues an active interest in harness racing.

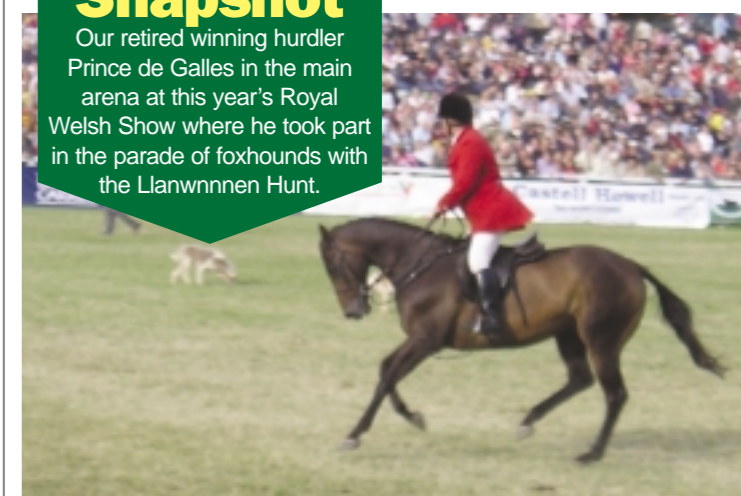
Homebred Racing's 2005 Open Day at the stud enjoyed blazing sunshine and visitors from all around the UK.

Trainer Gerry Enright and wife Midge travelled from Sussex and 'Bugsy' and Jane Parry from Longstone Stud represented Newmarket! Owners from afar as Scotland, Northumberland, Yorkshire and Dorset also joined scores of others to make it a thoroughly enjoyable day. Cooling glasses of 'bubbly' were in big demand to slake thirsts after a trek around the fields. Highlights of the day were attendance of the Grand National's most famous son Brian Fletcher and the parade of Llanwnnen Foxhounds including

our much loved, now retired, hurdler Prince de Galles. All the activity was captured by a TV crew making a programme for the BBC for broadcast as a series of 4 programmes early next year. The programme was commissioned to illustrate the social impact of the hunting ban on rural life. One of the central characters in the series will be Ieuan (Ianto) Evans who is Huntsman of the Llanwnnen Foxhounds and helps us here at the stud. We just hope that his new celebrity status means that he'll still have time to get behind the wheel of the tractor at haymaking and all those other times when he is indispensable!

Snapshot

Our retired winning hurdler Prince de Galles in the main arena at this year's Royal Welsh Show where he took part in the parade of foxhounds with the Llanwnnen Hunt.



Homebred's 2005 Open Day



Story of the Open Day in pictures...



Jockey Club going round in circles

The Jockey Club trials of parading horses anti-clockwise in a bid to avoid paddock accidents have been labelled "inconclusive".

According to public relations manager Paul Struthers: "Our position is that parading anti-clockwise doesn't in itself solve the problem. For example, it means the attendant leads the horse on the inside, which means there is no human 'barrier' between the horse and the public". The Jockey Club will continue to look at the options available.

Did you know?

The longest winning sequence was set by Kincsem, a Hungarian mare foaled in 1874, who raced 54 times all over Europe (including at Goodwood) over distances from 5 furlongs up to 2½ miles - without defeat.

The sport of shopkeepers and pop stars?

Publication of the Sunday Times Rich List makes fascinating reading as many at the top of the list are also racehorse owners. The entertainment and music industry is particularly well represented. This group is led by Andrew Lloyd Webber (with a cool £700 million) owner of Bacchanal and Crystal Music, amongst others. Gordon Sumner (Sting) owns Sandalay and Eric Clapton has Via Delta and The Ripleyite - whilst Simon Cowell is one of 230 in the Motivator Syndicate. The UK's wealthiest racehorse owner is billionaire Philip Green, Britain's leading high street retailer. He has horses with Neville Callaghan at Newmarket and celebrated

his first win with Liberty Run on the all-weather last November at Wolverhampton. Other high profile names include more shop owners, the Sainsbury family, brewers of 'the black stuff' the Guinness family and more regally, although further down the list in terms of wealth, Her Majesty the Queen.



Simon Cowell



Sean Connery

Sean Connery is owner of Risk of Thunder whilst Sir Tim Rice qualifies as a former owner with Ian Marshall. Interestingly Walter Swinburn features on the list having married into the Peter Harris fortune made from caravan parks. So next time you're in the paddock, take a look around - you can never tell who you might just bump into!

Remounting initiative bites the dust

As previously reported in Winning Post the remounting of Kauto Star at Exeter in January became a subject of hot debate and prompted a re-examination of whether remounting should be permitted by the Jockey Club, who have undergone consultation with the RSPCA. After the initial welfare concerns there are a number of considerations to be weighed up, including the possibility of a race having to be declared void due to a remounting ban resulting in no finishers. Whilst welfare is at the top of the agenda, there is no danger of introducing rules which prevent participants from following the path of commonsense. On balance it has been decided that the matter should be left to the Jockey Club as the regulator to balance all these considerations and come up with appropriate guidance.

RSPCA jump into action

Martin Pipe's controversial blitz on successfully retaining the jumps trainers' championship could lead to a ban on horses running on consecutive days.

Pipe saddled a staggering 82 runners in the final week of the jumps season, which included Commercial Flyer running on each of the final three days of the campaign, and Sindapour, who took a crashing fall on the Friday before finishing last the following day. The tactics were squarely condemned by the RSPCA, and also by David Jackson, an owner with Pipe's championship rival Paul Nicholls. However, the Jockey Club's chief veterinary officer Peter Webbon insisted "It was not time for an instant kneejerk reaction. That weekend was a one-off. We had one horse running three times in a row, with all that travelling and another one that fell, who was then running again 18 hours later. The issue needs some proper discussion.



Martin Pipe

There are two problems: Horses declared to run two days in a row, usually don't run, which can mean horses being kept out of a race that otherwise could run and so there could be handicap benefits - these are regulatory issues. And from the veterinary point of view, we have to decide whether to leave it to the trainer and vet on running two days in a row or whether we need to step in." Commercial Flyer's owner and chief patron of the Pipe yard David Johnson said "I can't think Mr Webbon would believe that I would allow Martin to run a horse that we didn't believe was

at his best. Horses cost a fortune to buy and keep; and we'd never risk a horse if he wasn't 100 per cent. Commercial Flyer actually ran a career best at Sandown on the Saturday. I know emotions were running high and maybe it did get a bit frantic, but both Paul and Martin always had the horses' welfare at heart."

Snapshot

Gwyl's woolly pal "Rambo" was given a 'short back and sides' in early summer. After being sheared it took Gwyl some hours to recognise his new slimline pal!



Racing is top of the pops

The BHB has revealed significant increase in racecourse attendances in 2005. Many of the 'premier' race days including Eclipse Day at Sandown Park, Glorious Goodwood and Doncaster's St Leger meeting were sell outs well in advance of raceday. Crowds were also 50% up on Vodafone Oaks Day whilst Newmarket's July meeting attracted a post war record of 32,838. Interestingly this has all happened at a time when coverage on terrestrial TV has been in doubt and when the Racing Channel disappeared completely. So perhaps contrary to a widely held belief that the TV cameras are essential to the racing product, maybe the reverse is true! BHB Marketing Director Chris John says "On my visits to racecourses over the last couple of years there has definitely been a greater diversity of racegoers, with a younger crowd starting to attend as racing has become more mainstream and accessible". Other likely factors are recent good weather and lack of competition from the Olympics or a World Cup.