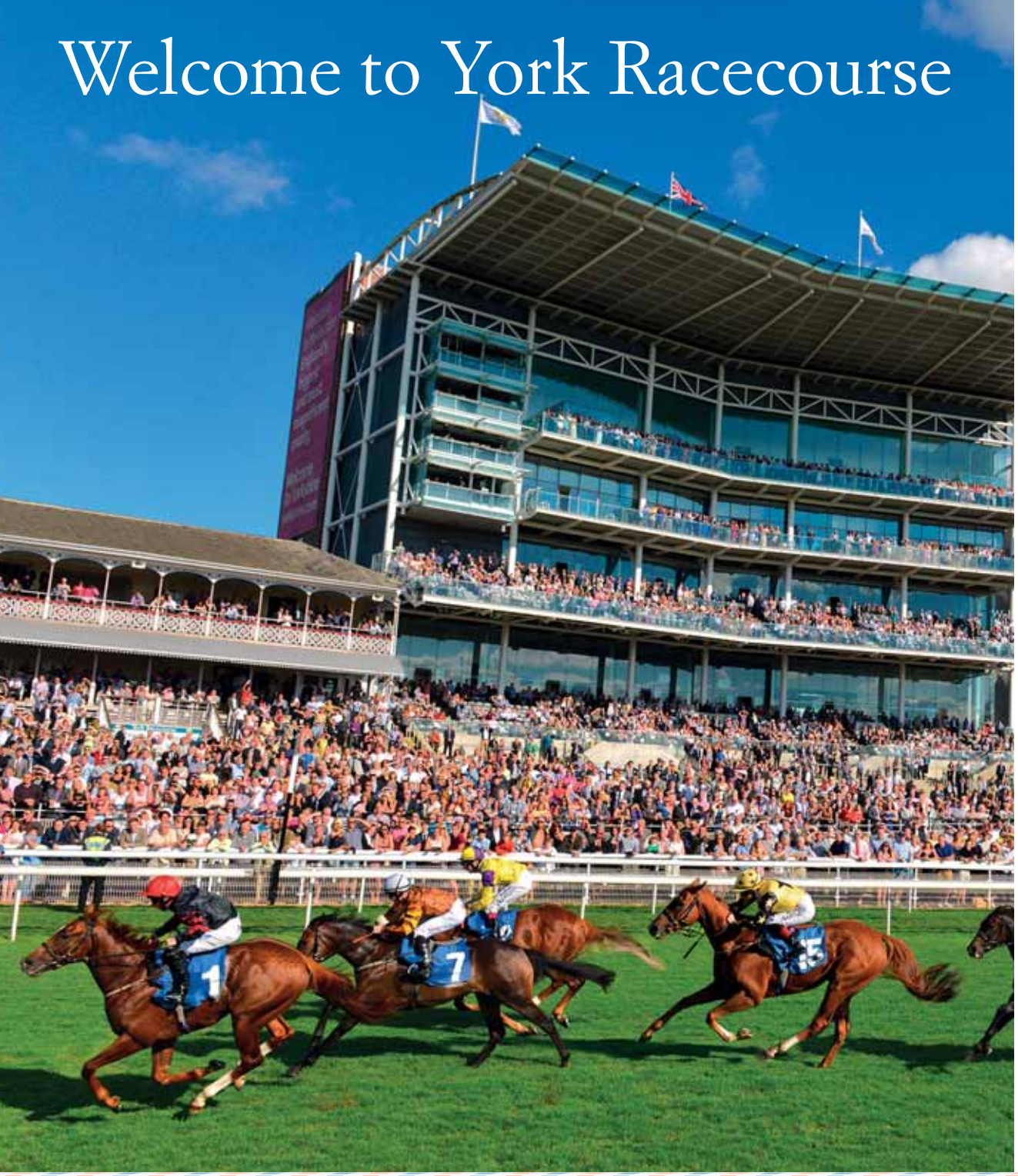


INTERNATIONAL RACES 2015

- Record seasonal prize fund in excess of £6.4 million
- 30 black type races including the new Listed EBF Westow Stakes
- Group One Juddmonte International ranked number one of all thoroughbred horse races across the globe
- Winner of 2014 Institute of Groundsmanship award for Horse Racing Grounds Team of the Year
- Northern End Development including new Weighing Room, Parade Ring Restaurant and Owners Entrance building
- ROA Gold Standard Racecourse and Horsemen's Group Premier Tier prize money agreement

York Racecourse

Welcome to York Racecourse





Everyone at York Racecourse very much looks forward to welcoming you to the Knavesmire for the 2015 season. This booklet has been produced to provide international owners, trainers and horsemen with information prior to your visit to York. Please do not hesitate to contact the team at York if you have further queries (see page 11 for contact details).

The following pages outline plans for the 2015 season, information for planning your visit and the feature race details for the Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival. The York website, www.yorkracecourse.co.uk, will be kept up-to-date with the latest information, including any amendments to the race programme and the going.

York Racecourse has a proud tradition of staging the very best of thoroughbred racing dating back to 1731. York is an independent racecourse run for the good of racing at York. We have no beneficial shareholders and pay no dividends – everything we make is reinvested into prize money, facilities and the racecourse experience at York.

The Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival runs from Wednesday 19 August to Saturday 22 August. On every day the feature contest will receive a boost which, when combined with other increases, will see the cumulative value of the twenty-five races post another record at £3.7 million. Ranked number one race last year by the International Panel of Thoroughbred Handicappers, the £850,000 Group 1 Juddmonte International will be the richest race ever staged at York. The £200,000 Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Gimcrack and the £150,000 Pinsent Masons Lowther Stakes are the richest races of their type for juvenile colts and fillies respectively.

Recent years have seen significant investments in the racing surface, the stables, stable staff accommodation and the Owners' Club. As detailed on page 9, work is currently progressing on the project to improve the northern end of the racecourse. The relocated pre-parade ring, new saddling boxes, wash-down area and Winning Connections Room opened to popular acclaim last season and the new Weighing Room will be in use for the 2015 season. The new Parade Ring Restaurant offers a fine dining experience for connections and other VIPS, at the heart of the racing action.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to the Knavesmire. Good luck for the 2015 season.

Lord Grimthorpe, Chairman

THE JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL (GROUP ONE)



Date: Wednesday 19 August
Distance: One mile, two furlongs about 88 yards (2,080 metres)
Total Prize Fund: £850,000
Winning Horse: £482,035

Age Range: For three yrs old and upwards

Weights:
3-y-o Colts and Geldings: 8st 12lb (56.3kg); Fillies 8st 9lb (55kg)
4-y-o Colts and Geldings: 9st 6lb (60kg); Fillies 9st 3lb (58.5kg)

Nomination (Entry): £3700 by noon on June 23rd
Scratching Stage: £4250 unless taken out by July 28th
Confirmation: £2675 by noon on August 13th
Declaration: By 10am on August 17th
Supplementary Nomination: £75,000 by noon on August 13th

Proud to be part of the Breeders' Cup Challenge Series

Latest Winners
2010: Rip Van Winkle (IRE), Good, 2m 8.58s, 4-9-5, 9 Ran, A P O'Brien, J P Murtagh
2011: Twice Over, Good To Soft, 2m 14.70s, 6-9-5, 5 Ran, Sir Henry Cecil, Ian Mongan
2012: Frankel, Good To Firm, 2m 6.59s, 4-9-5, 9 Ran, Sir Henry Cecil, Tom Queally
2013: Declaration of War (USA), Good to Firm, 2m 5.74s, 4-9-5, 6 Ran, A P O'Brien, Joseph O'Brien
2014: Australia, Good To Firm, 2m 7.35s, 3-8-12, 6 Ran, A P O'Brien, Joseph O'Brien

QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SERIES

THE DARLEY YORKSHIRE OAKS (GROUP ONE)



Date: Thursday 20 August
Distance: One mile about four furlongs (2,400 metres)
Total Prize Fund: £335,000
Winning Horse: £189,978

Age Range: For three yrs old and upwards, fillies and mares only

Weights:
3-y-o 8st 11lb (55.8kg)
4-y-o and up 9st 7lb (60.5kg)

Nomination (Entry): £1450 by noon on June 23rd
Scratching Stage: £1650 unless taken out by July 28th
Confirmation: £1075 by noon on August 14th
Declaration: By 10am on August 18th
Supplementary Nomination: £35,000 by noon on August 14th

Proud to be part of the Breeders' Cup Challenge Series

Latest Winners
2010: Midday, Good, 2m 30.53s, 4-9-7, 8 Ran, Sir Henry Cecil, Tom Queally
2011: Blue Bunting (USA), Good To Soft, 2m 35.34s, 3-8-11, 8 Ran, Mahmood Al Zarooni, Frankie Dettori
2012: Shareta (IRE), Good To Firm, 2m 33.87s, 4-9-7, 6 Ran, A De Royer-Dupre, Christophe-Patrice Lemaire
2013: The Fugue, Good To Firm, 2m 28.29s, 4-9-7, 7 Ran, John Gosden, William Buick
2014: Tapestry (IRE), Good, 2m 28.59s, 3-8-11, 7 Ran, A P O'Brien, Ryan Moore

QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SERIES

THE COOLMORE NUNTHORPE STAKES (GROUP ONE)



Date: Friday 21 August
Distance: Five furlongs (1,000 metres)
Total Prize Fund: £310,000
Winning Horse: £175,801

Age Range: For two yrs and upwards

Weights:
2-y-o Colts and Geldings: 8st 1lb (51.2kg); Fillies 7st 12lb (50kg)
3-y-o Colts and Geldings: 9st 9lb (61.2kg); Fillies 9st 6lb (60kg)
4-y-o Colts and Geldings: 9st 11lb (62kg); Fillies 9st 8lb (61kg)

Nomination (Entry): £1350 by noon on June 23rd
Scratching Stage: £1550 unless taken out by July 28th
Confirmation: £975 by noon on August 15th
Declaration: By 10am on August 19th
Supplementary Nomination: £27,500 by noon on August 15th

Proud to be part of the Breeders' Cup Challenge Series

Latest Winners
2010: Sole Power, Good To Firm, 57.14s, 3-9-9, 12 Ran, Edward Lynam, Wayne Lordan
2011: Margot Did (IRE), Good To Soft, 58.66s, 3-9-6, 15 Ran, Michael Bell, Hayley Turner
2012: Ortensia (AUS), Good, 57.62s, 7-9-8, 19 Ran, Paul Messara, William Buick
2013: Jwala, Good To Soft, 57.34s, 4-9-8, 17 Ran, Robert Cowell, Steve Drowne
2014: Sole Power, Good, 57.92s, 7-9-11, 13 Ran, Edward Lynam, Richard Hughes

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THE BETFRED EBOR (HERITAGE HANDICAP)



Date: Saturday 22 August
Distance: One mile about six furlongs (2,800 metres)
Total Prize Fund: £275,000
Winning Horse: £171,187

Age Range: For three yrs old and upwards

Weights Published July 23rd
Lowest weight: 8st (50.8kg)
Highest weight not less than: 9st 10lb (61.5kg)
Penalties after July 18th
a winner of a race 4lb (1.8kg)
of any two races 7lb (3.2kg)

Nomination (Entry): £475 by noon on July 7th
Scratching Stage: £550 unless taken out by August 4th
Confirmation: £350 by noon on August 17th
Declaration: By 10am on August 20th

Latest Winners
2010: Dirar (IRE), Good, 2m 57.13s, 5-9-1, 20 Ran, Gordon Elliott, Jamie Spencer
2011: Moyenne Corniche, Good, 3m 1.60s, 6-8-10, 20 Ran, Brian Ellison, Dale Swift
2012: Willing Foe (USA), Good To Soft, 3m 0.75s, 5-9-2, 19 Ran Saeed bin Suroor, Frankie Dettori
2013: Tiger Cliff (IRE), Soft, 3m 3.36s, 4-9-0, 14 Ran, Lady Cecil, Tom Queally
2014: Mutual Regard (IRE), Good, 2m 56.48s, 5-9-4, 19 Ran, J P Murtagh, Louis Steward

THE BETWAY GREAT VOLTIGEUR STAKES (GROUP TWO)



Date: Wednesday 19 August
Distance: One mile, four furlongs (2,400 metres)
Total Prize Fund: £160,000
Winning Horse: £90,736

Age Range: For 3 yr old colts and geldings only

Weights: 9st (57kg) each
Penalty in 2015,
a winner of a Group 2 race 3lb (1.4kg)
a Group 1 race 5lb (2.3kg)

Nomination (Entry): £550 by noon on June 30th
Scratching Stage: £625 unless taken out by July 28th
Confirmation: £425 by noon on August 13th
Declaration: By 10am on August 17th
Supplementary Nomination: £15,000 by noon on August 13th

Latest Winner
2014: Postponed (IRE), Good To Firm, 2m 27.29s, 3-9-0, 9 Ran, Luca Cumani, Andrea Atzeni

PINSENT MASONS LOWTHER STAKES (GROUP TWO)



Date: Thursday 20 August
Distance: Six furlongs (1,200 metres)
Total Prize Fund: £160,000
Winning Horse: £90,736

Age Range: For 2 yr old fillies only

Weights: 9st (57kg) each
Penalty in 2015, a winner of a
Group 1 or Group 2 race 3lb (1.4kg)

Nomination (Entry): £550 by noon on July 7th
Scratching Stage: £625 unless taken out by July 28th
Confirmation: £425 by noon on August 14th
Declaration: By 10am on August 18th
Supplementary Nomination: £11,250 by noon on August 14th

Latest Winner
2014: Tiggy Wiggy (IRE), Good, 1m 8.90s, 2-9-0, 9 Ran, Richard Hannon, Richard Hughes

WEATHERBYS HAMILTON INSURANCE LONSDALE CUP (GROUP TWO)



Date: Friday 21 August
Distance: Two miles about 88 yards (3,200 metres)
Total Prize Fund: £160,000
Winning Horse: £90,736

Age Range: For 3 yrs old and upwards

Weights:
3-y-o colts and geldings 8st 3lb (52kg); Fillies 8st (50.8kg)
4-y-o and up colts and geldings 9st 3lb (58.5kg); Fillies 9st (57kg)
Penalties after October 31st, a winner of a Group 1 race 4lb (1.8kg)

Nomination (Entry): £1600 by noon on August 15th
Declaration: By 10am on August 19th

Latest Winner
2014: Pale Mimosa (IRE), Good, 3m 31.52s, 5-9-0, 7 Ran, D K Weld, Pat Smullen

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IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING GIMCRACK STAKES (GROUP TWO)



Date: Saturday 22 August
Distance: Six furlongs (1,200 metres)
Total Prize Fund: £200,000
Winning Horse: £113,420

Age Range: For 2 yr old colts and geldings only

Weights: 9st (57kg) each
Penalties, a winner of a Group 1 or Group 2 race 3lb (1.4kg)

Nomination (Entry): £575 by noon on June 30th
Scratching Stage: £675 unless taken out by July 28th
Confirmation: £450 by noon on August 17th
Declaration: By 10am on August 20th
Supplementary Nomination: £17,500 by noon on August 17th

Latest Winner
2014: Muhaarar, Good, 1m 10.52s, 2-9-0, 9 Ran, Charles Hills, Paul Hanagan

TATTERSALLS ACOMB STAKES (GROUP 3)

Date: Wednesday 19 August
Distance: Seven furlongs (1,400 metres)
Total Prize Fund: £80,000
Winning Horse £45,368
Age Range For 2 yrs old only

Weights:
2-y-o Colts and Geldings: 9st 1lb (57.5kg)
2-y-o Fillies: 8st 12lb (56.3kg)
Penalty after July 9th of a
Group 3 3lb (1.4kg)
Group 1 or 2 5lb (2.3kg)
Nomination (Entry): £500 by noon on August 13th
Declaration: By 10am on August 17th

Latest Winner 2014: Dutch Connection, Good To Firm, 1m 22.32s, 2-9-1, 10 Ran, Charles Hills, William Buick

BETFRED STRENSALL STAKES (GROUP 3)

Date: Saturday 22 August
Distance: One mile, one furlong (1,800 metres)
Total Prize Fund: £80,000
Winning Horse £45,368
Age Range For three yrs old and upwards

Weights:
3-y-o Colts and Geldings: 8st 12lb (56.3kg);
Fillies: 8st 9lb (55kg)
4-y-o Colts and Geldings: 9st 5lb (59.5kg);
Fillies: 9st 2lb (58kg)
Penalty after October 31st 2014, a winner of a
Group 3 4lb (1.8kg)
Group 2 6lb (2.7kg)
Group 1 8lb (3.6kg)
Nomination (Entry): £500 by noon on August 17th
Declaration: By 10am on August 20th

Latest Winner 2014: Custom Cut (IRE), Good, 1m 50.83s, 5-9-9, 7 Ran, David O'Meara, Daniel Tudhope

SKY BET CITY OF YORK STAKES (LISTED)

Date: Friday 21 August
Distance: Seven furlongs (1,400 metres)
Total Prize Fund: £100,000
Winning Horse £56,710
Age Range For three yrs old and upwards

Weights:
3-y-o Colts and Geldings: 8st 9lb (55kg);
Fillies: 8st 4lb (52.5kg)
4-y-o Colts and Geldings: 9st (57kg);
Fillies: 8st 9lb (55kg)
Penalty after October 31st 2014, a winner of a
Group 3 5lb (2.3kg)
of a Group 1 or 2 8lb (3.6kg)
Nomination (Entry): £500 by noon on August 15th
Declaration: By 10am on August 19th

Latest Winner 2014: Absolutely So (IRE), Good, 1m 22.43s, 4-9-0, 13 Ran, Andrew Balding, Oisin Murphy

THE EBF & SIR HENRY CECIL GALTRES STAKES (LISTED)

Date: Thursday 20 August
Distance: One mile and four furlongs (2,400 metres)
Total Prize Fund: £60,000
Winning Horse £34,026
Age Range For three yrs old and upwards, fillies and mares only

Weights:
3-y-o: 8st 11lb (55.8kg)
4-y-o: 9st 7lb (60.5kg)
Penalty after October 31st 2014 of a
Listed Race 4lb (1.8kg)
Nomination (Entry): £300 by noon on August 14th
Declaration: By 10am on August 18th

Latest Winner 2014: Queen Of Ice, Good, 2m 32.42s, 3-8-11, 10 Ran, William Haggas, Andrea Atzeni

JULIA GRAVES ROSES STAKES (LISTED)

Date: Saturday 22 August
Distance: Five furlongs (1,000 metres)
Total Prize Fund: £50,000
Winning Horse £28,355
Age Range For 2 yrs old only

Weights:
2-y-o Colts and Geldings: 9st (57kg)
2-y-o Fillies: 8st 9lb (55kg)
Penalty of a
Listed Race 3lb (1.4kg)
Group 3 5lb (2.3kg)
Group 1 or 2 7lb (3.2kg)
Nomination (Entry): £250 by noon on August 17th
Declaration: By 10am on August 20th

Latest Winner 2014: Mind of Madness (IRE), Good, 58.58s, 2-9-0, 10 Ran, David Brown, Jamie Spencer



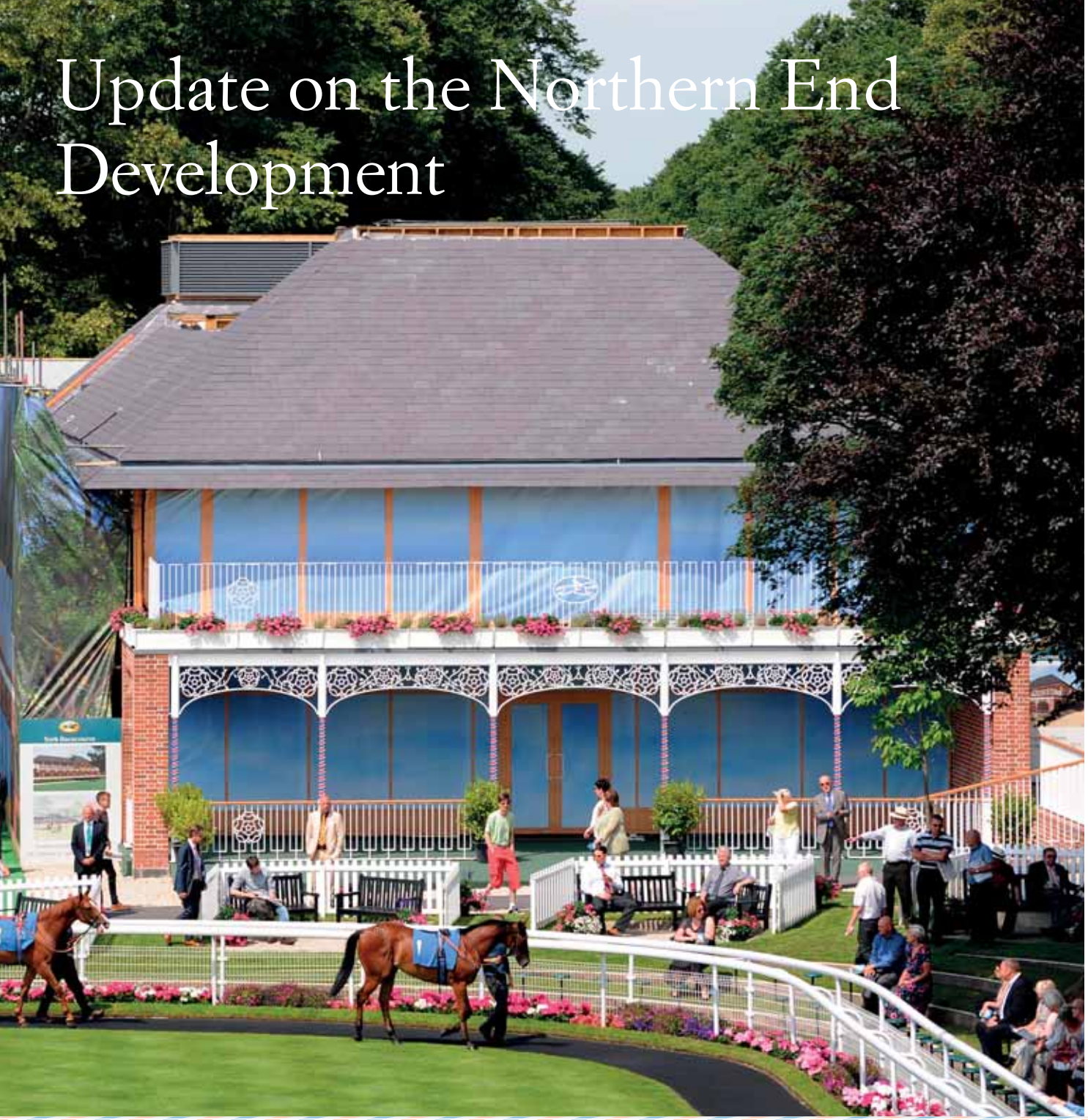
Pattern Races

Race Name	Grade	Race Date	Close Date	Distance	Age	Sex
Tattersalls Musidora Stakes	Group 3	Wednesday 13 May	7 May	10f	3yo	F
Duke of York Clipper Logistics Stakes	Group 2	Wednesday 13 May	31 March	6f	3yo+	
Betfred Middleton Stakes	Group 2	Thursday 14 May	31 March	10f	4yo+	F&M
Betfred Dante Stakes	Group 2	Thursday 14 May	31 March	10f	3yo	
Betfred Hambleton Stakes	Listed	Thursday 14 May	8 May	8f	4+	
British Stallions EBF Westow Stakes	Listed	Thursday 14 May	8 May	5f	3yo	
Langleys Solicitors LLP EBF Marygate Stakes	Listed	Friday 15 May	9 May	5f	2yo	F
Betway Yorkshire Cup	Group 2	Friday 15 May	31 March	14f	4+	
Irish Champions Weekend Stakes	Listed	Friday 15 May	9 May	8f	3yo	F
Stowe Family Law LLP Grand Cup	Listed	Saturday 30 May	25 May	14f	4+	
Ian and Kate Hall Macmillan Ganton Stakes	Listed	Saturday 13 June	8 June	8.5f	3 +	
888sport Summer Stakes	Group 3	Friday 10 July	4 July	6f	3+	F&M
John Smith's Silver Cup	Listed	Saturday 11 July	6 July	14f	3+	
John Smith's City Walls Stakes	Listed	Saturday 11 July	6 July	5f	3+	
British Stallion Studs EBF Lyric Stakes	Listed	Friday 24 July	18 July	10f	3+	F&M

Race Name	Grade	Race Date	Close Date	Distance	Age	Sex
Sky Bet York Stakes	Group 2	Saturday 25 July	20 July	10f	3+	
Tattersalls Acomb Stakes	Group 3	Wednesday 19 August	13 August	7f	2yo	
Betway Great Voltigeur Stakes	Group 2	Wednesday 19 August	30 June	12f	3yo	C&G
Juddmonte International Stakes	Group 1	Wednesday 19 August	23 June	10f	3+	
Pinsent Masons Lowther Stakes	Group 2	Thursday 20 August	7 July	6f	2yo	F
Darley Yorkshire Oaks	Group 1	Thursday 20 August	23 June	12f	3+	F&M
Sir Henry Cecil and EBF Galtres Stakes	Listed	Thursday 20 August	14 August	12f	3+	F&M
Weatherbys Hamilton Insurance Lonsdale Cup	Group 2	Friday 21 August	15 August	16f	3+	
Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes	Group 1	Friday 21 August	23 June	5f	2+	
Sky Bet City of York Stakes	Listed	Friday 21 August	15 August	7f	3+	
Betfred Strensall Stakes	Group 3	Saturday 22 August	17 August	9f	3+	
Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Gimcrack Stakes	Group 2	Saturday 22 August	30 June	6f	2yo	C&G
Julia Graves Roses Stakes	Listed	Saturday 22 August	17 August	5f	2yo	
Betfred Garrowby Stakes	Listed	Sunday 6 September	31 August	6f	3+	
coral.co.uk Rockingham Stakes	Listed	Saturday 10 October	5 October	6f	2yo	



Update on the Northern End Development



The next phase of the ongoing Northern End Development project is set to come into use during the 2015 season. This will include the new Weighing Room, Parade Ring Restaurant and Owners' Entrance building.

Last season saw the introduction of the new pre-parade ring, saddling boxes, wash-down area and equine welfare facilities in addition to the new winning connections rotunda. This year the new, relocated weighing room offers both extra space and modern facilities for jockeys and an improved layout for racing professionals and racegoers.

The new Weighing Room is on schedule to open for the 2015 Dante Festival. The ground floor weighing room facilities are designed to provide modern, first class facilities for jockeys, saddling trainers, stewards and the medical teams while allowing light into the building and racegoers to see the weighing in and out activity. As well as larger and better facilities for jockeys to change, rest between races and receive physio and medical treatment, the building has been built with high quality material and designed to be in keeping with both its use and setting within the racecourse.

The first floor of the Weighing Room will host the Parade Ring Restaurant, a wonderfully located, high quality space adjacent to the parade ring and pre-parade ring offering a fine dining experience for smaller parties. We hope the setting, catering and atmosphere in this fabulous new addition to York's facilities will be popular with owners and trainers.

By the 2015 Dante Festival, there will also be a new Owners' Entrance building set into the northern boundary wall (same location as previously). Adjacent to this will be new wrought iron gates dedicated to Sir Henry Cecil and, before the Ebor Festival, a new equine statue.

The previous pre-parade ring and Moët Bar will be replaced with a new County Stand area complete with new Moët Pavilion and roof terrace looking towards the Parade Ring and track. At ground floor level additional toilets and catering space will help the operation of this area. The broader project includes a canopy over the Grade II* Listed John Carr Building, a 1754 structure which we understand to be the oldest sporting grandstand still being used anywhere in the world.

The previous Weighing Room will be retained and used as a racegoer facility in 2015 ahead of a more extensive internal refurbishment in future years.

The concluding aspect of the plans will include landscape design for improved lawns, pathways and colourful flower beds, retaining most of the existing trees and using new planting to retain the summer feel of the area.

Our thanks to everyone on the project and build team including main contractor Lindum of York, another few busy months lie ahead!

The York Experience

Step through the Sir Henry Cecil Memorial Gates to enter a classic British racing experience.

Your owners badges offer privileged access to Parade Ring and Owners and Trainers Club where a complimentary lunch awaits.

There is the option to upgrade to the new Parade Ring Restaurant with its added luxury and fine dining menus.

Our team of vets operate from their recently opened treatment room with easy access to the modern wash down area.

Winning connections celebrate in a dedicated room overlooking the Parade Ring.

Once your horse is entered we will be in contact with you to address all the details that will ensure a smooth and enjoyable visit to York.

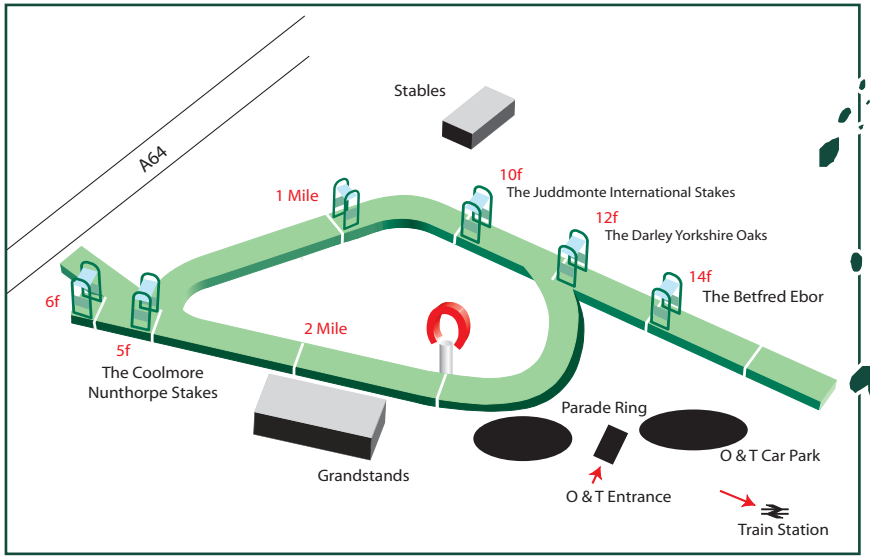








Location and Contact



York is a flat track set in a wide oval with a left hand bend leading into the straight. The sprint races are run on a straight six furlong course which meets the round course before the four furlong marker.

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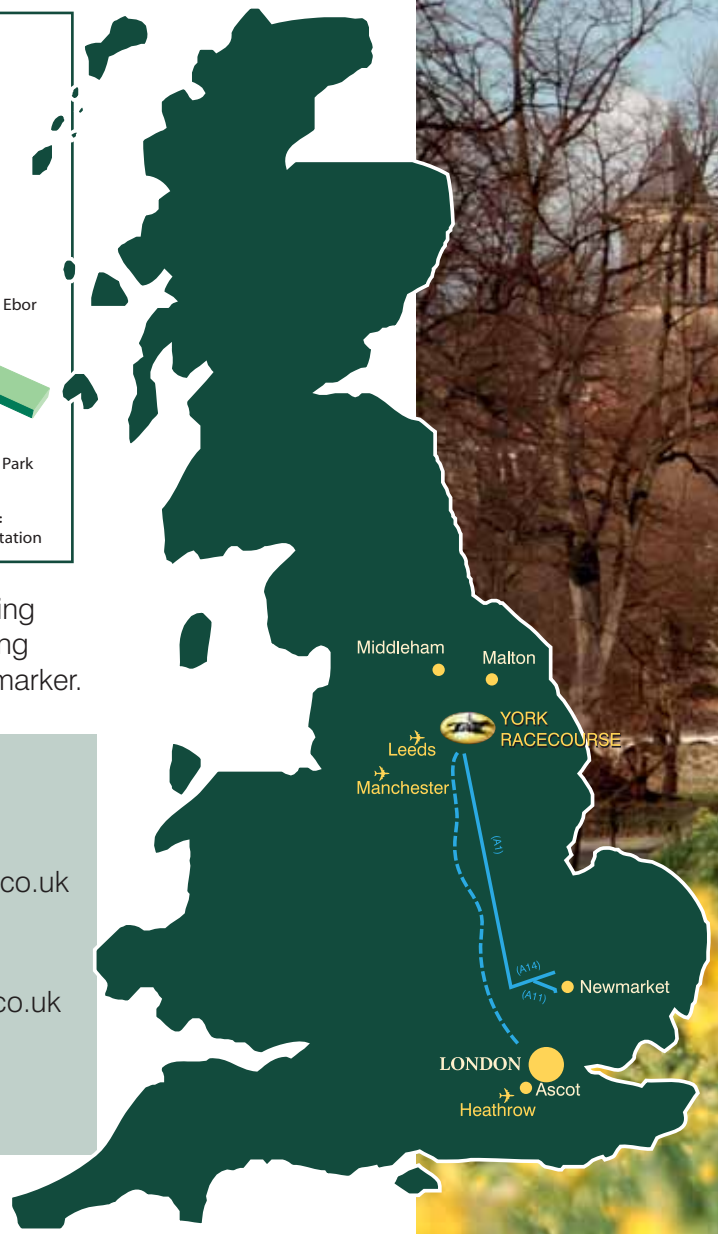



"We had an amazing time and Ortensia's win sealed a perfect day. We are most grateful for the hospitality that was extended to us and appreciate all your efforts to accommodate us and the extended Ortensia support team. We are now home and have fantastic memories of York and look forward to another visit soon."

Paul Messara from Australia, trainer of Ortensia, winner of 2012 Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes

