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New Season's Plans 2015



Connections of Australia celebrate his Juddmonte International Stakes win; the prize fund for this race will again be at a record level of £850,000 on Wednesday 19 August 2015

County Stand Annual Badgeholders

Annual Badgeholders receive the following benefits -

- 17 days of high quality flat racing action including the Dante and Ebor Festivals with 29 black type races
- Use of the exclusive Nunthorpe Suite with its unrivalled view over the finish, full bar, buffet, tote and toilets
- NEW: Use of the new Metal Badgeholder Lawn Bar near the new Weighing Room
- Use of premier car park D
- Complimentary racecard every day
- Cash-back of £20 when using the Ebor or Voltigeur Restaurant
- NEW: Discount of £10 for The Parade Ring Restaurant
- Discount of £5 for the Melrose Club Lounge
- A family member can join you in the Nunthorpe Suite on Family Sunday for just £12.50, a 50% discount on the daily County Stand badge rate
- Invitation to our Annual Badgeholder evening event, as well the Ebor Preview Evening
- 9 reciprocal racedays
- Reciprocal admission to Yorkshire County Cricket Club

Please note the subscriptions are due on 28 February 2015 at the below rates (excluding any joining fee)

- **FULL SINGLE £362**
- **JOINT £622**
- **JUNIOR £115**

To apply to become an Annual Badgeholder please contact Debbie Shirt - debbie.shirt@yorkracecourse.co.uk or 01904 683936.

Record Prize Money

- Further increase to prize money for 2015, to a record level in excess of £6.3 million.
- The richest race ever staged at York will be the Group One Juddmonte International on Wednesday 19 August at £850,000 (up by £50,000)
- The Tattersalls Musidora Stakes receives the biggest boost to its prize money during the Dante Festival with a total prize fund of £100,000 (up by £20,000)
- All races at the Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival will be worth at least £45,000
- All afternoon meetings (so 16 of 17 racedays) will have a prize fund of at least £100,000, a feature race worth at least £25,000 and no contest worth less than £10,000
- Every Listed race to offer at least £40,000 in prize money

Sky Bet Ebor Preview Evening

Building on last year's success the Ebor Preview evening in conjunction with Sky Bet will be held on Tuesday 18 August, on the eve of the Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival.

Join us as the panel look forward to the highlight of the York season.

Expect a lively debate with an opportunity to put your questions to the panel.

Last year Richard Fahey and David O'Meara provided a trainer's view, with Mark Howard and Niall Hannity offering a pundit's perspective. Visit the website nearer the time where we will announce this year's panel.

York Clerk of the Course, William Derby, will be on hand to provide the very latest going and weather updates.

Sky Bet will offer a £5 complimentary bet, and enjoy an informal supper with fellow fans: all for just £10 a person booked in advance by 1 August at www.yorkracecourse.co.uk.

(* Admission is free to York Annual Badgeholders who simply need to book in advance with Debbie Shirt.)



End of Season Awards



To celebrate another truly remarkable season on the Knavesmire we have highlighted some of the great performances we have been lucky enough to witness. Unfortunately, there are no Oscars nor Golden Globes for the winners but we would like to express a massive thank you to all concerned for bringing their top class racehorses to York once again.



THREE TIMES A LADY – Ladies Are Forever

Six-year-old Ladies Are Forever is no stranger to the Knavesmire but achieved a remarkable hat-trick of victories in the Totepool Summer Stakes at our John Smith's Cup meeting in July. Reg Bond's filly first won the race in 2011 when partnered by Silvestre De Sousa. The filly by Monsieur Bond recaptured her crown in 2013 under Graham Lee and successfully defended it this season when ridden by Danny Tudhope. Three different jockeys – same result.



ANOTHER LYRIC FANTASY – Tiggy Wiggy

Older racegoers may well remember the Richard Hannon Senior-trained Lyric Fantasy blitzing her older rivals in the 1992 Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes. The Richard Hannon Junior-trained Tiggy Wiggy may not have won the Nunthorpe (yet) but she showed blistering speed to break the track record in the Pinsent Masons Lowther Stakes in August and then added Group One honours in the Cheveley Park in the autumn.



RAGS TO RICHES – G Force/Move In Time

G Force only cost Middleham Park Racing 25,000 guineas at the 2013 Tattersall's Horses In Training sale. Sent to David O'Meara, he won his first start at Newcastle before following up in the Ralph Rapier Memorial Stakes at the Dante Festival. He then suffered narrow defeats in our John Smith's City Walls Stakes and Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes before his Group 1 breakthrough in the Betfred Haydock Sprint Cup, pocketing connections £150,000 equivalent to a six fold return on his purchase price! Enjoying an autumnus mirabilis, the same trainer and jockey combination won the Group One Prix de l'Abbaye with Move In Time, after finishing second in a competitive handicap at the Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival. This Yorkshire bred sprint star provided connections with £166,000 (give or take an exchange rate point) which looks especially handsome against a £14,000 purchase price.



STAR PERFORMER – The Grey Gatsby

Juddmonte International and dual Derby winner Australia would be a very worthy winner in this category but we cannot help but be biased towards Yorkshire's very own Classic winner, The Grey Gatsby. Frank Gillespie's leading light ran well in defeat in the QIPCO 2000 Guineas before running out a worthy if unheralded winner of the Betfred Dante in May. He followed that with a breath-taking victory in the French Derby –the Prix du Jockey Club. He had to give best to Australia in the Juddmonte but he turned a two length defeat into a neck victory when the pair re-opposed in the QIPCO Irish Champion Stakes.

The Work Continues

Development of Northern End of York Racecourse

Work continues apace on the Northern End Development and will see the Weighing Room phase of the scheme open for the start of the 2015 race season.

The completed scheme will include the new Weighing Room with the Parade Ring Restaurant above on the first floor, new Moët Pavilion with ground floor champagne bar and first floor roof terrace, the refurbishment of the Grade II* Listed John Carr building with overarching canopy and re-landscaped lawns, walkways and pathways all the way from the former weighing room to the new Sir Henry Cecil Gates at the northern end itself.

This follows the first phase of the work which was completed in 2014 with the new pre-parade ring, saddling boxes, wash-down facilities, horse welfare unit and the rotunda building for winning connections. We were delighted with the reaction from horsemen, their horses and racegoers to these new arrangements which allowed for increased viewing of the pre-race preparations as well as improving flows and facilities for horses and humans alike. The recent completion of the new Weighing Room has allowed our grounds team to begin work on the landscaping of the external areas in this north – west quadrant. The installation of grass steppings, seating and pathways in this area will further improve access and viewing of horses and jockeys as they prepare for their races.

The new Weighing Room building is a bespoke structure, complete with trade mark barber poles and metal fretwork, that we hope will become a welcome and familiar aspect of the Knavesmire skyline. The emphasis has been on quality and context for this important building and the structural materials are the same local handmade bricks with traditional lime mortar topped with Welsh slate which were used for the new saddling boxes. The work of renowned York blacksmith,



Future Moët Pavilion on schedule to open May 2015

Don Barker, on the metal fretwork and barber poles combine with large picture windows that promote light and viewing into the building.

The ground floor weighing room facilities are designed to provide modern, first class facilities for jockeys, stewards and the medical teams while allowing racegoers to view as much as possible of the process of weighing in and out, by officials such as the Clerk of the Scales. As well as larger and better facilities for jockeys to change, rest between races and receive physio and medical treatment, the area has a bespoke Axminster carpet, saddle racks in a range of colours and saunas that boast an in-built flat screen TV- we believe it will help create a great environment for the jockeys as they prepare for their rides.

The first floor of the Weighing Room is the Parade Ring Restaurant, overlooking the parade ring, saddling boxes and pre-parade ring it provides the ideal location for a raceday fine dining experience. With a dedicated entrance, welcoming, timber clad, main room with feature roof window, air conditioning and all the best in modern design it will be a fabulous base for a raceday. We are already taking bookings



The new Pre Parade Ring with saddling boxes to west and north, new vet boxes in the top left corner and future weighing room and Parade Ring Restaurant under construction on the eastern boundary

**Annual
Badgeholder
benefit**

Introduce a friend - and we will reward you with a bottle of champagne

Do you know someone who would also enjoy the benefits of being an Annual Badgeholder at York?

If you are already an Annual Badgeholder or an Annual Boxholder then why not introduce them to the scheme and as a thank you we will reward you with a bottle of house champagne.

All you need to do is fill in the relevant section on their application form and we'll do the rest.

Terms and conditions: The Introduce a Friend offer is only valid for new applications for Full Annual Badgeholder status received after January 5th 2015. The bottle of house champagne will be redeemed in the Nunthorpe Suite or your Annual Box by way of a voucher that will be sent to the existing annual supporter, subject to both parties having paid their subscription in full. Multiple valid applications will be accepted. The standard terms and conditions of the Annual Badgeholder scheme will apply. The Introduce a Friend offer does not apply to applications to be a Junior Annual Badgeholder nor to progress from Junior to Full categories.





for this new facility for the festival racedays in 2015 which will offer a haven for smaller parties (up to six diners) who can look forward to a three course luncheon, afternoon tea and drinks served to their private table for the whole day.

The main northern gate will receive an exciting refit and adjacent to this there will be a new Owner's Welcome Building with racegoer facilities set into the northern boundary wall around a new piazza area. A new metal badgeholder lawn bar will be created on part of the area of the former pre-parade ring, offering a quiet, elevated spot under the shade of the trees. The site of the former wooden Moët Bar will see a new larger Moët Pavilion with a contemporary, spacious ground floor champagne bar as well as a feature roof terrace looking towards the Parade Ring and track. These improvements in facilities for County Stand racegoers will be joined at ground floor level by more food options, additional toilets and improvements to the "back of house" that should make for a better experience.

The broader project includes a refurbishment of the Grade II* Listed John Carr Stand by specialist contractors who have the conservation skills to restore this 1754 structure to its former glory. A large overarching canopy spanning this structure

will offer both cover and a frame for this previously hidden architectural gem.

The former Weighing Room will revert to a racegoer facility in 2015 and we intend to make only limited changes for this transitional period to allow racegoers a chance to see and experience the history and heritage of this space. A full upgrade and refurbishment of this building will follow as part of a later phase of the project.

The plans include landscape design for improved champagne lawns, pathways, hedges, safety barriers and floral displays. Many of the existing trees will be retained with further new planting and a palate of materials designed to retain the summer feel of this popular area. A new avenue of lime trees has already been planted on the perimeter of D car park which has also benefited from a new fence.

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



The future Weighing Room and Parade Ring Restaurant under construction (l) and the architect's impression of the finished article (r)



York hand-made made brick with lime mortar and white rose ventilation window



John Carr Stand framed by the proposed new canopy

The Parade Ring Restaurant

A haven for smaller parties (up to six diners) who can look forward to a three course luncheon, afternoon tea and drinks served to their private table, for the whole day.

Situated on the top floor of the new Weighing Room, overlooking the Parade Ring, Saddling Boxes and Pre-Parade Ring, it provides the ideal location for a fine dining experience.

Building on the popularity of the Melrose Club Lounge, the new restaurant will follow the same "badge + restaurant" style, meaning that the restaurant element of the raceday can easily be booked directly by owners, horsemen and annual badgeholders; as well as County Stand day racegoers who can take advantage of the range of early bird and other deals for their badge element. Prices for the new restaurant will start at £120 inc VAT for the Dante Festival, with places at the Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival available at £150 (including three course luncheon, afternoon tea, reserved table for the day but excluding the badge and bar).

To book call 01904 638971.



2014 Season remembered in Pictures



Who's a Clever Cookie? Peter Niven's stable star opens our season



Victory in the Juddmonte International adds to dual Derby winner Australia's roll of honour



The fastest filly on Ladies Day Tiggy-Wiggy lands the Pincent Masons Lowther



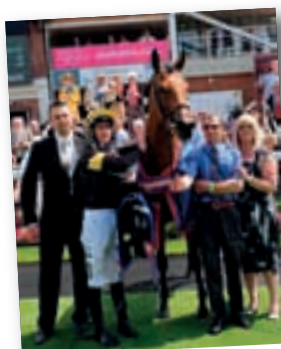
G Force - rags to riches



star performer on the Knavesmire-Chantilly-Leopardstown, The Grey Gatsby



Pale Mimosa proves her staying power on the Knavesmire



Three times a lady - the Bond family celebrate a third victory for Ladies are Forever in the summer stakes



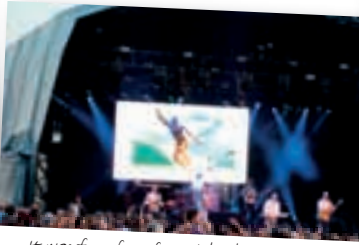
The 2014 Macmillan Charity Race contributes £50,000 to the £6.2 million raised by the day since the 1920s - thank you



Clare and Frankie are good sports for charity in a week of good sport



More world class sport as The Tour de France departs grandly



It was fun, fun, fun with The Beach Boys



Marti Pellow brought smiles to thousands of faces, looks like it was mutual



New talent is often discovered at York



Ebor Fashion Lawn had a wide range of prizes



Some fashionistas struggled with the catwalk



and a wide range of contestant ages



Former Northern End being taken apart



David O'Meara celebrates back to back York Champion Trainer victories



The new Northern End starts to look the part

York Fixture List

2015

DANTE FESTIVAL ~

Wednesday	13 May	Tattersalls Musidora Stakes
Thursday	14 May	Betfred Dante Stakes
Friday	15 May	Yorkshire Cup

MAY SPRING MEETING ~

Saturday	30 May	Stowe Family Law LLP Grand Cup
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JUNE MEETING ~

Friday	12 June	Mid Summer Raceday
Saturday	13 June	Macmillan Charity Raceday

JOHN SMITH'S CUP MEETING ~

Friday	10 July	Summer Stakes
Saturday	11 July	56th John Smith's Cup

MUSIC SHOWCASE WEEKEND ~

Friday (eve)	24 July	EBF Lyric Stakes and live music
Saturday	25 July	Sky Bet York Stakes and live music

WELCOME TO YORKSHIRE EBOR FESTIVAL ~

Wednesday	19 August	Juddmonte International
Thursday	20 August	Darley Yorkshire Oaks/Ladies Day
Friday	21 August	Coolmore Nunthorpe
Saturday	22 August	Betfred Ebor

SEPTEMBER MEETING ~

Sunday	6 September	Press Family Raceday
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OCTOBER FINALE ~

Friday	9 October	Countryside Day
Saturday	10 October	Coral Sprint Trophy

A TOTAL OF 17 DAYS RACING

The details of the race programme on specific days are correct at time of printing however they may be changed so please visit the website.



Dates to note

Annual Badgeholder evening event
Tuesday 5 May

Ebor Preview Evening, supported by Sky Bet
Tuesday 18 August

QIPCO British Champions Day (at Ascot)
Saturday 17 October

2015 Annual Badgeholder Reciprocal Dates



Doncaster	William Hill Lincoln	Saturday 28 March	Tel: 01302 304200
Chester	Boodles City Day - Boodles Diamond Ormonde Stakes (Group 3)	Friday 8 May	Tel: 01244 304600
Cartmel	Sunday Funday	Sunday 28 June	Tel: 01539 536340
Haydock	Old Newton Cup & Lancashire Oaks (Group 2)	Saturday 4 July	Tel: 01942 402624
Ripon	EBF Champion 2 year old Trophy	Monday 31 August	Tel: 01765 530530
Leopardstown	Irish Champion Stakes (Group 1)	Saturday 12 September	Tel: (+353) 1289 0500
Curragh	Irish Champions Weekend	Sunday 13 September	Tel: (+353) 4544 1205
Newmarket	Future Champions Day (Group 1)	Friday 16 October	Tel: 01638 675500
Doncaster	November Handicap	Saturday 7 November	Tel: 01302 304200

Visit yorkracecourse.co.uk for 2015 Yorkshire County Cricket fixtures

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