



# York

RACECOURSE

December 2020

As 2020 draws to a close, we wanted to send you our best wishes from York Racecourse and to thank you for your continued support as we look forward to a brighter 2021.

Since we last were in communication, we were pleased to see that Ghaiyyath, Love and Battaash, the winners of our three Group 1 races, all won their respective categories in the Cartier Awards, and Ghaiyyath won the overall Horse of the Year Award. Indeed, the ratings for the Juddmonte International could see it among the contenders for the highest rated race in the world in 2020 - once all the rankings are confirmed in January – fingers crossed for a “podium” finishing position!

Since our last race meeting of the behind-closed-doors season on the Knavesmire in October, the Racecourse team have been busy repairing the racing surface following the condensed race programme - which saw over a thousand horses race on the track in three months, renovating our 180 box stable yard and refurbishing our racing staff accommodation hotel by adding new en-suite facilities to the rooms. With no Christmas parties this year, we were pleased to welcome the cast and crew of the BBC drama “Gentleman Jack” who used the Racecourse as their base for the filming of the second series in York and the surrounding areas. The New Year will see further investment in the fabric of the grandstands with painting, roofing, and additions to our fibre optic Wi-Fi network, all planned.

We were encouraged to read of the approval of a vaccine and positive statements from senior politicians and health professionals about the prospect of more normal conditions starting to return in the spring. Let us hope there is light at the end of the tunnel. We have offered our facilities to local public health officials as a vaccination centre in 2021.

Like you, we will follow developments closely and are working with others in racing and sport to plans for the safe return of appropriate numbers of fans as soon as possible. Our 18 day fixture list follows a similar pattern to previous years and is copied below, starting on Wednesday 12 May. We will keep our website and social media updated with details as and when they are confirmed in this evolving situation.

In the interim and if of interest, York Racecourse Gift Vouchers can now be both bought and redeemed online, as well as having the option of a gift box, making them the perfect present for the racing fan in your life. See <https://www.yorkracecourse.co.uk/gift-vouchers.html> for the details.

For now, thank you again for your support, have a Happy Christmas and let’s hope we all can share a successful 2021.

Very best wishes

**YORK RACES  
PUBLISHED\* FIXTURES 2021**

***Dante Festival***

Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> May	Tattersalls Musidora Stakes
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> May	Al Basti Equiworld Dante Stakes
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> May	Matchbook Yorkshire Cup

***May Spring Meeting***

Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	William Hill Brontë Cup
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***June Meeting***

Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> June	Mid Summer Raceday
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> June	50 <sup>th</sup> Macmillan Charity Raceday
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Saturday

***John Smith's Cup Meeting***

Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> July	William Hill Summer Stakes
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> July	62 <sup>nd</sup> John Smith's Cup

***Music Showcase Weekend***

Friday (eve)	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	EBF Lyric Stakes and live music
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> July	Sky Bet York Stakes and live music

***Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival***

Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> August	Juddmonte International
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> August	Darley Yorkshire Oaks/Ladies Day
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> August	Coolmore Nunthorpe
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup> August	Sky Bet Ebor

***September Meeting***

Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> September	Garrowby Stakes Family Raceday
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***October***

Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> October	Finale Friday
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> October	Coral Sprint Trophy

**A TOTAL OF 18 DAYS RACING**

\*All racedays staging a Pattern contest have now been published by the BHA, which includes 17 of 18 dates at York Racecourse. It is only Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October that does not stage a Pattern race, however it has been advised that this date remains allocated to York. The wider sport and York Racecourse will continue to be flexible in response to the pandemic.