



NTF WEEKLY – 1 AUGUST 2017

NTF Racing Diary – early information request for 2018 edition

Anderson and Co have been in touch with us about plans for the NTF Racing Diary. For the first time the 2018 diary will contain trainers' Instagram addresses and the name of their Racing Secretary and contact email / number.

If you would like this information in your diary entry, please send your social media addresses and any new phone numbers, contacts, new addresses or potential new addresses to diary@racehorsetrainers.org

Training fee survey will provide useful data

Due to the NTF being a member of the European Trainers Federation, our members receive a complimentary copy of European Trainer Magazine, which, like the NTF Racing Diary, is published by Anderson and Co.

Trainer Magazine is conducting a survey of training fees across its eleven member countries – Belgium, Britain, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Rep. of Ireland, Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Hungary. We would welcome British trainers taking part in the survey, which you can access online at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TRAINERWEB_SURVEY. The survey also asks about the factors that affect costs and how this affects the training profession. The questions have been framed in a way that is quick and easy to answer so it won't take up much time but will be highly valuable.

The survey is anonymous; if you wish to be contacted there is an opportunity to provide contact details at the end of the survey. The deadline is Wednesday 16th August. The results will be published in the October – December 2017 issue.

Promoting 'The Horse Comes First' at Epsom Trainers' Open Day and Newmarket Open Weekend

The NTF is a supporter of The Horse Comes First, an industry-wide initiative which many of you will be familiar with. The Horse Comes First promotes and raises awareness of the high standards of equine welfare in the sport. The initiative aims to improve understanding of the care given to our horses throughout and after their careers in racing.

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The Epsom Trainers' Open Day on Monday 28th August and Newmarket Open Weekend on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th September are great opportunities for you to engage with The Horse Comes First and share the positive messaging about the high levels of welfare with visitors to your yards. Here's how you can get involved:

Messaging

In order for you to be able to share the messaging confidently, please find below the key messages promoted by The Horse Comes First:

British Racing has a track record to be proud of: *British Racing is among the world's best regulated animal activities. The sport employs over 6,000 people to provide care and attention for the 14,000 horses in training, providing them with a level of care and a quality of life that is virtually unsurpassed by any other domesticated animal.*

British Racing has a duty of care to its horses: *Since the year 2000, British Racing has invested £32 million in veterinary research and education.*

British Racing is open and transparent: *Within the last 20 years, the equine fatality rate in British Racing has fallen by one-third, from 0.3% to 0.2% of runners.*

Further information and messaging from The Horse Comes First can be found on its website (<http://www.thehorsecomesfirst.com/key-facts>) and we welcome you to share the messaging as you show visitors around your yards.

Promotional Material

The Horse Comes First is also more than happy to provide you with leaflets and a 2-side illustrated handout to give to your visitors and help spread the word about the care you and your colleagues provide to the horses you train.



If you would like to receive this material (free of charge), please contact Zoe Chadwick from The Horse Comes First on zoe.chadwick@plmr.co.uk or 0203 463 0813 and she will arrange for material to be sent to you ahead of the respective open days.

This notice is particularly relevant for trainers in Epsom and Newmarket. Nonetheless, if you are based outside these locations, we would be delighted for you to show your support at future open days and similar events too.

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RSPCA asks racing community for winning homes for companion ponies

The RSPCA is asking racing trainers for help rehoming small hack and companion ponies this summer. For several years now the RSPCA and other horse charities has been picking up the pieces of the equine crisis, with inspectors being called out to sick, injured, neglected or cruelly treated horses every single day. Despite their best efforts the RSPCA has more than 800 horses, donkeys and ponies in care and is asking for the racing community for help to give them winning homes.

Amy Quirk, a former jockey, and the RSPCA’s director of field operations, said: “We are asking the racing community for help rehoming our ponies as we know these animals will get fantastic care and also lead purposeful lives as hacks or field and travel companions for your thoroughbreds.

“You may not have considered rehoming a rescue horse until now, but we have hundreds of really smart little ponies who are just waiting for a chance in a new home after being rescued from serious neglect and cruelty.”

To find out more, please email equinerehoming@rspca.org.uk the RSPCA website and see the companion horses, ponies and donkeys currently available for rehoming or foster (www.rspca.org.uk/homesforhorses)

Next regional meeting is for Scotland and the Borders

Once again we have scheduled a regional meeting for Scotland and the Borders at Kelso Racecourse’s Twilight meeting on 20th September. Your regional chairman, Nick Alexander, hopes to arrange for Kelso’s new racecourse manager, Jonathan Garratt, to attend.

NTF Council and Committees	Monday 7 th August	London
Scotland & Borders	Wednesday 20 th September	Kelso Racecourse

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For Sale – Horse walker and starting stalls

Monarch 66' Horse walker – 8 horse, water system with roof. Good condition, full working order. £10,000.00 plus VAT. It will be dismantled and palletised ready for collection.

Static 2-stall yearling training stalls – padded and full working order. Dismantled ready for collection, £ 500.00 plus VAT.

Enquiries to Ed McMahon – 07787951630

HMRC and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) working together for you – growing your business

Thursday 8 August - 10am to 11am

[Book here](#)

If it's the first time you have taken on an employee, your business is growing or you fancy a refresher, this webinar is for you.

Discover the importance of gathering accurate employee information, notifying HMRC of a new employee and how to include them in your payroll.

Highlighting how to identify risks in the workplace and protecting the welfare of new employees, the HSE will also signpost you to further information on basic employer responsibilities.

Regulation deadlines

- Pension auto enrolment staging dates
 - **Up to February 2018** for businesses started since April 2012
- **10th August 2017** – 30-day stand down period for Bisphosphonates takes effect.
- **25th August 2017** – **New ownership registrations will cease at 3pm** to ensure the smooth introduction of the new owners' system. Registrations will re-open in the new Racing Admin system on the morning of **Wednesday 30th August**.
- **By the end of 2017** – original Racing Admin website will close.

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