

# Other Business News



**12<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

## North Yorkshire training facilities available to rent near Leyburn

Fully maintained Yard with top class facilities available immediately.

Box numbers are flexible and include an American barn with 16 boxes, office / living accommodation with further boxes available.

Further living accommodations on site.

Walker, lunge ring, grazing, schooling facilities, stalls, round firesand canter, 40 x 60 arena, newly refurbished 5-furlong 140 foot climb uphill woodchip gallop, 6-furlong grass gallop.

Cold saltwater treadmill, Vita floor/ solarium also on site.

Ideal for training flat or NH horses. Yard has produced Group/ Listed winners on the flat and Class 1 and Grade 1 winners at Cheltenham etc.

Please contact:

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## Trainer Magazine – new content now online

The July to September issue of European Trainer – Issue 86

Members will receive their print copies from next week.

Here are the contents for this issue:

- \* The Botti family dynasty
- \* Feed patterns and behaviour of horses in training
- \* International opportunities - key races to target this autumn
- \* Predicting cartilage quality - new research on the use of Electroarthrography
- \* Understanding and treating depression in horses
- \* EMHF Survey - the scale of the racing industries in member countries, linking the size, population and wealth of those countries
- \* Reducing wind surgeries

\* GVS EQ update - how the regulatory environment for pool betting impacts the financial health of racing around the world

\* Optimising youngstock growth and development

\* TopSpec Trainer of the Quarter - Brian Meehan

<https://trainermagazine.com/issues-to-read-online/july-september-2024-issue-86/2024/7/1>

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## On behalf of J. Murphy & Sons Limited

Please be vigilant of a current scam. We are aware of an email in circulation targeting professional keepers of horses which is falsely impersonating us. J. Murphy & Sons Limited does not approach our customers or supply chain with unsolicited offers of sale, nor do we conduct sales transactions via email. If you do receive any such emails, please report these to Action Fraud: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/reporting-fraud-and-cyber-crime>

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**14<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

## On behalf of Racing Welfare - Mental Health Awareness Week 2024 – Monday 13 to Sunday 19 May

This year Mental Health Awareness Week takes place from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. The theme, set by the Mental Health Foundation, is ‘Movement: Moving more for our mental health.’.

Racing Welfare will be leading racing’s response to this national awareness campaign, aiming to raise awareness of the signs of mental health, normalising conversations and signposting to support services.

Racing’s stakeholders play a key role in helping us to raise awareness of mental health during the week. Our primary audience will be those within the racing community though, with it being a well-supported national campaign, we are confident racing’s wider audiences will also connect with the messaging during the week.

How can you help?

We’ve previously had fantastic support from the industry for this campaign and would love for

that support to continue this year. Click on this link to the stakeholder pack for information about the week and links to assets, including:

A host of social media graphics, templates and suggested wording

Web pages and information on available support

Take part in the 'big walk' by organising your own workplace walk using the poster provided.

Take action

There are several ways that racing can take action this #MentalHealthAwarenessWeek beyond sharing our assets and key messages across your digital channels.

Organise a 'Big Walk' at your workplace: Set aside some time for everyone across the workplace to take part in a wellbeing walk. Research has shown that there are lots of benefits in having a physically active workforce including reduced sickness absence, increased productivity and greater staff retention. Walking reduces stress and has a positive impact on both mental and physical wellbeing. Workplace walking can also be a sociable activity that has the added value of providing an opportunity to network with colleagues.

Share your own experience: we are keen to share practical tips from those working in our sport. If you have any tips or advice on how movement has helped you with your mental health please share this during the week using the hashtag #MovementforMentalHealth

Tell us what you are doing: do you have any specific initiatives in place at your organisation/workplace to support the mental health of your colleagues? Share details of these initiatives during the week, and don't forget to tag us!

Tell a friend: this Mental Health Awareness Week, if you only do one thing, tell a friend about Racing Welfare. Tell them about the services that we offer and that we are available 24/7 via Racing's Support Line on 0800 6300 443.

Thank you in advance for your support this year. If you have any questions or would like to discuss Mental Health Awareness Week further then please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the mobile number below.

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Racing Welfare**

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## Tickets now on sale for the 2024 Racing Foundation Conference

The Racing Foundation is delighted to announce that its seventh annual conference will take place on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at Ascot Racecourse.

An industry event not to be missed, the carbon-neutral conference aims to prompt collaboration

and build understanding around racing's most pertinent challenges and bring delegates from across the industry together for a day of learning, collaboration and inspiration.

The key question being explored throughout this year's conference is: how can horseracing navigate social licence amidst changing societal expectations?

[Click here](#) to read more about the conference agenda and to purchase tickets.

**26<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

## ROA VAT Scheme

Sponsorship agreement under the terms of the Racehorse Owners VAT scheme, now provide two hassle-free options.

### Charity sponsorship option

The ROA have teamed up with three key industry charities: The Injured Jockeys Fund, Retraining of Racehorses and Racing Welfare. If you are a client of the ROA VAT Return Service, they will make a donation to the charity of your choice in lieu of your sponsorship payment.

### Fitzdares sponsorship option

The ROA have partnered with Fitzdares to offer another sponsorship scheme where the ownership receives a one-off payment of £100 (+VAT).

## On behalf of the Great North Air Ambulance Service – Brew with Crew Week

Get together during our Brew with the Crew week for a cuppa with those you care about!

Host your perfect tea or coffee morning with your crew and help our crew continue our life-saving mission!

Our official Brew With The Crew week is Monday 24 June – Sunday 30 June, but you can host one at any time that suits you.

Link to sign up : <https://tinyurl.com/58c9teas>

**28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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*NB. After this publication,*

*Claire Dysons Water Treadmill & Rehabilitation Centre*

*won the*

*Midland Rural Enterprise Awards 2024*

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## The Countryside Alliance Awards - Midlands Rural Enterprise Award Nominee Claire Dyson

In February the Countryside Alliance announced that Claire Dysons Water Treadmill & Rehabilitation Centre had reached the final for the Midlands Rural Enterprise Award 2024. Team Dyson is over the moon and very grateful to the NTF and everyone who is voting for us.

The Claire Dyson Water Treadmill & Rehabilitation Centre is a local equine business based in Cleeve Prior and is dedicated to the care and rehabilitation of horses. Our chosen charity is the Midlands Air Ambulance and we have raised over £110,000 to date. This is something the Team Dyson are very proud of and we would like to thank Stratford Racecourse and all racegoers for their continued support.

To vote please go to [www.research.net/r/CAA24MBiz](http://www.research.net/r/CAA24MBiz) add your details and click the link to Rural Enterprise.

Voting closes at midnight on 31st March 2024

If you would like to know more about the Centre and the equine care we offer please head over to the website [www.clairedysonwatertreadmill.co.uk](http://www.clairedysonwatertreadmill.co.uk) or follow the team on facebook or Instagram.

**11<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Nationwide Equine Carbon calculator

British Equestrian have announced the launch of the first nationwide equine carbon calculator, which has been produced by a consortium of equine organisations to help equine businesses understand their environmental impact and take steps to mitigate it. It has been pioneered by equine environmental sustainability specialists White Griffin and the Farm Carbon Toolkit – trainers may recognise the name White Griffin from its previous work for the British Horse Racing Authority. It can be found [here](#):

**1st February 2024**

## Reporting Abusive Communications - latest scam

As part of the ongoing work on abusive communications to trainers, we are currently dealing with a scam involving fraud by false representation. An unknown male is making calls to members of the public, purporting to be a named racehorse trainer. He states that he has information and asks for a bet to be placed on his behalf, on the premise that it will be refunded if it loses. He is then putting pressure on those he has contacted to provide him with a share of any winnings.

It seems likely that he is also using other trainers' names as part of this scam and there is obviously a reputational risk to them. If you have been approached by any member of the public reporting this scam then please make contact asap, with the aim of building a full picture of offending behaviour. We expect to be able to identify this individual and will then act to resolve.

More information on the Reporting Abuse project here [Report Abuse](#)

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- Programme Book 4: 16 September – 31 December

This is intended to deliver a more consistent volume of races per book and align publication with key dates in the Racing Calendar.

## Premier Racedays

2024 will see the introduction of Premier Racedays. These fixtures will be run for at least £250k on the Flat (£225k Sunday) and £200K over Jumps (£180k Sunday). Higher Minimum Values will apply at Premier Racedays, where, in addition, no Flat race will be worth less than £20,000 and no Jump race less than £15,000.

## Jump Programme

### 1. Race volume reduction

As part of plans to improve competitiveness of Jump racing in 2024, 300 races overall will be removed across the whole year, with c.60 of those taken out of PB1.

### 2. Pattern Changes – Jump Review

The announced changes to the Pattern as part of the Jump Pattern's Review continue to take shape through this season, with the following taking effect in PB1:

- Dipper (Cheltenham) and Altcar (Haydock) Novices' Chases have been removed from the programme
- Grade 2 Towton Novice Chase (Wetherby) now takes place a month earlier (13<sup>th</sup> Jan) and will be run at 2m3f.
- Peter Marsh Chase (Haydock) is now a Premier Handicap (20th Jan)
- Grade 2 Lightning Novice Chase now takes place at Lingfield (21st Jan)
- Grade 2 International Hurdle now takes place on Cheltenham Trials day (27th Jan)

### 3. 74-95 Handicaps

In order to meet demand and the current shape of horse population, a small number of 74-95 Novices' Limited Handicap Hurdles have been programmed.

### 4. National Hunt Flat Races

A reminder that changes have been made to the Rules of Racing which mean that:

- A horse may only run in three NHF races but may have a fourth run in a Listed Race or a Pattern Race and a fifth run in a Pattern Race during the same season as the fourth run.
- 6YOs will only be eligible to run in NHF races from 1st Jan until the end of that Jump season.

## Flat Programme

## **1. Divisions**

A trial will take place in PB1 on the All-Weather of dividing at 16 declarations as opposed to 18. This will see divisions at Chelmsford City, Kempton Park, Lingfield Park, Newcastle, Southwell and Wolverhampton instigated at 16+ declarations, with two divisions of 8+, from 1 January – 22 March inclusive. Where a race has 27+ declarations and is the only race eligible to divide, the race will be divided three times.

## **2. Trial removal of +1/+2 in Class 5 & 6 Flat Handicaps**

Following the permanent removal of +1/+2 in Class 5 Jump handicaps, a trial of its removal is being applied to Class 5 & 6 Flat Handicaps in order to assess its impact on the distribution of runners and to support competitiveness.

## **3. Sunday Evening Floodlits**

Six Sunday Evening Floodlit fixtures have been scheduled. These cards will be run for at least £145,000, made up of Class 3-6 races, with races at Class 4 and below run at least three times the Minimum Value. These fixtures will be programmed to finish at 20:30, with 7 programmed races and the ability to divide to 8.

## **4. Removal of March Flat Break**

The March Flat Code break that had previously fallen the week after Cheltenham will not take place in 2024 and five Floodlit fixtures will be scheduled this week Monday-Friday. The first two of those fixtures (Monday 18 and Tuesday 19) will be run as rider restricted fixtures.

## **5. AW Championships**

There will no longer be Fast-Track Qualifiers, but horses will still have to have run a minimum of three times during the AW season; normal elimination rules will apply in the finals. Two trial days will be run with races mirroring Finals Day. These will be staged at Newcastle on 1 January and Lingfield Park on 1 March.

## **6. Re-ordering races at the declaration stage**

A trial will be staged at All-Weather fixtures between January and March which will allow races to be re-ordered at the declaration stage with the aim of maximising revenue streams. No race will be moved by more than 1 hour 10 minutes from its originally published time. The trial will only take place at meetings with no Class 1 or Class 2 races.

# **Overall**

## **1. Division Thresholds**

The 2024 maximum prize money threshold for races dividing will be:



- £15,000 at Core Flat and Jump fixtures (other than NHF races which will be £6,000)
- £15,000 at Premier Jump fixtures
- £20,000 at Premier Flat fixtures

Racecourses can opt out of dividing races to £15,000 at Core fixtures only, on a per Programme Book basis. Should they do this then the maximum prize money threshold for races dividing will be £12,000 (Remains at £6,000 for Jump NHF).

## 2. Blank Races

A number of blank races will be left in the programme, which will be updated nearer to the race date. Race details will be confirmed approximately two weeks ahead of the fixture. A list of these races will be published on NRAS.

## 3. Cancellation of Races

Any Class 4-6 Handicap on the Flat or 4-5 Handicap over Jumps that receives three or fewer declarations will be cancelled, subject to a minimum of at least 6 races remaining on the card.

## 4. Early Closing Races

Where an early closing race is abandoned at the original venue and is subsequently re-scheduled and transferred to a new venue, other than in exceptional circumstances, entries will be deleted, and the race will be re-opened. If such a race is a handicap, weights will be re-published based on those new entries, ensuring that all runners are running off their latest mark. If the race is re-scheduled at the same venue, it may be re-opened if it is considered there is a significant delay between the new and original date.

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# 5 January 2024

## Renew Internet Access with France Galop

Trainers are now able to re-register with France Galop ahead of the 2024 season. In order to do this, trainers will need to log in to the France Galop website [www.france-galop.com](http://www.france-galop.com) Click on Entraineur/Coach and then click on "Renouvellement d'Access internet/Internet Access Renewal". Trainers will need to check your details and then pay by debit/credit card.

While completing this it is recommended to check any possible French Classic entries for 2024 in your stable are up to date with all their vaccinations as the French Classics close in mid-February. Under the new rules issued by France-Galop they are allowed to refuse an entry if the vaccinations are not on their system.

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