

# STABLE NEWS

#### **Newsletter launched**

As you can see, the new newsletter is up and running! The plan is for this to replace my old blog on the website and to be sent to owners every three months. If you manage a syndicate, please foward this on to your members.

Hopefully you'll find it an interesting read, and if there's anything you want adding, such as any stories or news on your horses, plus any pictures from the races, then please email them to me at mickappleby@icloud.com.





#### **New Sponsor**

If you've been up to the yard recently or seen our runners at the races, you might well have noticed we have recently acquired a yard sponsor.

Simon Walton has had shares in horses at the yard for three years now as part of the Rod In Pickle Partnership so I was delighted that he took up the offer of sponsoring the yard through his company Proform Racing at the beginning of April. Proform is a leading racing form analysis tool, described as "The Professionals Formbook".

You can use Proform to study races and gain loads of useful stats on horses, trainers, sires, owners etc. Take a look at what they offer by visiting www.proformracing.com. The sponsorship benefits us in many ways, with the staff kitted out with some smart new clothing for work, new paddock sheets for the horses and the option for you to carry the Proform logo on your silks and in turn get registered for the VAT Scheme in order to reclaim VAT on your fees and any horses you purchase.

For more details, call Dennis on 07703 628 831



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#### **Gallop resurfaced**

The old gallop surface had become worn out as a result of a few years of wear and needed sorting out. Having looked at a few options I decided to go with a carpet fibre surface provided by Roade Fibres. Made up of recycled carpet, it provides a safer, more cushioned and reliable surface than we had and the big attraction (in addition to the price!) was that the surface could be laid straight on top of the old surface meaning the horses didn't miss any serious work. Since it was put down the winners have continued to roll and the work riders all say it rides really well.

#### **AW Champion**

It seems like a long time ago now but I was really proud to be crowned AW Championships Champion Trainer. The £10,000 cheque was nice but having twice been second, it was a real achievement from the team to secure the title. It's something I couldn't do without both the staff and my owners so thanks to all involved, your support is hugely appreciated.





#### 100 up for Serena

It was great to see City Ground win at Lingfield last month, not just because it was his first start since joining the yard, but also because it provided Serena Brotherton with her 100th career win under rules. Serena has long since been regarded as one of the leading amateur riders and getting her century proves the point. It's a huge achievement for an amateur to ride that number of winners and it was made all the more special as City Ground is owned by her mum. Well done Serena!

#### **Cover model**

I was recently approached to be the cover model for the July edition of a magazine. I initially thought they'd want me to show off my fine physique but Trainer Magazine just wanted to find out more about my background and training methods for their feature article. If you want to read the article, then visit the website of Trainer Magazine.





### JANUARY

### The Lock Master wins again

We brought home 7 winners in January, including The Lock Master who gained a 15th career success at Southwell. He's one of only a couple of horses that have been with me since I started training again and has been a great servant to both the stable, and his owner Ken Kitchen. He's already back down to the same mark as for that win so we should get to at least win number 16 before the year is out.

January winners – The Lock Master, Moon River, Luv U Whatever, Falcon's Reign, Philba, Jacob's Pillow & Ziggys Star

### FEBRUARY

### **Rising Sta**

Another 7 winners in January including a brace from Supersta who continued his rise through the ratings since joining the stable. He was impressive at Chelmsford under Martin Lane before winning cosily at Wolverhampton from another progressive horse. His real weapon is a sharp turn of foot and he's a very talented horse on the all weather so we'll look forward to aiming him at some of the good races next winter. **February winners – Supersta (2), Weald Of Kent (2), Ziggys Star, Moon River & Philba** 

### MARCH

### **Record breaking River**

10 winners in March was the best tally so far and performance of the month came from Craig Buckingham's Moon River who lowered the 7f track record at Southwell. Having won well in the middle of the month, a 3lbs rise in the weights wasn't enough to stop our thriving filly as she powered clear of the field to win one of the most valuable handicaps staged on the fibres and at Southwell by over a length, stopping the clock at a rapid 1m 26.38s!

March winners – Moon River (2), Red Touch (2), Brassbound, Venus Grace, Rainbow Lad, Apache Storm, Two Jabs & Powerfulstorm



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# APRIL

## Demora lands listed prize

8 winners on the board in April, the highlight of which was Demora's win in Listed company at Bath. We really expected her to win this race last year but she was below form that day when a beaten favourite, so it was great to go back and win as a 9/1 shot this time around. The ground came in her favour and she showed a really good attitude to respond to a strong ride from Midge. She'd been busy in Dubai before that so has gone out for a short break but will be back later in the season when conditions will be in her favour.

April winners - Demora, Call Out Loud, Astra Hall (2), Mr Red Clubs (2), Street Force & Viewpoint

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### Winning start for Tangerine Trees

5 winners in May included a really pleasing win from Tangerine Trees at Nottingham. A Group 1 winner at his peak for Bryan Smart back in 2011, he lost his way a bit after an early season win last year so it was great to see him make a winning start for us. He might not be as good as he was but at 11yo it's great to see he still has the talent and enthusiasm to win races and there's hopefully more success to be had with him. *May winners – Tangerine Trees, Taysh, Christmas Hamper, Supersta & Secret Clause* 

## JUNE

### Guishan doubles up

11 winners made June our most successful so far, and with the strike rate the best of the year so far, it's been great to see the horses in such good form. Guishan has been absolutely flying since her return from a break but I expected her to need the run when she returned to the track at Haydock. That shows what I know though as she won there before quickly going in again at Newmarket 5 days later. She showed an excellent attitude under a couple of good rides from Tim Clark and is a tough horse to pass when at the top of her game.

June winners – Guishan (2), Mujazif, Escalating, Kestrel Call, City Ground, Rainbow Lad, Young Tom, Lulu The Zulu, Palmerston & Stars N Angels



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