



Welcome to our April 2016 newsletter...

Easter runners... and Winners!

We headed to Sandon on Easter Saturday with 5 runners. Our first runners of the weekend were in the 2 Mile 5 Furlong maiden where we were doubly represented. Badbad Leroy Brown was partnered by Ed Glassonbury and Annie's Gun was the mount of Ben Furnival. Unfortunately Annie's Gun and Ben parted company on the first circuit. Badbad Leroy Brown (who is owned by David Futter of Yorton Farm) didn't disappoint us as he drew clear on the bridle after the last to make a winning debut. He is only 4 years old and he will now be aimed at a bumper with the view to being sold.

We then moved on to the Intermediate where we again had 2 runners. The Mighty Noake travelled and jumped strongly under Ed before getting tired on the tacky ground. We expect to see plenty of improvement next time when he is on better ground. Our other runner was Our Crusade who was given a lovely ride by John Mathias finishing a decent 5th in a strong field.

Our last runner of the day was Desert Sting in the 2 Mile 5 Furlong Restricted and he certainly didn't let us down, running out a ready winner in a race which panned out perfectly. He was given a beautiful ride by Edward. This seems to be his trip so we will head under rules with him now with the aim to exploit his low handicap mark.



Desert Sting on the way to victory at Sandon



Badboy Leroy Brown pictured with Connections after winning at Sandon

We travelled to Eyton on Severn on Easter Monday with 3 maidens. Armitage Shanks made his debut in the 2 Mile 5 Furlong maiden. He looked set to finish 3rd before coming down at the 2nd last. It was a novicey fall and I expect him to show next time just how good a jumper he is, as he showed before that point on Monday. It was a strong race and he showed plenty of promise and I hope he will go very close on his next start. We then had two runners in the concluding Maiden. Norton Grove was partnered by Ryan Tongue and he travelled and jumped perfectly and just found the testing ground too much. I'm really looking forward to getting him on genuine good ground which will help him see out the trip. Spoilt Sam was making his racecourse debut here and showed plenty of promise and optimism for the future. He is a backward type who will improve massively with racing.

BHA licensed trainer

I successfully completed my application for my trainers licence last week. I have been working on this for a few months now having had to complete my three modules to complete the application. I have applied for a dual licence so will be aiming to have runners both on the flat and over jumps. I feel this is the right time to make the step having improved the facilities even further last autumn with the addition of the hill gallop which we now use alongside the older 3 Furlong loop gallop and 1 Mile straight gallop. I will be aiming to have my first runners at the end of April. Desert Sting and Badbad Leroy Brown are both possibles for our first runners. Point to pointing will still be at the heart of the operation here at Stockton Hall, with Ed Glassonbury taking over that side of the yard. The pointing and the professional parts of the yard will be run separately but at the same time will help each other along and it will still be one operation.

Cheshire Racing Club

Cheshire Racing Club is a council run charity who are aiming to promote the racing industry around the local area. Part of this operation involves them going round local schools and colleges around Cheshire promoting the sport.

In conjunction with them we headed to Reaseheath to perform a demonstration of how we do our job and what a job in the industry includes. We hope the students found this interesting and go on to pursue a career in the industry.

We also have recently had a veterinary student from Liverpool University with us for 2 weeks. Rosion seems to have enjoyed her time with us and I hope she learnt something worthwhile about the thoroughbred breed!

Upton On Severn & Hereford

Last Saturday (2nd April) we headed to Upton On Severn with 2 runners. We had Annie's Gun in the Mares Maiden. She didn't enjoy the ground which was softer than expected and we hope she will bounce back on better ground. We then moved on to Supercharge who was making his racecourse debut here and he made a very encouraging start to his career when running out a ready winner. This was our 2nd winning 4 year old newcomer in as many weeks. He will probably head for a bumper now if he is not sold beforehand.

A day later we travelled to Hereford racetrack with two maidens. Earth Shaker was making his second start in the pointing field after having an educational run at Garthorpe. He showed a lot more on this occasion in a very competitive field finishing a good 5th in a good time. We hope he will improve again from this as he is only a 4 year old so he is still totally unexposed and we will also be expecting to see improvement from him on even better ground.

Honest Intent finally got his career underway after we have sidestepped a couple of engagements due to soft ground. He has always showed us a fair amount at home and transformed this to the track finishing a close



Supercharge pictured with Connections after winning on debut

second after being slightly too free early and then being green in front. He shouldn't have much problem getting his head in front soon. Like Supercharge, who won the day before, he is owned by Shade Oak Stud and he will also be off to the sales at some point but we will try to get his head in front before he is sold.

3 to follow competition

Top 5 Horses

1	Desert Sting	19pts
2	Badbad Leroy Brown	10pts
3	Supercharge	10pts
4	Late Romantic	10pts
5	Honest Intent	5pts

The Leaderboard

1	Tessa Dollar	31pts
2	Mark Astbury	30pts
3	David Bostock	29pts
4	Richard Hewitt	21pts
5	Laura Palmer	20pts

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