



*Welcome to our January 2017 newsletter...*

## Warbler Strong as a Rock

Rock Warbler makes it 3 out of 3 at Newcastle, which added to Arthurthedelegator's win in December makes a stunning 4 out of 5 for the yard there.

Kevin Stott, who had ridden him to his two previous victories, was unavailable to take the ride but James Sullivan had ridden him before, knew the horse well and gave him a lovely ride, producing him at the furlong pole to win convincingly by 2 lengths.

The straight track seems to suit his hold up style of racing well and the quicker tapeta surface allows him to utilise his turn of foot. The plan is to head back to Newcastle with him for a race at the end of January and then give him a break ready for the summer.



Arthurthedelegator is having a well-deserved break now having won nicely at Newcastle. It was great to get our first 2 year old winner and was particularly special in that it provided my longest standing owner Eric Brook with a very exciting win. He is still growing physically, as well as mentally, and I feel that the break will do him the world of good. He has got plenty of improvement to come as a 3 year old and having been castrated, I am really looking forward to seeing him back on the grass.

## Recent Runners

I am really pleased with the progress that has been made by two of our young horses. Cave Top had his third run in Novice Company on New Year's Day and finished 3rd behind two decent horses. We feel that 3 miles was probably just a bit too far for him at this stage in his career, he was travelling like the winner turning in but just got tired after two out. He has been given a rating of 110 so we will look for a handicap in 6 weeks' time. Off that mark we feel that he will go close.

Quid's In is the second inexperienced type who has done nothing but please us since being purchased at the October sale. I was very impressed with his performance at Wetherby on 27th December. His jumping was a little sticky over the first few flights of hurdles but this only got better as the race went on. Having travelled powerfully through the race, he jumped the second last in with a serious chance, he was just a little green in front. However, with this being his first time over hurdles, it was a very pleasing effort, beaten only 5 lengths.

## Runners Coming up

Our next runners are on Wednesday. Spirit of the Vale heads up to Newcastle for what looks like it could be a very winnable race for her and we feel the track will definitely play to her strengths.

Quid's In goes to Hereford on Wednesday too, his jumping has improved a lot and he seems very well at home.

What A Joke will also run at Hereford on Wednesday. He ran a great race last time and he has had a small wind operation which will help him tremendously.

Ed's Point to Pointers are progressing well and he is looking forward to having his first runners at Sherrif Hutton on Sunday.

Mister Splodge in Division Two of the Conditions race and The Ibbster makes his seasonal reappearance in the 3 mile Maiden.

Both seem in good heart at home.



# Gallop Stands up to the Cold Snap

We have had some really cold nights and some hard frosts which can make it difficult to get the horses out. However, the new carpet gallop has been a God's send and has not been any different in the frost to how it normally is. With it being so close to the yard the icy roads don't affect us either. This has meant we have been able to carry on as normal and have been able to get all the horses out for their daily exercise.



## 3 to follow competition

Here's an update on the current standing of our 3 to follow competition.

### Top Point Scores

	<b>1</b>	Rock Warbler	36pts
	<b>2</b>	Jaunty Thor	20pts
	<b>3</b>	Arthurthedelegator	15pts
JT	<b>4</b>	Cave Top	6pts
JT	<b>4</b>	Late Romantic	6pts
JT	<b>6</b>	What A Joke	3pts
JT	<b>6</b>	Big Brother George	3pts

### The Leaderboard

	<b>1</b>	Mark Astbury	62pts
	<b>2</b>	Josh Guerriero	59pts
JT	<b>3</b>	Ian Popham	58pts
JT	<b>3</b>	Richard Hewit	58pts
JT	<b>5</b>	Dave Everest	56pts
JT	<b>5</b>	Clayton	56pts
JT	<b>5</b>	Jake Greenall	56pts

**Good luck to everyone during the coming months.**

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