

## First Winner as Joint Trainers



Since Josh joined the yard in 2016, it was always the plan to go into partnership and then, when the BHA recently changed the rules to allow joint training licences, it seemed the obvious choice for us to go down that route.

Normally joint licences would be held between two family members and so our venture is, perhaps, slightly unusual. However, Josh and I have been good friends for a long time now and have always had a lot of respect and understanding for each other. In addition, we both have a very different skills set, which makes the partnership work so well.

Josh bases himself on the yard, focusing on the training of the horses and day to day running of the yard. Having said that, I am also regularly on the gallops where we exchange opinions to work out the best plan for each horse. I concentrate mainly on looking after the owners, going racing and running the office and business, so there is a fairly clear division of roles.

The key to any successful business, however, are the staff and we are proud to have built up a fantastic team over the years with everyone excelling in their area of expertise.

Some staff that have recently moved into new roles and someone you might see more often around and about is Cai, who is really flourishing in his new position as Head Lad. Cai has worked in racing

for many years and so has a high level of knowledge of the industry, but the management and veterinary side are new to him, which he is grasping really well.

Dan is now self-employed but still very involved at Stockton Hall doing all our buying, race planning and dealing with many owners.

Jay is another new face who has joined us as pupil assistant. From an Irish family and with a background in farming and hunting, Jay is keen to get involved in racing and has now started going out and about racing.

Emily, who has worked here for couple of years, is going to be doing some of the social media reports as well as owner updates alongside Dan; she writes very well and has really taken to the job.

Since the start of the new season and joint licence at the end of April, the horses have continued to run really well but it was great to get our first score on the card when Blue Collar Glory won at Sedgefield. We were delighted for owners, The Blue Collar Conservatives, as well as for the breeder, Pat Fennessy, all of whom have been great supporters of the yard. Having won her bumper last season, the mare had slightly lost her way so it was great to see her run so well and to have her back on track.

### Staff and Owners End of Season Parties

We have recently held our end of season parties for the staff as well as for our owners, both of which were a great success. We went to Iscoyd Park with the staff, which is local wedding venue, and had dinner and awards followed by dancing, which everyone seemed to enjoy.



For the owners, we had drinks in a marquee at my parents' home. Everyone had a lovely evening, but unfortunately the weather wasn't great meaning we didn't get to see Mum's garden at its best or the horses in the fields. However, a steel band created a cheerful atmosphere and it was a great opportunity to bring our owners together to get to know one another and share stories.



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# Sales

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This time of year marks a very busy time in the sales calendar with all the main point-to-point, form and store horse sales taking place. The main sale we target is the Doncaster Goffs UK sale on 16th–19th May which is where we aim to buy the majority of our horses for the new season. We like buying at this time of year mainly because most of the horses entered will have run recently so you can see them as they are in full work. Also, they can then be given a holiday before they start training which gives them a chance to have a rest and settle in and adjust to their new surroundings.

If you are at all interested in a share in a horse, please get in touch. We have had a few orders for single ownership horses as well as plenty of people who have expressed an interest in having a certain percentage at a certain price. When we know who wants what, we can then get to work finding horses and putting syndicates or partnerships together.

Dan, Josh and I will be at the Doncaster sale and, if you are interested, we can send out our shortlist of horses, complete with our notes etc; the bidding can then be followed online,

which is great fun. Some owners enjoy coming to the sales which is always an interesting experience. Again, if you are keen, please do get in touch.



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## ROR - Where are they now?

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Once their racing career is over, we like to ensure our horses have a lovely life going forward.

Poppy Wynne (Toby's sister) is pivotal to this end, retraining them and finding them a forever home. Here are a selection of photos showing what some of them are getting up to in their new lives...

Just Got To Get On has just started his retraining in the menage.

Cryogenics has been competing in an Arena Eventing competitions.

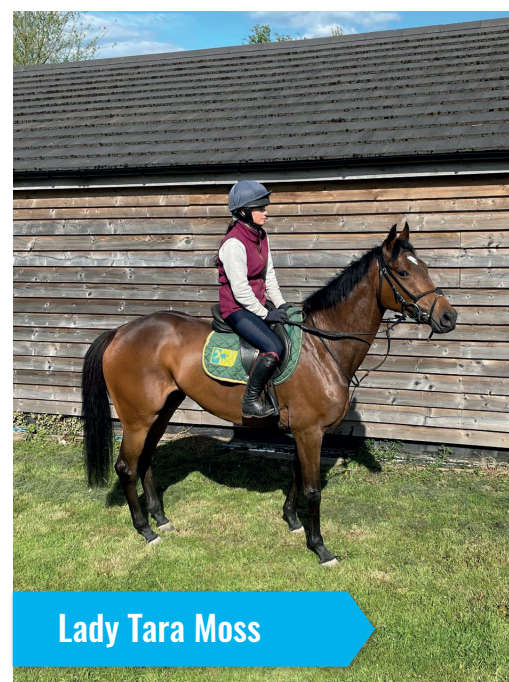
Lady Tara Moss has settled in very well at her new eventing home.



**Just Got To Get On**



**Cryogenics**



**Lady Tara Moss**

# Mornings on the Gallops

We are going to trial a new initiative for this season and, on the first Saturday of every month, will be organising breakfast with viewing of the horses, either working on the gallops or schooling.

We will make an event on the Monday before on Racing Manager so you can click if you would like to attend, and family and friends are always very welcome.

Having a regular schedule should help owners plan more easily a visit to see their horses and offers the chance to regularly meet up with fellow owners for a fun morning at the yard.

## Off to Paris



Gesskille, who has won on both his starts this season at Ludlow and Kempton, is off to run at Auteuil on 22nd May in the French equivalent to the Aintree Foxhunters. It is an amateur's race run over the same course as the Grand Steeplechase de Paris, France's richest and most prestigious jumps race, except a slightly smaller ditch.

Toby Wynne will be riding him and we are really looking forward to going to Paris for the weekend with a team from the yard as well as his owners. He has been placed over this course before and seems in great form, so it's all to look forward to.

## 5 to follow competition

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lynn Salmon 62
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Topping 54
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Stockton 51
- 4<sup>th</sup> Terry Hughes 50

1st prize was £200 to your chosen charity and Lynn has picked their family charity, The Salmon Foundation, which her husband David (pictured) set up. The charity offers support to under privileged families and victims of domestic abuse, planning days out and other special trips.

Thank you and well done to all that took part.



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