



## HORSES SCORING HIGH

**We have had some fantastic winners since our last newsletter and some very special ones that will live in the memory forever.** Having grown up in Daresbury, near Warrington, Aintree was our local track and, with my father as Chairman, it was the first racecourse I ever visited. We would go on the Thursday of the Grand National meeting every year and it is also where I got my first job, carrying the winner's video from the television trailers to the Freebooter Room by the Old Weighing Room so the owners could watch the replay!



Gesskille

Gesskille has been a fantastic horse for us since arriving from France, winning many races on both sides of the channel. When he won the Sefton earlier in the month, it wasn't our first winner at Aintree, but it was our first over the National fences and therefore extremely special for me & Josh. Furthermore, Dad is involved in the syndicate and we had a big support team there including Josh's girlfriend Rosie as well as Jess and the children. As we all know, there are so many days when things don't

go to plan, so we made most of this special win when everything fell into place, and enjoyed the celebration with our friends and families. With a smaller field for the Grand National, he will likely need to go up a couple more pounds in the handicap to get a run, but is due to run again before April, so there is still a chance this could be achieved and give us our first runner in the Big One.

**We have had a cracking start to the "season proper".** With the particularly wet autumn, the ground softened earlier than normal which has helped us get the core of the horses entered-up and making an appearance on the track.

**At the same time, the ground at some tracks is still good** which has allowed the horses who prefer a sounder surface to run too, giving us plenty of runners and more winning opportunities.

**The horses have hit the ground running and clocked up a fantastic range of winners and placed horses across the board.**

**Without a doubt, the resurfacing of our round gallop this summer has paid dividend:** we have been able to get the horses so much fitter without putting them under any undue strain and this has seen the horses going to the track ready to race and not needing a first outing to clear the pipes before being competitive.

**The sand we have used is very loose and deep;** it doesn't stick together even when wet so always make the horses work hard and is ideal for slow, long work.

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WINNERS IN NOVEMBER



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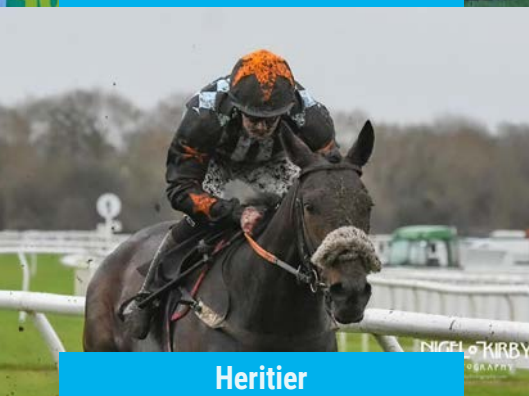
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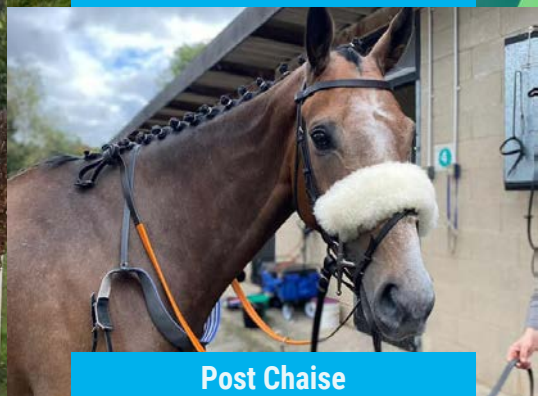
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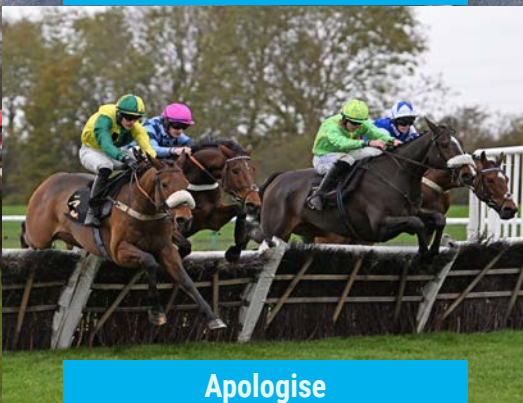
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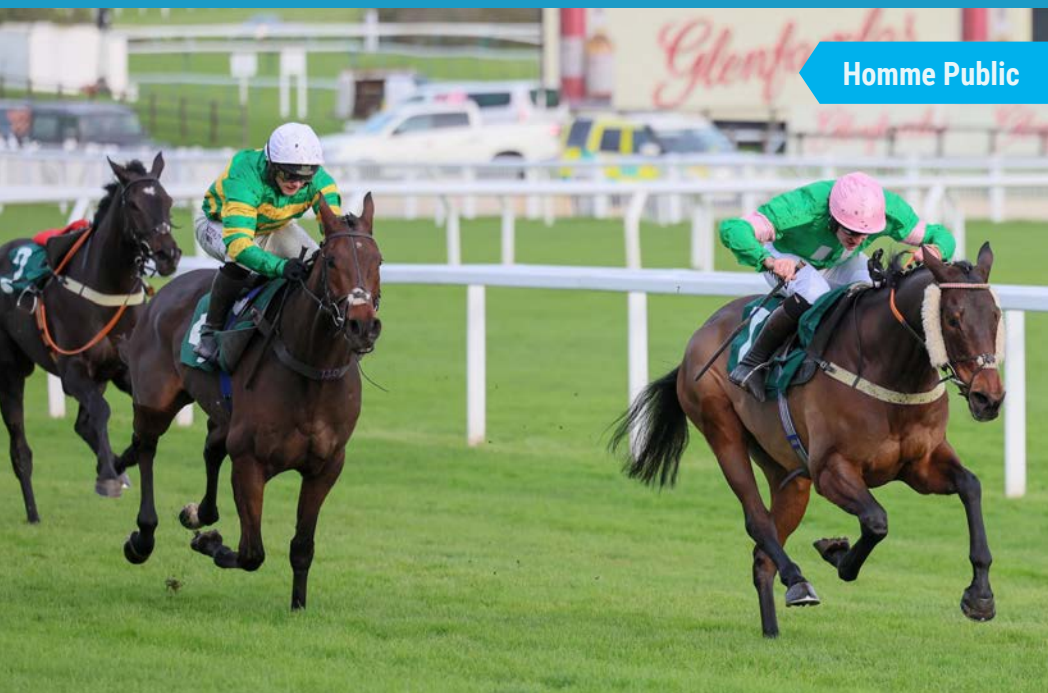


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Gesskille

# NOVICE CHASERS



Homme Public



Iroko

We have been really looking forward to following the progress of our younger horses this season, especially the novice chasers, and have two that look to be particularly exciting prospects in Homme Public and Iroko.

Iroko put in a very polished round of jumping at Warwick to win on the bridle in good company but then, gallingly, suffered a freak injury to his foot a few days later. This will see him miss the rest of the season but, once healed, it should mend to be a strong as before, so it could be worse.

Homme Public made his winning chasing debut at Wetherby earlier in the season before going on to Cheltenham and a big step up for his next run in the Arkle trial, a straight novice chase.

He didn't look quite as comfortable on the softer ground but was running a good race and looked certain to be second when the leader unfortunately unseated his rider at the last, leaving Homme to take the win.

Deservedly, this saw Henry breaking his Cheltenham duck; it also marked our first Grade Two winner, and second win at Cheltenham. We look forward to Homme's continued improvement and maybe contesting a decent race with him in the spring on good ground.

## A GREAT OUTING TO YORTON STUD

We were very fortunate to have the opportunity to visit Yorton Stud near Welshpool to see their amazing set up. The plan had been to head on to Bangor races afterwards, but unfortunately racing was called off. However, this didn't detract from a fun trip with a great team of people.

We started the day in good style with breakfast at Stockton before loading up onto a coach and heading to the stud. There, we enjoyed tea and cake whilst listening to a fascinating talk from stud owner, David Futter, about the history of the stud and the amazing Victorian trial farm where it is now based. We then had a tour of the stud and saw the five magnificent stallions that stand there, including new boy Postponed as well as the older and better-known Gentlewave.

*With an ever-decreasing number of mares in the UK, the stallions will not see a huge number of mares. To ensure they get decent mares, David and his sons (who are an integral part of the business) have invested heavily in buying classy mares to ensure the stallions get the best chance of producing quality foals.*

*They also have many youngstock which they spend time breaking-in and educating to give them a decent head start when they are sold to trainers. This is a new way of operating that is setting Yorton apart and propelling them into the headlines.*

# RESPIRATORY ISSUES IN HORSES

In a previous newsletter, I explained that one of the most common injuries in racehorses is tendon injuries. Horses can also have “wind problems” when an obstruction in the windpipe restricts the amount of air that can be inhaled during fast work. The result is that the horse under-performs, and it can lead to capillaries in the lungs bursting and bleeding due to the increased pressure.

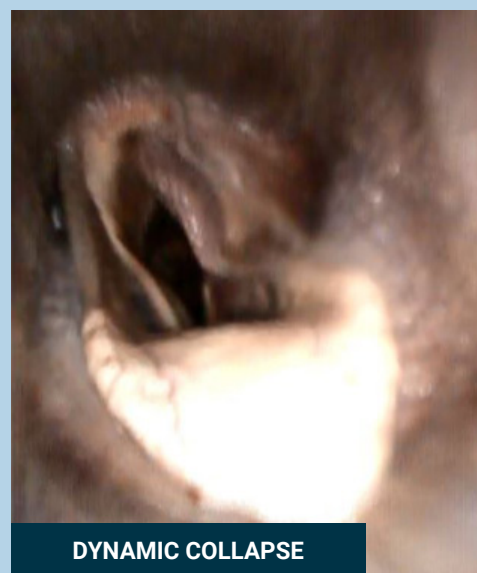
At full gallop, a horse needs to be breathing at 140/breaths a minute, taking in 10 litres of air per breath. To achieve this, it is important that they can open their airway fully and that their breathing is not compromised by a restricted airway or respiratory disease. A horse will breathe on every stride in full gallop and the hind legs moving back and forth control the diaphragm: when the hind legs go backwards this expels the air from the lungs.

We endeavour to keep the stables clean and dust free to prevent any mucus build-up that could lead to poor performance. We also regularly scope the horses, putting a camera into their lungs to ensure they are clean. If significant mucus is detected, it can either be treated with antibiotics if it's an infection, or with steroids via an inhaler if it's viral.



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Unlike humans, horses can only breathe through their nose and they have two key devices to control their breathing, create sound and stop food or water going down the trachea into the lungs: these are the soft palate and the larynx and both must open fully during exercise to ensure uninhibited breathing. Both, however, can become unstable or paralysed which means they don't work as they should, and, in these instances, an operation is required to fix it. We can normally tell the nature of the problem by the type of noise the horse makes as it gallops past: a whistle, for instance, indicates a larynx issue whilst a thick guttural sound points to a soft palate issue. There are many different operations that can be undertaken, and we send any that we are worried about to Ben Brain, near Cheltenham, who canters them on his gallop with a camera down their windpipe



DYNAMIC COLLAPSE

before slowing down the video to assess the extent of the issue and the procedure required.

To fix a whistle, a hobbday operation can be carried out which removes the vocal cords and works well with no side effects. A tie back operation is more complex and sees the larynx flaps pulled back which can make it uncomfortable for the horse to eat post op. With regards to a soft palate issue, the first stage is to tighten the palate through laser treatment; if this doesn't work, a tie forward operation can be carried out which involves making an incision and pushing the larynx over the soft palate, forcing it to stay in the correct position with permanent stitches. However, with National Hunt horses, the procedure often doesn't work very well and can soon break down.



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We have various other trips coming up this month and in the new year, so do keep an eye on Racing Manager updates for further information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

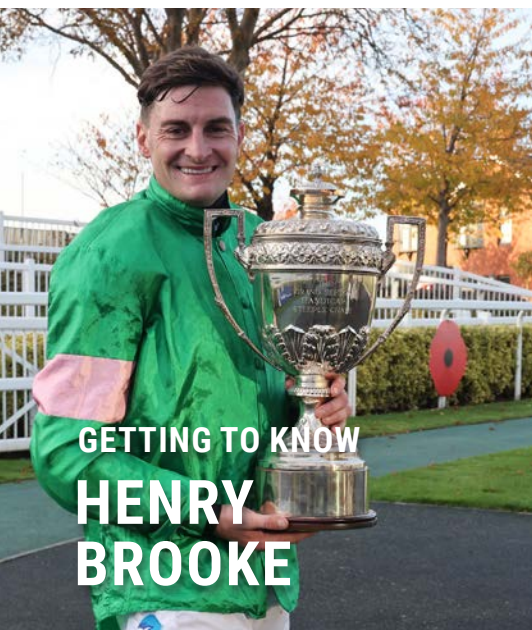
- Wine tasting at Stockton Hall
- A trip to the Dublin Racing Festival
- Cheltenham Race Day at Stockton Hall
- Picnic at Bangor-on-Dee races
- Foal Show in Cercy-la-Tour, France (TBC)
- Ascot Race Day at Stockton Hall
- Newmarket Jockey Club Rooms and races trip (TBC)

## BANGOR POINT-TO-POINT & CHARITY RACE

I am helping to run the Bangor point-to-point this year on 10th March and we are looking for sponsors at any level.

It is a great way to get some advertising on the course and take customers, staff, friends and family for a fabulous day out at the races for a reasonable cost. Sponsors also receive a delicious lunch in the Wynnstay Restaurant with a table for the day. Please get in touch if you are interested.

The first race is going to be a charity flat race to allow holders of a jockey license the chance to ride in a race and ex-racehorses an opportunity to be in the limelight again. Entrants need to raise a minimum of £500 to enter, so please get in touch if you are interested.



### GETTING TO KNOW HENRY BROOKE

#### 1. Where did you grow up?

Easingwold, North Yorkshire.

#### 2. How did you first get interested in horses?

I grew up around horses - my mother always rode and had point-to-pointers and my father was a blacksmith.

#### 3. Where did you first come across Oliver or Josh?

I was conditional for Donald McCain so got to know them when I was living in the area. I also knew Ol from my point-to-point riding days but didn't have my first ride for them until more recently on Zalvados at Ayr. He didn't win but I started getting more rides from then.

#### 4. What do you enjoy most about your job?

Riding winners and making money!

#### 5. Most challenging aspect of the job?

The disappointment. I never take horses running below par well and need to get better at not dwelling on it and blaming myself.

#### 6. If you could change anything within the industry what would it be?

For racecourses to be more open about their income streams and thus allow the BHA to regulate what they then put into prize money.

## THREE TO FOLLOW

#### Owners:

Gary Phillips	45
Dave Jones	40
Jeremy Carr	40
Adam Downs	40

#### Staff:

Ryan Day	33
Sam Inskip	31
Paige Gore	30

A big thank you to Garry Adams for collating the results.

To keep up to date with runners, and hopefully some more winners, don't forget to visit our website, follow us on Twitter and like our page on Facebook.

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