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Building Up for the Second Half of the Season

I have been meaning to put pen to paper for a while now and get the latest edition of our newsletter to press, but with Christmas and New Year celebrations it is always an extremely busy time of year here at the yard. With nine winners since our November newsletter, the winners have been coming in thick and fast. This was just before we had a scheduled break for the flu jabs, which very fortunately also coincided with a cold spell and no racing. That allowed the horses to enjoy a mini break, and once the weather relented, we were able to press on again.



Passing Pleasure



Judicial Deference

We have had some very exciting winners over the past few weeks, including two horses who managed to win twice in that period. **Passing Pleasure**, who is new to the yard, won impressively over hurdles at Musselburgh and then followed up off the same mark over fences at Catterick. Although the winning margin wasn't as wide the second time, it looks as though there is more to come from him.



The other horse to record two wins was **Judicial Deference**. Having won a novice hurdle at Musselburgh on only his second start under rules, he followed up with an impressive victory in a handicap hurdle at Haydock. We were all absolutely thrilled for his three owners, Bruce Ledwith, Ged Coates and Garry Adams. All being local, it couldn't have worked better, with plenty of friends and family there to support them. To win a handicap like that with such little experience takes some doing, so I have high hopes for him.



Bravethewaves

Bravethewaves needs his beloved good ground, which can be hard to come by in winter, but he got it at Southwell and was given a lovely ride by Toby Wynne to win well. Once he's back on his favoured ground, I'm sure he'll be back to winning ways.



Diamond Jim

We have plenty of exciting horses with untapped potential for the bigger days, and all these winners fall firmly into that category. **Diamond Jim** overcame a bit of greenness to win on a sharper-than-ideal track at Haydock.

Gamesters Guy won a tactical affair against another promising novice chaser at Doncaster and is gaining experience all the time. He will more than likely swerve the festivals this year, but he'll certainly be heading to them when he is older and more experienced.



Gamesters Guy

My Noble Lord was bought by JP McManus from Michael Bell after racing on the Flat. Having won a juvenile hurdle, he lost his way a little and didn't progress quite as we would have hoped. However, he now seems back on track, having switched to fences and won a shade cosily at Uttoxeter recently.



My Noble Lord

Jagwar had a slightly belated start to his season due to heavy ground. However, he has run two fantastic races at Cheltenham so far finishing third on his seasonal debut in November and then second on his latest run. He almost got up but just struggled to make up the ground after making a couple of slight errors at the last two fences on softened ground.





Iroko

Iroko hadn't won since November 2023, so Ascot just before Christmas was a very special day. He had run some fantastic races since his last win, including finishing fourth in the Aintree Grand National, but we all felt he needed a confidence booster and to get his head back in front. He jumped fluently at Ascot and, although it was a small field, it was a decent one. Over an inadequate trip of 2m4f, he put in a fantastic performance to win going away. We plan to run him next at Kelso in the Premier Chase or in the Ultima at the Cheltenham Festival, which will be after the National weights are released. All being well, he will then head back to Aintree.

Improvements Incoming

It is always at this time of year, when the snowdrops are coming out and there's a whiff of spring in the air, that we start looking ahead to the summer and drier ground and consider where we can make changes and improvements to our facilities. This year we will be adding a new surface to our carpet hill gallop and our loop, as well as extending the loop so horses can quicken off it and up a straight. This will allow us to get more work into them and enable them to quicken without having to go around a bend.



The horses seem to love the deep sand surface, their bodies respond to it well, and they take the training fantastically, so it will be a great addition for the 2026/27 season. We will also be adding more solar panels as we push towards an off-grid position, which is a big goal for us as a business. With our current battery system and additional solar, we really feel this is a tangible target.



Resident Artist

Dean came to the yard over Christmas to paint White Rhino in his own distinctive style, which I feel really suits the horse. The splashes of paint perfectly capture the speed and excitement. He is selling prints of White Rhino and is also available for commissions of your own horse, so please get in touch if you are interested.

Dublin Racing Festival

I really enjoy our various racing trips; it is a fantastic opportunity to see new places and get to meet new people. This trip was no exception, and we all had such a great time. Sadly the racing at Leopardstown was off on the Saturday but luckily it survived a morning's inspection on the Sunday, and we were treated to high class racing and fantastic hospitality with top class views.

We will be going back to Dublin next year and hopefully will have some more trips to Irish racetracks to experience more Irish hospitality in other parts of the county.

Keep an eye out for future trips we have planned.



Dublin
Racing
Festival
at
LEOPARDSTOWN

In December, the boys got to meet Santa at the yard!



New Recruit in the Office

Flora Price is our latest addition to the office. Although not quite full-time, she will be in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, so if you are popping in or calling up you may speak to her. She will be managing the office and can help point you in the right direction with any queries. Please contact her on office@stocktonhall.co.uk

All the current office team are staying, but we felt we needed someone to tie everything together, and are sure Flora will be a fantastic addition to the yard. She grew up locally just outside Malpas, in Hampton and then Erbistock, before heading to London where she worked for Kew Gardens, Ladbrokes and Fitzdares. After getting married and having children, she moved to Rhiwlas, Llandderfel, near Bala, where she now lives.

She is the daughter of Charles Barnett, so has grown up around horses and racing. Although she hasn't worked directly in a racing yard before, she has a good feel for the industry, and I am sure she will be a massive asset.

Rehoming Updates

(ROR) Herbiers has really taken to his new life and is now even jumping hedges!



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Upcoming Events

As usual we plan to offer a wide range of events this year. These are the ones already confirmed but there will be more so keep an eye on Racing Manager and your emails.

Tori is the first contact for all events on tori@stocktonhall.co.uk

Tuesday 17 February

Silver Making at the Yard

Friday 13 March

Cheltenham Races Lunch at The Lion, Malpas

Saturday 16 May

Annual Owners' BBQ at Bangor-on-Dee Racecourse

15 – 18 June

Annual French Trip to the Foal Show at Cercy-La-Tour

Tuesday 22 September

Felt Slipper Making at the Yard

Monday 5 October

Annual Owners' Golf Day at Eaton Golf Club

Saturday 5 December

Christmas Fair at the Yard

Merchandise

We have some fantastic items in our shop. I particularly love the mugs, which have been beautifully designed and illustrated by Susan Rose China—they make a lovely present. All items are available on our website but also by emailing Tori in the office (tori@stocktonhall.co.uk) and can be posted or collected as you wish.

BUY HERE



China Mug
£22.50



Jute Bag
£14



Cap
£12.50



Custom Colours Mug
£20



Umbrella
£35



Bobble Hat
£12.50

We also have a pack of five cards photographed by our own Ryan Day, who is hugely talented, and these have come out incredibly well.

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Racing Clubs

There are currently some spaces in our racing clubs which can be the perfect gift for someone interested in racing and a budget friendly way to get involved regularly or in addition to having your own horse with us.



Haydock Park

Club Horse - **Ki Woo**



£110 per month +VAT



Oliver Greenall

Club Horse - **Pearl Smoke**



£75 per month +VAT



Matt Hampson Foundation

Club Horse - **Get Busy Jumping**



£500 +VAT



North West National Hunt

Club Horse - **Le Gentleman**



£60 per month +VAT



All details for these clubs are on the website so please have a look and let us know if you would like to join one or know someone who might be interested.

Tori is the contact for the Racing Clubs at tori@stocktonhall.co.uk

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Horses for Sale

Cappa Lass

WALK IN THE PARK X CUDITBELUCKY



£2,900 for
8.5% share
+VAT

12 SHARES AVAILABLE

Training Fees | £175
per month

A classy filly by the champion stallion in Walk in the Park, with a great pedigree. Her half-sister is 'Cottesloe Sunshine', who is a winner of 2 Listed races already the Listed Mares novice hurdle at Punchestown in April, so the dam is very much proven. The dam herself is also a sister to the very good Annacotty.



Cracksman x Ocelot

NEW FLAT SYNDICATE
IN EXCITING 2 YEAR OLD



£2,700 for
8.5% share
+VAT

12 SHARES AVAILABLE

Training Fees | £175
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This good moving 2 year old is a son of 4 time Group 1 winner Cracksman and out of 5 time winning mare 'Ocelot' who reached a peak rating of 92. She was also finished 4th of 12 in a very competitive Listed race so had a very good standard of form. Ocelot is from a very good family herself being half sister to Nufoos who was a winning black type filly in her racing day and has since produced 4 black type horses.



For more details contact Oliver on: 01948 861 207

3 to Follow

Latest 3 to follow
standings as
29/01/2026 are :

OWNERS:

Garry Adams	47
Bruce Ledwith	34
Mike Brougham	33

STAFF:

Cai Williams	39
Jack Cousins	35
Paddy Chesters	34
Freya Williams	34

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