

# APRIL

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## Fantastic End to the 25/26 Season

As the days grow longer and we enjoy this lovely spring weather, it's a natural time to reflect on the season. Sandown marked the end of the campaign and, although we are slightly down on winners, we are significantly up on prize money which is ultimately where we want to be. With better quality horses, we can compete at the bigger meetings and give our owners those big-stage experiences.

We've also had an exceptional number of placed horses, with over **30% of our runners finishing in the top two throughout the season** - a fantastic achievement. With 45 winners and 177 placed second and third, we are extremely proud of both the horses and the entire team at the yard.

We will, of course, continue striving to improve. Over the next couple of months, we'll be looking at England, Ireland and France for new recruits to further strengthen the yard and build on our success. We finished 17th in the trainers' table, which Josh and I are very proud of and see as a strong platform for the future.

## Season Highlights

Some standout moments include **Iroko's** win at Ascot, **Jagwar's** second at the Cheltenham Festival, and strong performances from **Melon** and **Iroko** at Aintree. However, it's not just the big races that matter, every winner has its own story and significance.





Melon



Bravethewaves



Aboutdamntime

**Bravethewaves** winning at Southwell after overcoming setbacks meant a great deal, as did **Ki Woo's** success at Haydock, the home of the club. **Aboutdamntime** showed promise over hurdles before disappointing, only to bounce back and win at Catterick, a result that meant a lot to everyone involved.

Bangor winners are always special given it's our local track, and **Neigh Botha's** victory for his local owners, after refusing to start earlier in the year, was particularly rewarding.



Ki Woo



Neigh Botha

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# Recent Winners

Since our last newsletter, we've enjoyed several pleasing winners. **Thereyare**, purchased after a good Irish point-to-point run, always showed potential but needed time to acclimatise. He struggled to maintain condition early on, but after a break and some dietary adjustments, he improved significantly. His handicap debut win at Bangor, coming from well off the pace, was very satisfying, especially for his patient owners.



Thereyare



Joeybottles

On the same day, **Joeybottles** also won on handicap debut. Like **Thereyare**, he had shown ability but hadn't quite put it all together until now. His impressive victory under Toby Wynne was very encouraging, and we believe he has the potential to develop into a high-class chaser.

**Kahavari** landing the Josh Gifford Handicap Chase was a brilliant way to round off the season at Sandown. Under a beautifully patient ride from Jack Tudor, he settled towards the rear before making one decisive run to win impressively. Kahavari has been a model of consistency this season, placing in nearly all of his starts, so to finish with a well-deserved victory before his summer break was a wonderful result for him and his owners, Malcolm Jones and partners. He's always been a keen type, which made running beyond two miles tricky in the past, but now that he's learning to settle, he's thriving over longer trips.



Kahavari

# SEFTON

## Syndicate

Exclusive Two-Horse Racehorse Syndicate



### Membership Benefits:

- 2 Quality Racehorses
- 10 Shares available
- Premium Racecourse access at Aintree, Haydock, Doncaster, Newcastle & Ascot
- Private hospitality at race meetings

## About The Sefton Syndicate

The Sefton Syndicate is an exciting new group of owners with involvement in two quality racehorses, with exceptional racecourse access and hospitality.

One horse will be purchased for around £150,000 and one for £300,000.

This dual-horse structure provides strength throughout the season and maximises opportunities to run at the best meetings.

**SHARE COST = £52,950 for 10% share + VAT**

Training Fees £420 per month + VAT

If you are interested in this exciting syndicate, please call Oliver on; **07771 571000** or email [ocg@stocktonhall.co.uk](mailto:ocg@stocktonhall.co.uk)

Watch this video where Oliver outlines his plan for the Syndicate



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Halftheworldaway

**Halftheworldaway** has progressed well this season. Learning to settle was key, but with consistent placed efforts and two wins to finish the campaign, she has shown real ability. When she steps up in class next season, her improved composure should allow her to be even more effective.

**Lipa K** continues to shine since joining the yard, now boasting five wins over both fences and hurdles. We expected a strong performance at Warwick, although it was a big ask first time out for the summer season after a near 20lb rise. Charlie Todd gave him a superb, composed ride, producing him perfectly after the last. Despite wandering across the track and making it a bit closer than it might have been, he still held on gamely to win by a nose.



Lipa K



My Noble Lord

## Bangor Success

We've certainly had plenty of Bangor winners this month - and we're not complaining. With many of our owners based locally and the track just six miles from the yard, it's a venue we love visiting.

At their latest meeting, **Peckforton Hills** and **Crack Ops** both ran excellent races to finish second. **My Noble Lord** produced an impressive performance to win over fences on his first run in blinkers under Toby Wynne, while **Las Canals** got up close home to win over hurdles. Winning on handicap debut after a maiden hurdle success at Sedgefield is never easy, but he showed determination despite making mistakes late on. As he gains experience, improves his jumping, and learns to race closer to the pace, we're confident he can progress into a very smart horse.



Las Canals



# The Grand National Meeting

The Grand National meeting at Aintree is always a major occasion for us, with many owners, friends and family in attendance.

**Gaboriot** ran an excellent race in the Foxhunters', finishing fifth. Huw Edwards gave him a great ride, but a mistake at Becher's cost him valuable ground. He stayed on well, however, and showed his liking for those fences and we'll certainly look to return in the autumn.



**Melon** has been incredibly consistent throughout his career, both on the flat and over hurdles. After finishing second at Newbury, he again crossed the line second at Aintree. However, following a stewards' enquiry into excessive whip use by the winning jockey, the race was awarded to us. While it was a strange way to win, and disappointing for the owners not to celebrate on the day, it was a well-deserved result for a very tough and genuine horse.

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# The Grand National

The build-up to the Grand National is always intense. With two well-fancied runners, the attention and pressure were heightened. Much of the anxiety comes from simply getting the horses there in one piece and in top form.

Race day itself was a blur. After passing the vet inspections, we tried to relax and enjoy the occasion. Both horses started well, and as the field settled, they travelled strongly. **Jagwar** was jumping brilliantly but made a costly error at the third-last fence on the second circuit, ending his chances.

That left **Iroko**. Travelling much better than the previous year, he was always in a good position. Turning for home, it briefly looked as though he might be outpaced, but he stayed on strongly to finish second behind I Am Maximus who is now an Aintree legend. It's always tough to come so close, but he ran a tremendous race and proved what a high-class horse he is. With softer ground, we'd be very hopeful of going one better.



Iroko

# The Foxhunters' Chase at Aintree

Aside from the Grand National itself, the Foxhunters' Chase is one of the most historic races at the meeting. It holds special significance for us. Josh won it in 2008 aboard **Christy Beamish**, I was placed twice, and my father won it in 1982 with Lone Soldier.

First run in 1923, the race originally covered the same distance as the Grand National before being shortened in 1950 to its current trip of two miles, five furlongs and 19 yards over 18 fences. It remains restricted to horses with point-to-point or hunter chase experience and is ridden by amateurs.



Josh winning the Foxhunters' Chase in 2008

Two horses have won both the Foxhunters' Chase and the Grand National. **Merryman II** completed the double in 1959–60, winning the first televised National, while **Grittar** followed suit after his 1981 Foxhunters' success, going on to win the National a year later under Dick Saunders, who remains the oldest winning rider at 48.

**Spartan Missile** was arguably the standout hunter chaser of the post-war era, winning the Foxhunters' in 1978 and 1979 before finishing second in the 1981 Grand National to **Aldaniti**. He was ridden by his 54-year-old breeder, owner and trainer **John Thorne**, who famously completed the race without stirrups after his leathers broke.

Rachel Blackmore became the first female rider to win the Grand National in 2021, aboard Minella Times and the Foxhunters' has been won by four women: **Caroline Beasley (Eliogarty, 1986)**, **Polly Gundry (2002)**, **Carrie Ford (2004)** and **Nina Carberry (2015)**, with Beasley the first woman to win over the National fences.

The race has also featured future Grand National-winning trainers as riders. Willie Mullins rode the 1983 winner **Atha Cliath**, while Oliver Sherwood partnered **Rolls Rambler** to victory in 1980. Emmet Mullins finished 13th in 2009 aboard Venn Ottery before training Noble Yeats to victory in 2022.

It has proven a strong race for repeat winners. **Credit Call** won three times (1972, 1975, 1976), while four horses have won twice since 1947: **Sea Knight**, **Spartan Missile**, **Katarino** and **On The Fringe**. Katarino's victories came with Sam Waley-Cohen, who later added further Aintree successes, including the Grand National on Noble Yeats, making him the most successful modern rider over the famous fences.

Over the years, it has produced some remarkable stories, including horses and riders who have gone on to Grand National success. It continues to be a hugely important and cherished race within the sport.



# The Grand National Course Walk

This year we offered our owners a trip to Aintree on the opening day including breakfast nearby followed by a chance to walk the National Course with Oliver seeing some of the iconic fences up close. This was then followed by a great (albeit chilly) afternoon of racing. Fifty of our owners made the trip and we hope everyone really enjoyed the day.



There was a moment where Oliver was upstaged by the royal helicopter landing next to us, but otherwise he gave a fascinating insight into riding the fences as a jockey and where and when the challenges occur.

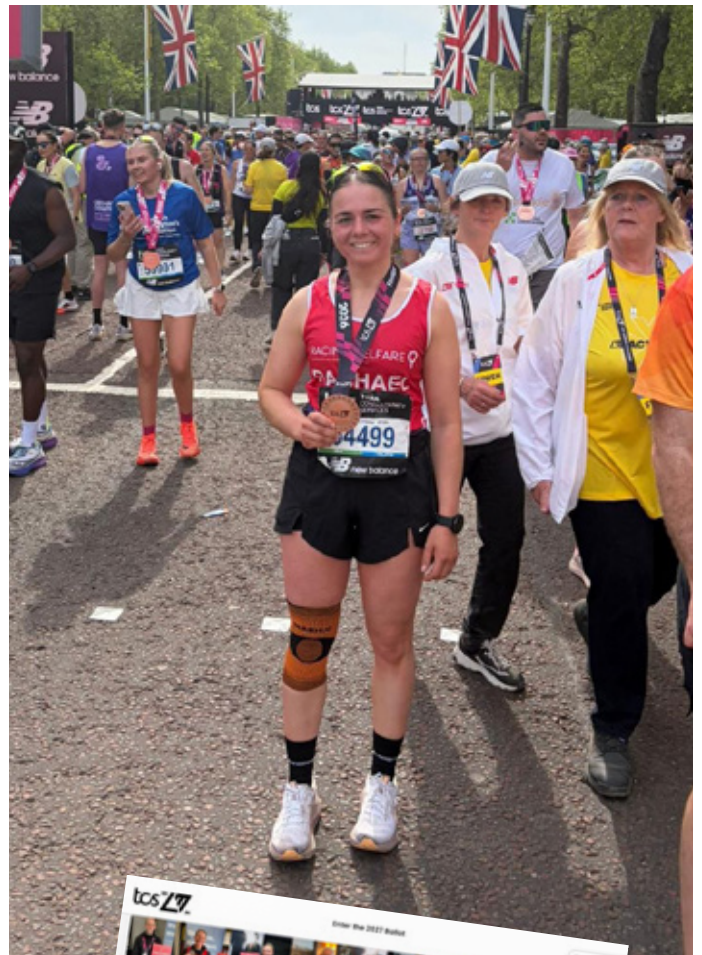
All these trips come with valuable feedback and chances for us to offer a better experience year on year. We may change the breakfast arrangements next year but know that we will all remember this one!



# London Marathon

Our Travelling Head Lass **Rachael** ran the London Marathon this year raising £4496 (at time of writing) for Racing Welfare. **She ran the race in 4 hours 29 minutes and 6 seconds.** She took the day after as holiday but was back in on the Tuesday.

When asked how she felt she said, "I've always wanted to run the London marathon, so to do it for **Racing Welfare** was a huge achievement already. Every mile there was never a moment's silence, the support from the crowd is something I can't begin to explain. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the day, which is something I never thought I would say). Mile 22 I hit a wall with my knee which had prevented the full training I wanted to do, but I pushed through and reached my sub 4:30 which was my target. It was an unbelievable day and something I'd want to do again!



Rach is hugely grateful to all those who have already supported her but if you did still want to support, the link is here [Racing Welfare: Rachael's page](#)

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## 3 to Follow

### Winners of the 2025/26 Season

Congratulations to David Bostock who has won a night at The Lion in Malpas

#### OWNERS:

1st David Bostock 73.

2nd James Mann 63.

3rd Mark Salmon 62.

#### STAFF:

1st Jack Cousins 75.

2nd Cai Williams 65.

3rd Paddy Chesters 52.  
Ryan Day 52.

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# Upcoming Events

If you wish to be added to the list for any of these ahead of them being advertised, please contact [tori@stocktonhall.co.uk](mailto:tori@stocktonhall.co.uk)

We have a few lovely events coming up – first up is our evening event at the yard on **Friday 5th June**. This is replacing our BBQ at Bangor this year and we are hoping for a lovely sunny evening. There will be food and drink and live music as well as a parade of our stable stars and some new opportunities.

We also have our usual Ascot lunch on site on **Tuesday 16th June** where big screen racing will be paired with great food and drink. The advert for that went out this week.

Also in **June (from 15th to 18th)** Oliver and Dan will be travelling to France as usual to the annual Foal Show in Cercy-la-Tour. First class trains, a beautiful chateau and wonderful food and drink all add to the experience, and we do still have two rooms available if you fancy joining the group?

Email [tori@stocktonhall](mailto:tori@stocktonhall) for all the details.

# ROR – White Rhino

It's always a real pleasure to see our former racehorses going on to thrive in their new careers. Many new owners send photos and updates, though it's not always easy to keep in touch. That's why it's especially lovely that White Rhino has retired just down the road with one of her original owners Carol so we still get to see him out and about locally. As you can see, he looks wonderful and has taken to his new life like a duck to water.



# Racing Clubs

## Haydock Park



Club Horse - Ki Woo

£110 +VAT  
per month

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## Oliver Greenall Racing Club



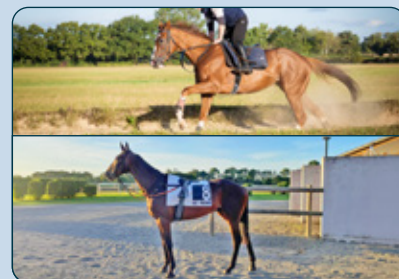
Club Horse - Masterfield

£75 +VAT  
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## North West National Hunt



Club Horse - Dog Fox & Le Gentleman

£60 +VAT  
per month

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# Horses For Sale



## Lord Des Fresnes

SPANISH MOON X VENUS DU BERLAIS 2021 BROWN GELDING

Lord des Fresnes is a horse that had a big reputation on his home work. Has shown promise on both starts. 4th on debut beaten 15 lengths with Champion bumper hope 'The Mournie Rambler' finishing 2nd.

**£1,500 for 5% share +VAT**

Training Fees £105 per month

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## Cracksman x Ocelot

NEW FLAT SYNDICATE IN EXCITING 2 YEAR OLD

This good moving 2 year old is a son of 4 time Group 1 winner Cracksman and out of 5 time winning mare 'Ocelot'.

**£2,700 for 8.5% share +VAT**

Training Fees £175 per month

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## Token Love

GOKEN X SNOWY AMOUR 2022 BAY GELDING

He is a great value dual purpose horse who is fit and ready to go to run through the summer on the flat and over hurdles.

**£1,500 for 5% share +VAT**

Training Fees £105 per month

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## Ladies SYNDICATE

We are thrilled to be launching a new syndicate for ten lucky ladies with some lovely included features for our special filly by Yeats out of Simonsfleur.

**£7,000 for 10% share +VAT**

Then £280 + VAT /month for every month of the year

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