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Kicking On Into The Summer

We finished last season on a high note, with **Kahavari** winning on the final day at Sandown for Malcolm Jones and the Nevers Partnership under a superb ride from Jack Tudor. We are delighted that Jack will be riding more frequently for the yard this season alongside Toby, Craig, Ben and occasionally Charlie.



Kavahari & Jack Tudor

We have got going well and **Neigh Botha** got us off the mark at Warwick on his favoured good ground, recording his fifth victory since joining us from Gordon Elliott. Purchased for modest money, he has provided his owners with tremendous enjoyment. Toby gave him a patient ride to come through off a fast pace.



Neigh Botha

Aintree always produce fantastic jumping ground, and they have great grass covering due to low levels of racing at this time so we love running horses at their Spring Fixture. **Guet Apens** continued his progression with an impressive victory there following a win at Carlisle and an unlucky second at Kelso. Under another confident ride from Jack, he won with authority and will now enjoy a summer break before being aimed at a valuable handicap in the autumn.



Guet Apens





King Ulanda

King Ulanda also continued his remarkable progress. Bought for relatively little money, he has now won three races and is rarely out of the placings. He made a successful chasing debut at Bangor, jumping neatly throughout and winning comfortably despite a slight slip on the final bend. Although the handicapper has reacted with a 10lb rise, his consistency and love of good ground should continue to make him competitive.



Crack Ops

The same evening, **Crack Ops** provided another memorable success at Uttoxeter. Stepping up to three miles for the first time, he stayed on strongly to win under Tristen Durrell, giving him his first winner for the yard.

Prettylady has also been a star this season. After showing little in her early starts, she improved significantly once handicapped and racing on better ground. She is tough and loves her racing and has now won twice under Toby, at Stratford and Southwell, and looks capable of providing plenty more fun for her owners.



Prettylady

Although we focus primarily on jump racing, we like to keep a small team of Flat horses through the summer months. **Loki**, purchased in France by Dan Astbury, has made an encouraging start. His owners, who have jump horses with us, were keen to have a horse for the staying races at the nice flat tracks over the summer. The German-bred stayer showed great determination to win at Carlisle under PJ McDonald and has come out of the race in excellent form. Chester or York could be next on his agenda, and he may even have a future over hurdles.



Loki

Racing Clubs

We are always trying to think of new ways to make racehorse ownership attractive and affordable for all and after the Haydock Park Racing Club was such a great success we decided to launch the North West National Hunt Racing Club a couple of seasons ago. These clubs all come with extras added beyond the usual horse ownership, to make them really appealing.

North West National Hunt Racing Club Success

The North West Racing Club continues to grow in popularity, offering members shares in two horses and access to Bangor fixtures throughout the season. **Le Gentleman** provided a memorable day when winning at Bangor despite racing keenly and making the odd mistake. He appears to be improving all the time and remains an exciting prospect.



Le Gentleman



Ki Woo

The Haydock Park Racing Club has enjoyed another successful season thanks to **Ki Woo**. Following in the footsteps of horses such as **First Man** and **Gaboriot** was never going to be easy, but Ki Woo has risen to the challenge admirably.

He has now won twice over hurdles and twice over fences, including victories at Haydock and Cartmel. Harry Skelton gave him a beautiful ride and found such a lovely rhythm, he jumped every fence so well and seemed to love the quirky track to win with a bit in hand and has an exciting summer ahead on the decent ground he favours.

Crystal Glance also impressed at Bangor that day. Despite already climbing 20lb in the handicap since her first success, she produced another outstanding performance to win by five lengths. She may not be the biggest mare, but her determination and will to win are second to none.

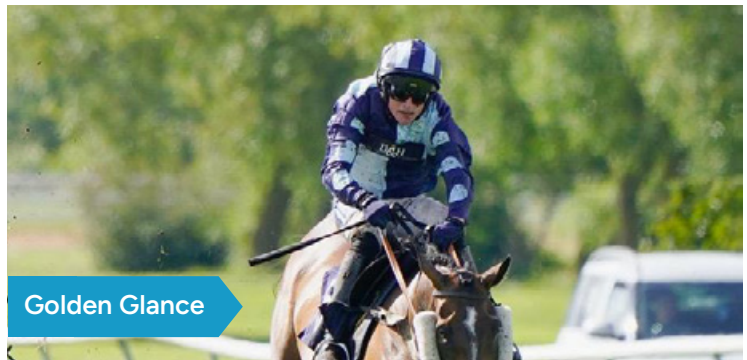


Crystal Glance

Patience Rewarded for Golden Glance

Phillip Davies has been a long-standing friend of the family, my brothers and I rode Point-to-Points when he had horses with David Easterby, so we were delighted to help establish his syndicate when he moved to Cheshire. After the success of Blue Collar Glory, who was then retired to stud, we purchased **Golden Glance** from the Flat.

Although injury interrupted her progress and required a lengthy absence, the syndicate remained patient throughout. Their faith was rewarded when she returned to winning ways at Southwell. She looks likely to stay further and has schooled well over fences, giving us plenty of options for the future.



Busy Improving the Yard

Summer provides an ideal opportunity to improve the yard while many of the horses enjoy time at grass. We are nearing completion of our annual programme of power washing and disinfecting the stables, while significant new fencing has been installed around the turnout paddocks.

We have also re-fenced the loose school and are in the process of extending the deep sand three-furlong loop so horses can work on it by increasing their speed on the final lap and then quicken up the straight towards the schooling fences which will really help us build their fitness and get that extra bit of hard work into them without having to go too fast.

As part of our commitment to sustainability, we have invested in additional solar panels and a battery storage system. The project is now complete and is already helping to power the yard, houses and electric vehicles more efficiently.

Owners' Drinks in the Garden

We enjoyed a wonderful evening with owners at the yard. Although the weather was a little cool, the rain stayed away and everyone enjoyed excellent food from Maynards, music from the Haberdashers' Adams Grammar Jazz Band and plenty of good company.

A selection of summer horses and shares available for the upcoming winter season were paraded, all of whom behaved impeccably. Thank you to everyone who attended, and Tori and the team for organising such a successful event.

Many owners stayed locally and joined us the following morning to watch the horses work on the gallops. We will continue to hold our monthly owners' mornings, which provide a great opportunity to see the horses, meet fellow owners and spend time with the team.



Cercy-la-Tour Trip 2026



Cercy-la-Tour remains one of my favourite places in racing. I first visited when I was 18, travelling by train from York with Mick Easterby and his family. The trip provided an invaluable introduction to French breeding and remains one of my fondest racing memories. It was extremely hot and Mick in his best suit (which he didn't change all week) was chatting with every French passenger who would listen and using sign language to get past the language barrier! We went to the presentation but with our reasonably low budgets were unable to afford Neptune Collognes' brother or anything similar. We did however buy a few foals off the owners of the gites where we were staying and one called Opio turned out to be a decent point-to-pointer. It was a fantastic trip for me, and I learnt so much about the French breeding system. It was early days then for British buyers, Anthony Bromley was one of the first to really buy horses from the French provinces, now it is a lot more common with Willie Mullins buying a huge proportion of his horses from France and pinhookers scouring all the farms to pinhook foals to sell as three year olds.



Three years ago, we launched our own owners' trip, giving people the opportunity to see where many of our French horses originate and learn more about the French system. The aim being to leave in France until late in their two-year-old career and then come to run in the UK. It is a fantastic way to buy good, well-bred stock. Trying to buy proven horses when they are older is fiercely competitive and this way we get in beforehand giving us the chance of unearthing a gem.



My father started buying foals to race there many years ago and still goes annually with his syndicate partners, so over the years, I have returned regularly and developed a deep appreciation for the quality of stock, beautiful countryside and unique breeding culture.

This year's trip included stud visits, inspections of young stock, a visit to our two-year-olds in pre-training, time at Emmanuel Clayeux's training establishment and, of course, plenty of excellent food and wine. It was another hugely enjoyable and informative visit.

New Foals

We purchased two exciting foals at this year's show: a Cokoriko filly and a David du Berlais colt. Both will remain in France with the Cypres family, benefiting from outstanding grazing and a proven development programme before eventually joining us in the UK as three-year-olds.

Partners in the foals will have the opportunity to attend future Cercy trips, follow their development closely and receive regular updates through Racing Manager and pedigree reports as their families progress on the racecourse.

Here are the two foals we bought:



Cokoriko Filly Foal

25% Purchase - £6,250 + VAT

Training Fee Payment Options:

£3500 + VAT for all fees until the horse comes to the UK in the November of their two-year-old year

or

£145 + VAT per month until the horse comes to the UK in the November of their two-year-old year.



David De Berlais Colt Foal

25% Purchase - £7,500 + VAT

Training Fee Payment Options:

£3500 + VAT for all fees until the horse comes to the UK in the November of their two-year-old year

or

£145 + VAT per month until the horse comes to the UK in the November of their two-year-old year.

Emily McParland Joins the Darley Flying Start



We are incredibly proud that Emily McParland has secured a place on the prestigious Darley Flying Start programme. During her time with us she demonstrated exceptional ability, not only as a rider but also through her organisation, leadership and positive attitude around the yard.

Emily is one of just 12 candidates selected from eight countries worldwide. Over the next two years she will travel between major racing centres, beginning at Kildangan Stud in Ireland, gaining experience in breeding, training and racing operations. The programme provides an outstanding foundation for a future career in the industry, and we have no doubt she will make the most of this incredible opportunity.

Everyone at the yard wishes Emily the very best of luck.

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Work Experience at the Yard

We are passionate about encouraging young people into the racing industry and are always delighted to welcome work experience students to the yard. Throughout the year, we host a range of placements for young people, from 14-year-olds completing school work experience through to university students exploring career opportunities within racing. We aim to give everyone a genuine insight into the day-to-day workings of a professional training yard, helping them understand the dedication and teamwork involved in caring for racehorses.

While some students are interested in becoming work riders or jockeys, we have recently seen a growing number exploring the many office-based and administrative careers within the industry. Racing offers a wide variety of opportunities beyond riding, from marketing and syndicate management to finance, media, and operations, and we are keen to showcase the many different career paths available. It is a fantastic industry to be involved in, and we hope that by opening our doors to young people, we can help inspire the next generation of racing professionals.



Ongoing Training

We use these quieter months to make sure our staff training, and career development is up to date. As well as an ongoing programme to train all staff on racing specific equine and human first aid, we are hosting a Racing Welfare Mental Health First Aid course at the end of June with two of our staff attending.

We have recently enrolled Jo, our Yard Manager, on a Stable Management Career Development programme to learn the latest best practises and then implement them here.

One of our work riders Natalie is going back to the National Horseracing College next week for further ridden support and Fin, one of our yard workers who joined us straight from school, is currently at the British Racing School on their long foundation rider course in the hope he may be able to make the move to work rider when he comes back to us after Summer.

With the support of the NHC we are also hoping to progress Verity, a school leaver and current Saturday staff, in to work with us. She is a keen pony racer and point to point who plans to work in racing, starting that career with us.



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