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LORD COUNTY - AN EXCITING HORSE FOR THE FUTURE

It was great to see Lord County confirm the promise he showed in 2 Juvenile hurdles when making a winning handicap debut at Doncaster on 26th January, in cosy fashion, when partnered by David England.

It was great to provide David with a winner as he is a big helping hand when coming to ride out once a week.

Lord County then headed to Newcastle four days later and again won well, under a confident ride by our ever-improving conditional Ross Turner.

He then went to Bangor under a double penalty and probably found the race came a bit soon but still ran a solid race to finish 3rd, which was a decent effort considering it was his 3rd run in 14 days.

He then ran at Haydock and ran a solid race to finish 5th with the race possibly not run to suit. We feel that he is still capable of winning off his current mark.



NEW STAFF

Kerry & Lauren



We are very lucky to have been recently joined by Kerry (pictured above) who trained at the Northern Racing College but has ridden for many years when growing up and working on yards in Ireland.

She has got stuck in from the outset and is extremely competent around the horses in a quiet manner. She has already ridden a variety of horses here with no problems.

Lauren also re-joins us having spent 12 weeks at the British Racing College in Newmarket.

She did her work experience with us and it was always the plan for her to come back once she had completed her training.

The reports back from the college have been excellent and she is enthusiastic and will be a great asset to the team.

Her Mother, Paula, has been covering for her while she has been away and having not worked with horses before has got stuck in and been a huge help.

The plan is for her to continue to help on a part time basis covering when people are away which is great.

GREAT DAY AT CARLISLE

We took two horses up to Carlisle earlier this month in the hope of having a winner and Asking Questions (pictured below) delivered when given a very good ride by Harry Skelton to win the Novice handicap Chase readily for long supporting owners 'The Salmon Family'.

I was delighted to see him win as he has always shown plenty at home and has some good bits of form. He was a joy to watch and even though it was first time over fences, Harry was very confident on him and that paid dividends.

He is due to go back to Carlisle on 8th April in a similar race where he will have to cope with a rise in the weights. However, if he is still in the same vein of form he will take some pegging back.

Twotwothree also ran on the same day, having his second run for the yard after finishing second at Catterick a month before. He got a little worked up beforehand but settled nicely in the race to finish a close second. The plan is to run him in one more bumper which he should have a good chance in and we will save his novice status over hurdles for next season.



Exciting Times with many of the youngsters making their debuts

Every year we buy plenty of 3-year olds to race as four-year olds and they are all starting to take shape and pleasing us on the gallops.

We try and do plenty of different things with them, so they get used to different surfaces and conditions. They all seem to have great potential and, being out of top sires, if they can transfer it on to the track they should have bright futures.

Coming up we have a Fame and Glory Filly called Blue Ballerina (pictured right, when we purchased her in June) who should make her debut in early April.

Scappato is by Librettist, owned by Yorton Stud and he has been showing plenty of ability on the gallops and will be making his debut at Bangor tomorrow.

Our 2 two-year olds, a filly by Lethal Force and a lovely colt by Lilbourne Lad, are really starting to shape themselves.



They have started working now although they will not be running at the really early meetings are bred to be two-year olds and are showing plenty of speed and promise.

STOCKTON HALL POINTERS OFF TO A FLYER



It was a great start to the North West area at the Wynnstay point to point at Bangor on Dee in February with all three runners that are trained here at Stockton Hall coming out on top giving us a treble.

Late Romantic who has always been trained here at Stockton Hall and was trained by Dan Astbury to record an impressive victory in the hunt race. Dan, who works for me purchased the horse after he sustained a leg injury in late 2016 but he showed he maintains all his ability.

It gave us all a lot of pleasure to see Spoilt Sam get his head in front finally and provide his owner/breeder Jane Smith with a winner. Jane, who owns the horse with a friend Carol Brown, has been very patient with him and their patience paid off when he ran out a comfortable winner under a good ride by Jack Andrews.

The treble was complete when Open Hearted won a competitive Confined race under a good ride from Harry Myddelton. He was purchased by Tessa Greatrex at the Doncaster Spring Sale and looks like giving the Myddelton family plenty of fun this season.

We had another great day at Bangor on Dee for their second and final Point to Point of the season when Late Romantic impressively won the Intermediate by 21 lengths. He seems to have a great cruising speed and seems to really enjoy cut in the ground.

It looks strong form so hopefully he can stay sound and give the Spitalized Racing syndicate plenty of fun (pictured left). He has now returned to the Rules yard and the plan is to run him in a handicap hurdle, as long as the ground stays soft, and then possibly to go to Cheltenham for the hunter chase meeting in May.

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