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NHRM FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL HORSERACING MUSEUM



SPECIAL EXHIBITION
Follow your Nose!
The History of Beagling
UNTIL 19th APRIL



WELCOME TO THE FIRST NEWSLETTER OF 2022!

No sooner had I taken over as Chairman last year, we were back in lockdown. Sadly, therefore, I have had no opportunity to meet with you at any of the usual Friends' events as due to understandable, continued Covid nervousness we had to cancel events. I was delighted, however, to meet up with a few of you in December for a special last viewing of the Mud, Sweat & Tears exhibition at the Museum followed by afternoon tea. Sadly, numbers were disappointing, but I am grateful to those who were able to make it. Although there are still some concerns, I hope that there is finally a light at the end of the tunnel through which we will emerge and we hope that you will engage with us in 2022.

After 12 years as proud Keeper of the Jockey Club's art collection, I stepped down from that role a few months ago but this has left me with more time to focus on my work as Chairman of the Friends and I hope that my knowledge of

Racing and Art will stand me in good stead. If anyone has any suggestions for improving the membership offers or future events please do not hesitate to call me on 07733 322324. I would be very happy to speak to you.

I am delighted to inform you that Scott Hunter, the student sponsored by Friends, has finished his research project and is in the process of completing his PHD. This is thanks to your continued support and it is fantastic that we are helping to provide a future for young people by our continued sponsorship.

The Mews refurbishment has now been completed and the Museum will be advertising the venue for weddings and private parties and will hold its own functions in the newly named "The John Lambton Rooms". The external area between the building and Palace House is in the process of being transformed from a car park into a Japanese themed garden. The Friends have been approached to assist with funding for the planting of this space and in order to achieve instant impact mature plants will be purchased to ensure it can be used in the near future. The Friends' Board has agreed to make a donation towards this project which will be a space to be enjoyed by the visiting public and used as an extension to the wedding/events space. We expect to have the work completed within the next couple of months, so next time you visit the Museum I hope you will make time to take a look and enjoy the new garden.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a belated happy and healthy 2022.

Kind regards,
Ben Hanbury (Chairman)

CONTACT DETAILS & EMAIL ADDRESSES

With the aim of improving our green credentials, reducing costs and also making it easier and faster to contact you, we would like to email membership renewal notifications, events and newsletters to as many Friends as possible. If you would be happy for us to contact you in this way please confirm your email address to abell@nhrm.co.uk

Please also include your full name and address so that I can double check that we have all the correct details on file.

Your contact information is kept in line with GDPR and will be for use by Friends and NHRM only and will not be shared with any third party.

WHAT'S ON AT NHRM

Full details of all events and exhibitions are on the website www.nhrm.co.uk and are updated regularly so please keep a look out for new announcements.

Curator-led Tours

Date: Every Friday from 7th January to 25th March 2022

Time: 10.15am - 11am
(no pre-booking required).

Horseback Falconry

Date: Saturday, 26th March 2022

Time: 11am - 2pm

This is a free event. Come and watch retrained racehorses work with birds of prey in this fast paced, enthralling display.

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

Follow your Nose!

The History of Beagling

Date: Until 19th April 2022

Palace House

Newmarket Open

Date: 12th February to 24th April 2022

Showcasing the diverse work of local artists, some of which will be on sale. This is a chance to see the talent we have in our region and purchase a unique piece of art.

LOOK OUT FOR THESE FUTURE EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS:

Craft Spirit Tasting

Date: Thursday, 10th March 2022

Time: 6pm - 7:30pm

We're so excited to be hosting the English Spirit Company for a tasting event! Join us to find out what it's like to run an independent distillery, discover how they make their amazing gins and rums, and most importantly, taste 5 of their most popular and delicious products.

Our website is regularly updated so make sure you check on www.nhrm.co.uk for new events.

Refugees Exhibition

Date: 10th April - 7th August 2022

Lucy Kemp-Welch Exhibition

Date: 7th May - 31st October 2022

Munnings Exhibition

Date: 24th May - 12th June 2022

We are sorry that we had to cancel events that were on offer for the latter half of 2021. There are several events that we were unable to offer last year that we have now planned for 2022 - dates still to be confirmed.

If you are interested in attending any of these events, please email abell@nhrm.co.uk or tear off and return the form on the opposite page for an application form.

There is a cost per person to these events to cover administration, refreshments and travel (where applicable), and a tip for staff. Friends are able to bring along one guest.

Additional guests may be included subject to availability.

KREMLIN HOUSE STABLES VISIT

(Tom Clover Racing)

Date: Thursday, 21st April 2022

Based in Newmarket, Tom is an up and coming trainer with over 80 winners to his name. Join us to visit one of the town's most beautiful and historic yards with a visit to the gallops in the morning, tour of the stables and lunch back at the Museum in our Tack Room restaurant.



HIGHLIGHTS TOUR OF NHRM WITH THE CURATOR

Followed by lunch at the Tack Room and a Tour of the Jockey Club Rooms in the afternoon.

Date: TBC

The exhibitions at NHRM will come alive through our Curator Dr Alexandra Fletcher and Ben Hanbury, Friends' Chairman, ex keeper of the Jockey Club Art collection, will accompany us on a tour of the wonderful collection at the Jockey Club Rooms in Newmarket.



SANDRINGHAM HOUSE & THE ROYAL STUDS

Date: Tuesday, 17th May 2022, 2pm

An opportunity to visit Sandringham House and a behind the scenes tour of the Royal Studs in this Jubilee Year. The tour is timed for 2.00pm so you can use the morning to visit the house and gardens at your leisure.

Stud Visit: £10

Sandringham House: from £23 per person

Sandringham House and Gardens: from £33 per person

An option of coach transport from Newmarket will be offered dependent on final numbers.

CHEVELEY PARK STUD VISIT

Date: Wednesday, 22nd June, 11am

This historic stud on the outskirts of Newmarket is a must for racing enthusiasts. This renowned stud's role of honour includes Pivotal, Medicean and Kingsgate Native on the flat and Envoi (no R) Allen and A Plus Tard over the jumps. The visit will be followed by lunch at the Tack Room. £25 per person.



A DAY AT NEWMARKET RACES

This is a day for Friends to come and enjoy racing with hospitality at the July Course during the summer.



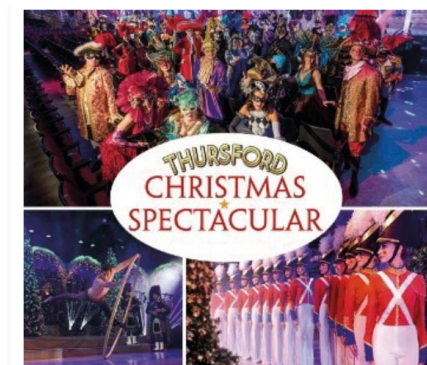
HISTORIC HEART OF CAMBRIDGE

See all the key sights in one tour

Discover the places that made Cambridge the global powerhouse it is today. Learn about the many famous and infamous people that have lived and worked in Cambridge on this guided tour.

THURSFORD SPECTACULAR MATINEE (December 2022)

If you have never visited Thursford before then you have missed a treat. One of the biggest Christmas experiences in the country, visitors from across the country are drawn to this magical festival for the senses which includes a Christmas Spectacular Show, Santa's Magical Journey, Steam Museum and the new Enchanted Journey of Light with luminous sculptures. Tickets for this event sell out very quickly and they are **on sale now for 2022**. The option of coach transport will be dependent on numbers. Tickets will be around £40 per person subject to confirmation of numbers.



Please send me details for the following events (Please tick):

1	Tom Clover	
2	NHRM & Jockey Club Tour	
3	Sandringham and the Royal Studs	

4	Cheveley Park Stud	
5	Newmarket Races	
6	Historic Tour of Cambridge	
7	Thursford Christmas Spectacular	

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JACOB PRITCHARD-WEBB

A STORY OF HUMAN RESILIENCE...

Have you ever thought that your life could change in a split second? I doubt it. Nor should we dwell on such an event, but for one young jockey this was a reality last year.

Jacob Pritchard Webb's connection with horses began in Welsh harness racing aged 11, before he went to the British Racing School at the age of 18. A move to Sir Mark Prescott's Heath House stables in Newmarket, included the thrill of riding out the Group 1 winning filly Marsha. *"It was hard work, but a good time to be there. There is no better man to work for. He's a bit of a legend,"* said Jacob.

Jacob's introduction to National Hunt racing came via Fergal O'Brien in the Cotswolds, where he stayed for nearly two years. Looking for more experience the young jockey went over to France for one summer to do more schooling. After a short spell at Emma Bishop's and a couple of point-to-point winners in the UK, the lure of French racing was too great.

Jacob joined up with trainer Emmanuel Clayeux in central France, breeder and first trainer of dual Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Al Boom Photo, but he was riding all across France and by the time of his fateful day, he had won six races: one flat, two hurdle and four over fences.

Tragically, after such a promising start Jacob's life changed forever on Tuesday 23 June 2021 at Auteuil, France's premier jump racing course. Jacob recalled he was very nearly late for the races because of traffic problems in the centre of Paris; a sliding doors moment in his life.

He remembers: *"I was going to miss my first ride. You laugh about it now, but then it was almost the worst thing in the world if I had missed that ride. Damn, maybe I should have missed that ride."*

Jacob recalled that his horse, Galant Des Boulats, was keen at the start. *"We got to the 4th and I couldn't even tell you how the horse made the fall. As he's gone down, he fired me into the ground headfirst which resulted in all the damage."*

"After I stopped rolling, I lost the feeling in my legs. I just remember the excruciating pain" Jacob said.

Jacob's parents had been watching their 24-year-old son live on television. One can only imagine how they must have felt watching events unfold. Jacob was however able to speak to his mum within twenty minutes of the accident in the ambulance. His mum had one question for him. 1) Can you feel your arms and legs? Answering that he could feel his arms but not his legs galvanised his parents, Kelly and Mark, into action and immediately on their way to Paris.

Amazingly, before the fall, Jacob had sixty rides in France but fallen only three times with no broken bones, *"Which was unheard of,"* said Jacob.

Jacob spent the next 178 days in hospital. Of his immediate hospital memories *"I remember the food, terrible food, it was incredibly hot, and I was in a lot of pain in those first five weeks"* he said. Jacob had a chipped C6 in his neck, a dislocated C7 in his neck, a broken T3, T4 and T6 in his back (the T4 was so badly damaged that it has

compressed on his spinal cord), a broken sternum, four broken ribs and a damaged left lung. *"I had done a good job"* said Jacob.

Fortunately, because the Covid situation was slightly better in France, he was allowed visitors. *"If it hadn't been for visitors, I don't think I would have got through. If I had been in England, I don't know how I would have coped"* said Jacob. He particularly praised his fellow jockeys who came to see him.

Jacob says of his mum and dad, *"They were fantastic. It's been hard for them. They took strength from how I dealt with it but the reason I dealt with it was because of them. It was*

a blow for all the family." Jacob joked about his parents *"they basically got a free summer holiday in France."*

His Mum spent almost every day with him while his dad went home to adapt their house for Jacob's return, no mean feat in Covid times, and his son's new life in a wheelchair. After seven weeks in a central Paris hospital, he was transferred to Garches, Frances's equivalent of Stoke Mandeville hospital. It was a long 4-months of rehab. *"You could never feel sorry for yourself too long as you could see someone worse off in an earlier part of their rehab than yourself"* remarked Jacob.



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After spending Christmas in France, he returned to the UK. Unfortunately, due to lockdown he was unable to resume his rehab at the Injured Jockeys Fund's Oaksey House until the spring. Jacob has also spent time at the Matt Hampson Foundation and the Hobbs rehabilitation centre.

Jacob is unlikely to walk again. However, with spinal cord injuries there is a window of 18 months to two years when that could happen. He has recovered a little movement though nothing in his legs.

"It is not a door that I have shut but there is a high chance that it won't happen. You have to

say you are ok with that, if not you wouldn't get through the day." said Jacob.

2021 has been about rehab for the young jockey. 2022 will be about maintaining his body. *"I am not going to be a permanent patient"* said Jacob.

What is incredible to those of us who do not face danger in our daily life, is the fact that Jacob immediately tried to look towards the future. In a strange way the immense pressure that he had put on himself to be a successful jockey had been released. *"It made me realise there was so much more to life and how important my friends are,"* said Jacob.

Whilst continuing his rehab Jacob has set his sights on becoming a bloodstock agent. Jacob had loved bloodstock from his times with Sir Mark, where he had made trips to Tattersalls at Newmarket. Subsequently, after an article in the Racing Post about his accident he was contacted by leading bloodstock agent Anthony Bromley, who offered his help. Jacob bought his first horse, a three-year-old colt with Linda Watson at Tattersalls Horses in Training sale at the end of October.

But Jacob has been doing much more. During his recovery he began playing table tennis again, he had played at school, and he is now part of the British Paralympic future stars programme with the aim of reaching the 2028 Paralympics in Los Angeles. In his first competition in Sheffield, he came 2nd. He has also been asked to train with the Welsh team. Some of you may have caught Jacob

on camera making his TV debut as a pundit for Sky Sports racing at Auteuil at the end of October and he is hoping to get more of this type of work.

Jacob does not consider himself to be an inspiration. Having met him via Zoom a few times, I could not disagree more. He has dealt with the transformation in his life with a strength of character we can only imagine. Faced with excruciating pain, long nights in a French hospital, the language barrier and months of rehab, he has worked his way through each obstacle.

Whether success beacons in television, bloodstock and/or winning a Paralympic gold medal, I am sure Jacob will succeed. He really is an inspiration and his situation is a reminder to us all that our lives can change in a nanno second.

Our thanks to Stephen Wallis for providing this article and if you would like to know more about Jacob's story, tune in to Stephen Wallis's podcast series The Paddock and The Pavilion episodes 78 and 79.

**Pictures courtesy of
Jacob Pritchard-Webb**



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The Museum offers five galleries exploring the history of the Sport of Kings from its origins to racing today. We help to purchase objects for the collection and fund specific projects. We also offer a varied programme of events exclusive to Friends to raise funds and encourage a shared interest in our heritage and horseracing in general. Alongside this the Museum houses the Retraining of Racehorses in the Rothschild Yard and the British Sporting Art Trusts' collection of fine art in Palace House.

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