

WINNING POST



THE REGULAR NEWSLETTER FROM HOMEBRED RACING

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Homebred's gentle giant

This is 'Ziggy' Homebred's unnamed 1999 Chesnut gelding by Environment Friend ex Royal Brush (King of Spain)

Ziggy is a really powerful, well grown, half brother to our successful hurdler Prince de Galles. His sire Environment Friend was a high class horse on the flat whose victories included the Group 1 Eclipse Stakes over 1¼ miles at Sandown Park. Environment Friend is now also proving to be a producer of good winners over hurdles as well as on the

flat. Royal Brush's stock need time to grow into themselves so, after being broken and ridden away as a yearling by Gerry Enright, we've given Ziggy time turned out at grass. The plan will be to introduce him to National Hunt flat races before going over jumps. He'll be trained by Gerry Enright at Lewes in Sussex and will join his yard in July.

Gerry says "I loved this horse as soon as he came to me - he's a real gentle giant. Ziggy has a great outlook on life, is a kind horse and for such a big lad he's a really good mover". Now he's been given time to mature Gerry thinks he's ready to start work with the intention of running in NH flat races - but Gerry says "If he jumps well I might just send him straight over hurdles".

The history of racing

The National Horseracing Museum in Newmarket tells the story of racing through the Museums permanent collections, featuring the horses, people, events and scandals that made it so colourful. Highlights include the head of Persimmon, a great Royal Derby winner in 1896; a special display about Fred Archer, the Victorian jockey who committed suicide after losing the struggle to keep his weight down; the skeleton of Eclipse, ancestor of 90% of modern thoroughbreds; items associated with Red Rum, Lester Piggott, Frankie Dettori and other heroes of the Turf...

MUSEUM OPENING TIMES

Tuesday 15 April - Sunday 2 November. Closed Mondays, except in July and August and on Bank Holidays 11.00am - 5.00pm (10.00am on racedays)

ADMISSION

£4.50 adults, £3.50 concessions, £2.50 children (includes temporary exhibitions). Family ticket £10.00 (2 adults and 2 children). 10% reduction for pre-booked groups 20+.

Disabled access.

For further information:

01638 667333. www.nhrm.co.uk

Stable visits

It's possible for Homebred owners to visit Peter Bowen's and Gerry Enright's yards at almost any time. Just call the office 01293 884433 and we can make all the arrangements for you.

Know the rules...

There is often much confusion as to whether a horse will or should be disqualified after interference. The Jockey Club's Rules of Racing state that when a horse or rider causes any interference:

...intentionally or by reckless riding that upon objection **it will be disqualified.**

...by irresponsible riding, that upon objection **be placed**



behind the horse(s) with which it has interfered...

unless the stewards are of the opinion that the interference did not improve the horse's placing in relation to the horses with which it interfered.

The key word in this second scenario is undoubtedly 'opinion' and this is where controversy is often created. Show ten people a replay and you'll probably get ten different opinions!

A date for your diary

On Sunday 27th July we'll be welcoming all Homebred members to the Homebred Stud in Cardiganshire. It'll be an opportunity for us all to get together and enjoy seeing the mares, foals and youngsters out at grass in beautiful West Welsh countryside. We hope that racing personalities including our trainers and jockeys will also be in attendance. A formal invitation and full details will be mailed to everyone soon. We hope you'll come.



Homebred visitors share in feeding the mares and foals

One to look out for

Snowed Under is a 2-year-old colt by Most Welcome out of Homebred's mare Snowy Mantle and now in training with James Bethell. He's reported to be working well but not likely to be seen out before mid summer. His performance will be a clue to what to expect of our own College Chapel filly shown here out in the paddock at the stud.

Homebred's College Chapel foal

How close is racing to you?

This map shows how accessible racing is to you - whether a jumps only, flat only or a combined course. The only area poorly served by racing is Wales - but plans are afoot for a new course to open near Carmarthen - at the end of the M4 corridor by 2005.



Name that horse

Suggestions for a racing name for 'Ziggy' who enters training in July urgently required. Let us have your suggestions. The best/chosen name wins a bottle of champagne! Final suggestions by 31May.

We'd like to hear from you

Let us have your ideas and views...



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