



Dedicated to the welfare, re-training and re-homing of Thoroughbred ex-racehorses



Newsletter

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A TRIBUTE TO HALLO DANDY

This year we celebrate 30 years since Hallo Dandy, the TRC's most famous resident, won the Grand National.

In 1984 Grand National winner Hallo Dandy became a national celebrity and household name.

Following his retirement in 1986 his owners re-homed Hallo Dandy where he went on to hunt for 8 years.

Sadly in 1994 his owners discovered him in poor condition whereupon they took him back and gifted him to the TRC, then a relatively new charity and the first of it's kind.

Once at the TRC Hallo Dandy was returned to full health and loved hacking out with us for many years. He became the TRC's permanent resident and flagship horse residing at the centre from 1994 until his death in 2007 at the ripe old age of 33!

Looking after a champion such as Hallo Dandy was a real privilege. His story highlights the very real need for the work of the TRC and continues to inspire our work today.



Past heroes parade at our 2004 Open Day- Hallo Dandy with great mate Desert Orchid

In honour of the 30 year mark and to celebrate the legacy that Hallo Dandy left we have named our indoor arena the Hallo Dandy Arena. The arena will be officially opened by trainer Nicky Richards and Dan's jockey Neale Doherty.

Thanks to grant funding received from the Racing Foundation we have been able to fit out our arena with a panel of training mirrors, a set of show jumps and other training equipment.

Our arena is a huge asset and one of our most useful training areas. It provides a safe place for us to retrain our horses and for our potential loaners to trial our horses. The Hallo Dandy Arena also provides us with an additional income stream; allowing us to offer this fantastic facility for hire to other groups.

We have recently welcomed the Lune Valley Dog Agility Club who will be training here regularly as well as local equestrian clubs and rider groups.



TRC NEWS

Outdoor Arena Appeal Update



Following our appeal in the last newsletter we are absolutely delighted to report that thanks to the generosity of our supporters we were able to raise the fantastic sum of **£5,484** for the repairs to the outdoor arena which has now been completed. We are enjoying being able to put it to full use again.

Racing Foundation

We recently received a grant of almost £8,000 from the Racing Foundation for the purchase of training equipment including a panel of training mirrors, show jumps and dressage boards.

Right TRC Quinn admiring himself for the first time— not training in this instance, but we just love his expression!



In the Press

We were thrilled to be asked by **Your Horse** magazine to contribute to a series of articles entitled 'Off the Track' in which our Yard Manager & Trainer Kath Pinington explains the progressive steps of re-training as well as giving care and management advice for the ex-racehorse. This in depth account covers all stages of his conversion for race horse to riding horse; from setting him into his new environment all the way through to taking his first steps over poles and jumps. The first in the series features in April's edition and will run over approximately 6 months.

There was also a lovely piece about the history and work of the TRC in the April edition of **Lancashire Life** and a short tribute to Hallo Dandy in the **Racing Post**.

Christmas Prize Draw : Congratulations to our winners: 1st- Mr T Rawstron of Lytham St Annes, 2nd- Mrs A Waudby of Leyburn, 3rd- Miss K Oliver of Lewes.

ASSISTED LOAN SCHEME

Unfortunately not all of our horses breeze through their re-training to make it successfully on to our loan scheme. So in order to find appropriate homes for some of these horses we have introduced an Assisted Loan Scheme.



On occasion, some of our horses may have more complex needs or just require a very special kind of home able to offer that little bit extra.

It is for these cases that we have introduced our Assisted Loan Scheme, where we will help with some of the costs in order to support the horse in the loan home.

We hope that this will help find homes for those horses that are potentially more difficult to re-home and in turn give our support to the special people who are prepared to offer a home.

The benefits of the scheme are below, the costs of which are covered in full by the TRC:

- *No loan fee*
- *Annual health check*
- *Full worming and vaccination programme*
- *Veterinary treatment of pre-existing conditions identified prior to re-homing*

We do ask that all loaners, including those on the Assisted Loan Scheme, become a friend of the TRC. This regular support helps with our ongoing fundraising.

See page 15 for details.



We currently have three lovely horses on this scheme...



QUINN 15.3hh Chestnut Gelding 2002 (12 yrs)

Quinn is looking for someone who is prepared to spend time building a strong bond with him and with whom he can enjoy a quiet life of hacking. He is looking for a small, quiet home as he much prefers this to a large, busy yard. He is a fantastic hack and isn't phased by anything provided that he has a friend in tow (he is not happy to hack alone).



DORA CORBINO 15.3hh Bay Mare 2000 (13 yrs)

Bino has a lovely kind temperament, is easy to handle and has already spent a large proportion of her life at grass so will be happy to continue her days in retirement.

Unfortunately Bino is unable to sustain ridden work due to a hind suspensory ligament injury.



ANGEL 15hh Bay Mare 2008 (5yrs)

Angel is a very pretty, affectionate little mare who cannot be ridden due to her back conformation. Although this prevents ridden work it wouldn't affect her success in the in-hand show ring, an area in which we feel she could excel. She is looking for a loving in-hand showing or companion home.

By re-homing one of these horses, or indeed any of our horses, not only will you be providing a much needed opportunity of a home but you will also be creating a much needed space for another ex racehorse here at the Centre.

TRC HORSES IN LOAN HOMES

We are always delighted to receive photographs of our horses and loaners having fun and love to include them in our newsletters, website galleries, printed material and social media.

Here are a few of the most recent photos



TRAINING CLINICS

As we continue to develop our extensive education and training programme we are pleased to report on the overwhelming success of our first programme of residential training weekends.

The feedback from participants has been very encouraging and we plan to hold many more – please do check dates or call the office for information.

We are open to suggestions too, so if you think you have an idea or a training need that we can help you with please do speak to us!



“Wow what a great weekend, superb tuition, food and hospitality. Thank you to Kath and all the team at TRC”

“Would definitely recommend this weekend to anyone”

NEWSFLASH!

Residential Training Clinic

October 11th & 12th 2014

& dates to be confirmed soon for Feb/March '15

For information
01524 812649 or
fundraising@thetrc.co.uk

“To anyone struggling with your horse, get in contact with these guys because they are incredibly helpful and friendly and supportive. Well worth the long drive”

Remember – we can offer courses for all types of horses and people not just thoroughbreds or thoroughbred owners – so why not get a group of horsey friends together and see what we can do together.

TRC HORSES AVAILABLE FOR LOAN

EBN ZAHR - 16 hh Chestnut Gelding 2004 (10 yrs)

Ginger arrived from a post-racing home where he had competed lightly. He is a good hack in company or alone.

Ginger is a fun and exuberant boy with a cheeky nature. He will need some work with his jumping as he is great at home but can get very excited at a competition.

Ginger only raced 3 times on the flat and over hurdles.



SAINT REVERIEN - 16.2 hh Bay Gelding 1999 (15 yrs)

Frenchie had a prolific point to point career before being gifted to the TRC.

He has a big engine with expressive paces and needs an experienced rider to continue his training and bring out his full potential.

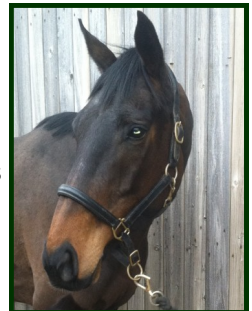
He will excel in dressage and riding club activities.

AJUDICATERA 16hh Bay Mare 2008 (6 yrs)

Phyllis arrived at the TRC directly from her training yard where she was retired due to lack of form.

She is in the very early stages of her re-training programme and is showing great promise.

Phyllis raced twice in national hunt.



BATTLE STATIONS 16hh Chestnut Gelding 2001 (13 yrs)



The eye-catching Cedric retired from racing in 2010 after running 7 times national hunt and hurdles; one win and three placings.

This much loved horse received some re-training before being gifted to the TRC to safeguard his future.

Cedric is a sensitive boy and is looking for a quiet experienced rider to realise his potential.

ZEFINALE 15hh Bay Mare 2007 (7yrs)

This sweet tempered little mare arrived at the centre having been turned away for a period of time following retiring from training. She only raced twice on the flat and since being at the TRC has been re-backed and has progressed very well through her re-training programme.

She has lovely floaty paces and just loves to show off. Zee is full of character and will enjoy a busy life as a good all-rounder.



LIL'S STAR LAD 15.3hh Chestnut Gelding 1998 (16 yrs)



Squirrel is good to do in all ways and has a lovely temperament. He is happy to hack either alone or in company and has expressive paces.

He has been in a loan home until recently where he competed regularly.

Squirrel prefers an active lifestyle so is looking for a home where he will be kept busy!

TRC parade at Bangor-on-Dee Racecourse August 2013.

HEATHYARDS PRIDE 16.2hh Bay Gelding 2000 (14 yrs)

Pride is a lovely boy, with a calm, quiet temperament.

He is looking for a predominantly hacking home.

Pride raced 51 times on the flat, winning 14 and £90k



SHARPANDCHIC

15.3hh Bay Mare 2007 (7 yrs)

Leyla was retired from racing as she just didn't have the speed. She ran 4 flat races and 6 over hurdles.

Leyla arrived at the TRC from a post-racing home local to the TRC where she had already received some re-training. She will make a lovely hacking/pleasure riding horse.



HIGH POLICY 16.1hh Chestnut Gelding 1996 (18 yrs)

High Policy is a perfect gentleman! This genuinely lovely chap is looking for a new home where he can enjoy a relatively leisurely life of hacking and some light schooling.

He has only recently returned from a loan home where he spent the last 8 years. He is a good hack alone or in company.

Policy raced 62 times on the flat.

BELLA 15.3hh Bay Mare 2005 (9 yrs)

Bella arrived at the TRC from a private home where she bred two foals. She is very quiet to handle and a pleasure to be around.

She is progressing well through her re-training programme and showing a lovely attitude.

Bella was in training as a two-year-old for a few months but was too slow to make it to the track so never raced.



Thanks to Ann Gibbons Photography for this image of Bella at a TRC parade at Aintree Racecourse in December 13

THIS ONE'S FOR EDDIE 15.2hh Dark Bay Gelding 2005 (8yrs)



Eddy is a gorgeous boy with a superb temperament and very laid-back attitude. He loves attention and aims to please. He will excel at dressage although has not yet started jumping.

Eddy came to the TRC straight from his training yard where he flat raced 71 times, winning 5 and being placed another 21 times.

He has a fantastic attitude and is progressing well with his retraining.

RE-HOMED: Clueless, Lady in Love, Peckforton Castle, Schedule B,

NEW ARRIVALS & RETURNEES: Ajudicatara, Commander Jet, Ebz Zahr, Hidden Springs, High Policy, Lady Muck, Sharpandchic

OUT AND ABOUT WITH THE TRC

As the better weather approaches we are busy planning our schedule for the next few months. We will be out and about throughout the summer season and look forward to our appearances at racecourses and events both locally and further afield.

We particularly look forward to attending Cartmel Racecourse on 19th July where we will be parading some of our horses prior to the racing as well as having a stand and an exit bucket collection. These sorts of events allow us to showcase our horses and our work as well as providing a much needed source of income. Please do come and see us at any of our events your support is always greatly appreciated. We always need volunteers to help on the stand and on bucket collections.

TRC Genial Genie amongst our parade of horses at Cheltenham Racecourse with commentary from Nicky McDonald.



Genie meets his public at Cheltenham Racecourse. Thanks to his loaner Rachel Davies for volunteering him!



The TRC team at Your Horse Live 2013.

Inset— India Richardson, Rachel Mather and Kath Pinington.

We will be returning to Your Horse Live on 8-9th November 2014



TRC Quinn and TRC William parade at Aintree Racecourse in December. Image by kind permission of Ann Gibbons Photography



HOME COMFORTS APPEAL :

Target
£4,000

Believe it or not, we are about to enter our 10th year here at Whinney Hill!

Since 2005 we have invested considerably in the conversion of the premises from the dairy farm we purchased to the specialised equine facility it is today. We strive to provide the very best for our horses. Obviously after 9 years in situ, we are at a point where we need to refurbish some of our stables.

All our stables are fitted with rubber matting. This provides a dust-free, warm base which is non-slip and joint cushioning. It also means that we can be more economical with bedding and therefore helps keep our costs down. Replacements are now needed for torn or worn mats.



Anyone that has visited the Centre will know that we are very proud of our facilities and are meticulous about keeping everything well maintained and tidy.

As such our stables are painted annually, usually by a team of volunteers. This year we will be painting all stables with black bitumen half way up as this is much harder wearing and easier to clean. An added bonus is that it looks really good!

It is only with your generosity and support that we can continue to improve our facilities in order to meet the very specific needs of the horses here.

Every donation goes directly towards helping thoroughbred ex racehorses in need and we cannot continue our work without your help.

HOME COMFORTS APPEAL

I enclose a donation of £

Name:

Address:

.....Postcode.....

Email:

Please acknowledge my donation by post / email



OTHER WAYS TO DONATE:

TEXT: Text **TRCSE** (*your amount*) to 70070 i.e. TRCSE10 and don't worry 100% of your donation will go direct to the TRC.

ONLINE: Donations can be made via our website www.thetrc.co.uk

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Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made :

Today in the past 4 years in the future (*Please tick all you wish to apply*)

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given on or after 6 April 2008.

Signature

Please notify the charity or CASC if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
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If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HMRC to adjust your tax code.

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Instruction to your bank or building society to pay by Direct Debit

Committed Giver's Name:

Address:

Contact Email: Tel:

Please return to :- TRC, Whinney Hill, Aughton Road, Halton, Lancashire LA2 6PQ. Alternatively sign up online www.thetrc.co.uk.

Name(s) of account holder:

I would like to support the TRC Ltd with a regular gift of £

 Monthly Quarterly Annually

Bank/building society account number

Please debit my bank/building society account beginning on

1st 15th Month / Year

Bank/building society sort code

Instruction to your bank or building society
 Please pay Thoroughbred Rehabilitation Centre Direct Debits from the account detailed in this Instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this Instruction may remain with The Thoroughbred Rehabilitation Centre and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society.

Name and full postal address of your bank or building society

To the Manager of : Bank Building Society

Signature(s)

Address

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BECOME A FRIEND OF THE TRC

Your support is invaluable in our dedication to ex-racehorse welfare, re-training, re-homing and protection for life

Since the TRC began in 1991 your donations have enabled us to help over 340 horses and to grow from assisting just 8 horses at a time, to today being able to provide a place of safe and appropriate re-training for up to 25 horses at any one time.

Raising funds is always a difficult task and never more so than now, however the regular donations we receive from our friends and committed givers help us enormously to plan financially throughout the year.

How can your monthly donation help our horses?

- £5 buys one bale of bedding
- £10 buys a sack of feed
- £25 will pay for an one essential vaccination against influenza and tetanus
- £35 would provide one days worth of haylage for the whole yard of 25 horses

Your donation can make a huge difference to the horses in our care and of course if we are able to claim gift aid on your donation it means your donation is worth 25% more to us as well.

To become a committed giver, please complete and return the form (left)
Alternatively sign up securely online at www.thetrc.co.uk

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ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF EX-RACEHORSES



Are you able to leave a charitable gift in your will, after you have provided for loved ones?

Leaving a gift in your will can help ex-racehorses in the future. Your gift, however small or large means that we can continue to ensure ex-racehorses receive appropriate re-training and achieve a new life and purpose.

It will cost you nothing during your lifetime but each and every gift left to the TRC, from £100 to £100,000, is greatly appreciated and is a wonderful way in which you can ensure your help continues to improve the lives of many vulnerable horses in the future.

Over the years, gifts in wills from our supporters have helped the charity to grow into the established centre of excellence it is today. It was, in fact, through money left to us in legacies that we were able to purchase our current premises at Whinney Hill in 2005.

Today, these gifts are as vital as ever, allowing us to invest in new facilities like our veterinary treatment barn and essential maintenance of the buildings, property and farm as well as helping with annual running costs.

How do you leave a gift to the TRC?

You can leave a gift in your will to the TRC either by making a new will or by adding a codicil to an existing will. In either case we urge you to take professional advice from your solicitor on this.

THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS



Ellie Adams for raising £527 in sponsorship running the Bath Half Marathon. Sadly Ellie lost her beloved ex-racehorse recently and this was a way to help TRC give other ex-racehorses the second chance they deserve.

Gaynor Seymour who despite struggling with ankle and knee injuries completed the High Legh 10k race and raised £100 in sponsorship.



India Richardson & Chloe Barnes members of the TRC staff team who attended a series of local second hand tack sales in their time off to sell unwanted horse wear raising £470 for the TRC.

Volunteers: A huge thank you to our regular volunteers who have donated their time either on the yard, in the office, at events or with their professional expertise:

Rachel Davies, Kay Edwards, Laura Frances, Vanessa Inman, Brigitte Matheson, Kate Nicklin, Iain Pendry, Rebecca Stevens, Ann and Ray Stewart, Ashley Stewart, and Ann Gibbons Photography.

We are grateful for the continued support of our commercial sponsors





ANNUAL OPEN DAY

Sunday 15th June

11am - 4pm

A Fun Day Out for
All the Family!

Adults £5

Children £3

*All proceeds help provide
ex-racehorses with a new
life and purpose*



- Meet Our Horses • Ridden Demos & Parades • Kids Love the Races Roadshow
- Lancashire Mounted Police Demo • Dancing Lusitano Stallions
- Equine & Pet Art & Commissions • Animal Corner & Fun Pet Show
- Riding Simulator • Stalls • Competitions & Prizes • Refreshments • and more

Kids Races

ARE YOU EATING HEALTHILY?
The 4 R's of a healthy diet: Right, Reasonable, Regular, and Right. Includes a menu with items like 'Horse Power' (protein), 'Hoofbeats & Carrots' (fiber), and 'Hoofbeats & Apples' (vitamin C).

WEIGH UP YOUR CHANCES
Includes a scale and information about horse health.

DRESS FOR THE RACES
Includes a jockey silhouette and information about safety gear.

SPOT THE SIGKS
Includes a horse silhouette and information about signs of illness.





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Kids Races

ARE YOU EATING HEALTHILY?
The 4 R's of a healthy diet: Right, Reasonable, Regular, and Right.
MENU
• 20g of protein
• 30g of carbs
• 10g of fat
• 10g of fiber
• 10g of sugar
• 10g of salt

WEIGH UP YOUR CHANCES
• 10g of protein
• 30g of carbs
• 10g of fat
• 10g of fiber
• 10g of sugar
• 10g of salt

DRESS FOR THE RACES
• 10g of protein
• 30g of carbs
• 10g of fat
• 10g of fiber
• 10g of sugar
• 10g of salt

SPOT THE SIGKS
• 10g of protein
• 30g of carbs
• 10g of fat
• 10g of fiber
• 10g of sugar
• 10g of salt



TRC CALENDAR 2014

YARD VISITS & OPEN DAY

Sunday 27th April 2014	Yard Visit	11am - 1pm
Sunday 15th June 2014	Annual Open Day	11am - 4pm
Sunday 27th July 2014	Yard Visit	11am - 1pm
Sunday 28th September 2014	Yard Visit	11am - 1pm
Sunday 23rd November 2014	Yard Visit	11am - 1pm

*Places must be pre-booked either by telephone or via our website
(with the exception of our open day)*

EXTERNAL EVENTS

More events will be added to our schedule so keep an eye on our website & social media pages

Thursday 10th April	Lucinda Fredericks Demo- Fundraiser	Myerscough International Arena
Sunday 8th June	Ridden Demo & Info Stand	Myerscough College Open Day
Sat/Sun 5th & 6th July	Info Stand at Lune Valley Agility Show	Westmorland Showground
Saturday 19th July	Parade of Horses, Info Stand & Fundraiser	Cartmel Racecourse
Fri / Sat 17th & 18th October	Parade of Horses	Cheltenham Racecourse
Sat / Sun 8th & 9th November	Info Stand	Your Horse Live

TRAINING CLINICS

*Saturday & Sunday 11th & 12th October & further dates in February / March 2015
Enquires: 01524 812649 or fundraising@thetrc.co.uk*



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