

Community

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME From Bill Farnsworth, Racecourse Director

Dear Neighbour,

Summer... I'm not sure we can call this summer weather but alas, it is officially here.

I wanted to take the time to give you a quick update on the past few months and let you know what the team has been up to. May, June, and July have been exceptionally busy months for us, but we ensured we took time out of the office to have some community fun, as part of the British Racing Community Day. Our team split into two groups so we could offer as much help as possible. The first team partook in litter picking around the local community and surrounding streets, resulting in over 5+ full bags of rubbish. The second team headed down to East Lothian Foodbank, one of our charity partners. The charity is always looking for volunteers, so we were delighted we could offer some helpful hands to help assemble a portion of the hundreds of weekly care packs sent out by the charity. If you do not know much about The East Lothian Food bank, please visit their website <https://eastlothian.foodbank.org.uk>

As for our racing, in April we saw The Sunday Series Raceday take place, which was a competitive card with some great racing. On this day we gifted over 1,000 tickets to our local neighbours, whom we were delighted to welcome to our racecourse. In June, our flagship raceday, The Edinburgh Cup sponsored by Edinburgh Gin, took place and we were very lucky with the weather as the sun was splitting the sky. The day was a remarkable success, and we were very proud to showcase the racecourse in all its glory. Watcha Matey, trained by Hugo Palmer, romped away with the Edinburgh Cup in the hands of Paul Mulrennan. Jabaara was an impressive winner of the £40,000 Listed Edinburgh Gin Queen of Scots Fillies' Stakes for Silvestre De Sousa and Roger Varian. On the day, we had a fantastic after-racing party headlined by Boogie in the Morning, featuring special guest Nathan Evans who showcased his new song 'Home'.

We continue our busy summer season into August with four fixtures, including the 90's Friday Night at the Races (Friday 2nd), Ladies Day in partnership with Pommery Champagne (Friday 9th), the Racing TV Raceday (Tuesday 27th) and The Portobello Cup (Wednesday 28th). We have worked exceptionally close with our raceday team and will have litter pickers out on the local streets the day after 90's Friday Night at the Races and Ladies Day. On Ladies Day, we bring in additional toilets to ensure everyone has access to a toilet prior to exiting the racecourse.

Once again, we appeal for your continued support. We are still experiencing break-ins and cases of vandalism. We are in direct consultation with the police, but we would be grateful if you could continue to be vigilant. We ask that you report anything suspicious to the police and thank you for your support.

Our door is always open, so please do come into the office to say hello!

Bill Farnsworth
General Manager



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Anne Thomson, Musselburgh Racecourse Digital Marketing Executive

Anne has worked at Musselburgh Racecourse for two years. Having been around horses all her life and representing Team Scotland at the BSJA Academy Championships, Anne loves that her passion for the equine industry is prevalent in not just her personal life but also her work life. Anne looks after all things digital, including our website, social media, email campaigns, partnerships, radio, press and so much more. You will often see her on a raceday with at least two phones in her hands ensuring she gets all the right angles!

Anne's favourite part of the job is "Putting on five-star racedays where our racegoers create memories that will last a lifetime"



ENTERTAINMENT

On our Sensational racedays, we provide a range of entertainment depending on the raceday and the crowd attending. Below you can see a breakdown of the schedule.

90's Friday Night At The Races – Friday 2nd August

- Music and entertainment from 16:00 until 22:00 on Loretto Lawn

Ladies Day in partnership with Pommery Champagne – Friday 9th August

- Site build from Saturday 3th August, de-rig from 10th August
- Music and entertainment from 11:30am throughout the day until 19:15 across the whole site

Oktoberfest Raceday featuring The Musselburgh Gold Cup – Saturday 14th September

- Music and entertainment from 13:00 throughout the day until 20:30 across the whole site

The Superhero Family Raceday - Sunday 15th September

- Funfair, Children's Rides and DJ from noon until 19:00 on Loretto Lawn

	Date	Fixture
August	Fri 2	The 90's Friday Night at the Races
	Fri 9	Ladies Day 2024
	Tue 27	The Racing TV Raceday
	Wed 28	The Portobello Cup Raceday
September	Sat 14	The Oktoberfest Raceday featuring The Musselburgh Gold Cup Raceday
	Sun 15	The Superhero Family Raceday
October	Wed 2	The Racing TV Raceday
	Mon 14	Afternoon Racing
November	Wed 6	Scottish Flat Season Finale
	Thu 28	The Start of the Jumps Saltire Raceday
	Fri 29	The Festive Jumps Meeting
December	Mon 9	The Christmas Jumper Raceday
January	Wed 1	New Year's Day Raceday

Sensational Racedays (the biggest and best of Musselburgh Racecourse)



We would also like to advise you of two other events being held at Musselburgh Racecourse.

Festival Day – Saturday 27th July. Organised by the Honest Toun Association all event and ticket information can be found on their website <https://musselburghfestival.org/events/>

Scottish Half Marathon and 10K – Sunday 18th August. Organised by GSi Events all event information is available <https://www.scottishhalfmarathon.com/half>

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

To allow access of emergency vehicles, we implement parking restrictions around the racecourse on racedays. This area is increased on our Sensational 6 racedays to include sections of Linkfield Road. To help reduce the traffic within Musselburgh we provide a free courtesy bus service from Wallyford and Newcraighall Park and Rides. This service is available for all train and car users. Our Temporary Traffic Regulation Order can be found on our website www.musselburgh-racecourse.co.uk, on the Find Us page.



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