



**Welcome to the Nick  
Bradley Racing Newsletter**

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The winners are beginning to come with increasing regularity but not to the level I had planned at the start of the season. I am confident that come the end of the season we will have had a successful year, but we just haven't quite had the start I was hoping to have.

I am a highly self critical person, I am my own biggest critic and always will be. The Dante meeting is a fixture that I am conscious of targeting each year as it has plenty of races available to both 2yos and 3yos. On the whole I think we had a successful meeting in 2022.

Al Qareem led the way as I expected him to by winning the 12 furlong handicap with ease. Clifford Lee is a jockey who has improved plenty in the last 12 months, he has a great attitude and as he has been successful his confidence has grown. Al Qareem beat a couple of unexposed Godolphin horses nicely and will head to Royal Ascot next with a big chance.

Mersea ran well to finish third in the Novice Stakes, Guilded ran up to her best in finishing second in the Listed Westow Stakes and Shandy Star showed promise on debut in the Listed, Marygate Stakes.





The 3yos have been running well all season and Hellomydarlin, Honey Sweet, Guilded and Oscula have now all finished 2nd at Listed level since the start of the turf season. Four 2nd placed with four different horses at Listed level this early in the season is definitely an achievement we can be proud of. We had doubts over Oscula after her recent two performances but her performance at Epsom was back to her tenacious best. She is one of those horses who saves their maximum effort for the racecourse and a pleasure to manage.

Sophie's Star has turned around her poor behaviour at Spigot Lodge and has been behaving like a lady at Roger Fell's Arthington Stables. Amy Collier took it upon herself to ride out Sophie's Star every day and the staff learned how to work with her and keep her sweet. It was great to see her win at Musselburgh in the £25,000 Skybet Sunday Series Handicap. Sophie's Star is a homebred filly that we loved from day one. Physically she is a brut of a filly and is tailormade for the 5 furlong races.

Mas Poder spent six months at Glebe Farm recovering from an injury she picked up at Royal Ascot. The surgeon recommended that she be retired such was the damage to her knee. She came sound





sooner than expected and hasn't missed a day since. She started the season running over 6 furlongs and that proved to be a furlong too far for her as she made all over 5 furlongs at Pontefract on her third start.

Mersea won snugly at Carlisle under a good ride from Sam James. The victory was overshadowed by the injury and subsequent fatal injury of Sideways Shift. Our Showcasing filly was a queen at the sales and was held in high regard at Karl Burke's Spigot Lodge stables. Karl expected her to win at Carlisle but sadly she fractured her pelvis during the race. It was desperately unlucky for her owners who had an exciting season to look forward to.

I expect 12 more 2yos to debut in the month of June if everything goes well so things are about to go up a gear. Particularly at the Goffs Premier Yearling Sale I found that the very best fillies were making between £50,000 and £75,000 whereas in previous years they were making double that. As a result, I found myself buying a better physical who as a result would debut in June/July rather than May/June. This approach should be rewarded at the end of 2022 and those fillies should train on and translate their form to their 3yo careers.





I will be doing a Royal Ascot Preview later in the week when the entries are beginning to be published. At this stage I expect us to have around 6-8 runners, with Al Qareem leading the team.

On the farm we are in reset mode as the majority of the horses are living out whilst the stables are gutted and cleaned. We have 46 mares scanned in foal with an almighty run of 15 consecutive positive pregnancy scans boosting are numbers significantly. Six mares have been scanned empty and six are awaiting their scans so we could yet reach the target of 50 mares scanned in foal.





## Weatherbys Bank Royal Ascot Preview



On Thursday, 9th June, we will be turning our attentions to the biggest Flat meeting in the racing calendar when we host Weatherbys Racing Bank's Royal Ascot Preview.

Please email us at [Info@nickbradleyracing.co.uk](mailto:Info@nickbradleyracing.co.uk) to tune in and listen to some of the most respected personalities in the sport. The star-studded panel consists of:

- 1) Richard Hoiles – ITV Racing's chief commentator





2) Kevin Blake – Leading horse racing broadcaster and race planner

for Joseph O’Brien

3) William Haggas – Multiple Group 1-winning trainer

## Racing Review







In a week of racing steeped in history with the Epsom Derby going back 243 years and finishing with the Prix De Jockey Club(the French Derby). Although as we reflect on one of the oldest races established in the world we look back at previous renewals and a name keeps popping up. ..That of the great Lestor Piggot who we sadly lost a few days before the Derby was due to take place. A true great of the sport who won the Derby a record breaking 9 times.

During the week we had runners in UK, IRE & FR. We saw the return to form of Sophie's Star, who in her 1st run with Roger Fell managed to get up to win. Thanks to a brilliant ride by Jonny and prep from Amy Collier has done all of the work with her at home and deserves the credit for today's performance. We also saw Oscula get back to form with a 2nd in the Surrey Stakes (Listed Race), Epsom. Our two French raiders Guilded & HMD fought notably but ultimately was not their days at Chantilly. An action packed week with certainly a lot more to come as Royal Ascot fast approaches.





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## Highs & Lows of Racing



This week we have gone from elation to devastation. From the highs of seeing Mas Poder breaking her maiden after a long period of being injured. An absolute testament to the team at Glebe Farm who got her back in training & Kevin and his team for getting her back to strengths!





We headed the next day to Carlisle on the 26th May with 3 runners in CL4 5f 2yo only race. Which ultimately saw Mersea break her maiden on her 4th start, securing our 2nd 2yo winner of the season and Grant's 1st. The celebration were however short-lived as the immediate concern was for Sideways Shift who pulled up quite suddenly during the race.

The vets inspected her and diagnosed her with a fractured pelvic. She spent the night at the racecourse but when she was moved the next day the fracture must have slipped and we very sadly lost Sideways Shift.

A horribly sad and painful thing for all involved, our thoughts and prayers go out to all involved with this very much loved and promising member of the NBR team.





## Goresbridge Breeze Up!



*Tattersalls Ireland*  
**GOESBRIDGE  
BREEZE UP SALE**  
18 - 19 MAY 2022

*Ireland's only Breeze Up Sale  
returns to Fairyhouse*





Nick headed to Ireland this week for the penultimate breeze up in the calendar and Ireland's only breeze up sale in the calendar.

The sale has historically always been quite good value while also producing some serious talent, certainly one that Nick was not going to miss. Last year the sale gave us Stone Age, one of this years leading Derby favourites!

**Nick managed to secure 3 exciting prospects:**

**LOT 52 - DARK ANGEL X PLAGIARISM**

**LOT 63 - THE LAST LION X SALLY IS THE BOSS**

**LOT 126 - GUTAIFAN X AMALLNA**





***We still have a few shares left in our The Last Lion colt – with shares available from £200! – please find more details below.***

## **Dante Wrapped Up 1,2,3 Completed It!**





Al Qareem wins at the final day of the Dante Festival at York. With over 80 owners in attendance made it a truly memorable day and certainly a memorable festival. 8 runners in total, costing less than £200,000, and the only syndicate to win and place all week, including a 2nd in the *Westow Stakes* (listed race) very much a happy bunch, I am sure a few sore heads this morning...

We discussed the potential pace battle in front with Cliff and gave him licence to lead but to ensure he wasn't going too hard in the early stages. As it worked out everyone looked at the race and felt that the pace would be strong and therefore took their time with their horses. This suited us it as it allowed Cliff to set his own fractions in front and control the race. Al Qareem didn't hit a flat spot in the race and won with plenty in hand. He took an age to pull up and is clearly a horse who is improving as we step him up in trip.

Nick picked up Al Qareem for only 17,000gns last year, the average cost of the runners in her race was over £130,000...





The Dante festival holds a special place in Nick's heart, often referred to as '*The Royal Ascot of the North*'. Nick had a record of 30 placings and no winners before Al Qareem made light work of her opposition. Clearly no Friday 13th superstition hanging over us this festival :)

He will now go for the King George V Stakes at Royal Ascot on June 16th where we expect him to go there with a massive chance.

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## **GUILDED 2nd In The Westow Stakes (LISTED RACE)**



**Guided** bolsters her page further with a **2nd** in the ***Westow Stakes (Listed Race)*** at York! Adding to the considerable record of placings in big races at the meeting for Nick, taking it to around 30 placings without a winner! A streak we hopefully be putting to bed on Friday as we send a very strong cohort of 2yos and some of our more familiar faces to get involved in the action!





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A dominant front running performance by Clifford. Picking up well, Guided kept on well in to the final furlong. In the end just coming up short against Karl's other runner in the race Last Crusader.

What is becoming very evident recently is that Karl's yard is in top form ...2yo's or his more familiar faces, they are all flying! This bodes very well as we have 13 2yos with him this season with some big race entries looming...





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## **Newmarket Open Day Announced!**



After a bit of poor planning from the Queen who double booked on our previous open day date, we are pleased to announce our new date. Liz has promised no summer parties over the weekend so we look forward to welcoming as many of you there as possible!

We are excited to announce our latest open day, which will be taking place in **Newmarket on the 25th June** at **Kevin Philippart De Foy & Stuart Williams** yards.





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I am sure a lot of you will be excited to see your new breeze up purchases all settled in. If you haven't had the pleasure, Kevin's is situated in one of the more historical yards in Newmarket, being built in 1850 and fronting on to the Warren Hill gallop.

Please visit to book your place on your website...

<https://nickbradleyracing.co.uk/open-days>





**AVAILABLE SHARES!**





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## **10% left in The Last Lion x Sally Is The Boss**



The 2nd lot we purchased was this The Last Lion colt with a very impressive pedigree. Out of Sally Is The Boss, making him a half brother to multiple group winning SUESA!

This colt actually breezed on the wrong section of the track for Nick, if you watch his breeze above. The full width of Fairyhouse was being





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used, looking at the data the far side of the track it was definitely the worst part to breeze on. Of all the horses that breezed on the far side, none of them were in the top 30 fastest of the day. There were almost 30 of 211 horses that choose this side and this colt was the 2nd fastest. Not a good physical, a horse that Nick thinks would benefit from a bit of time, Nick managed to secure for €9,500 he would have paid a lot more!

A horse that made a lot of sense for us to purchase. The vendor came up to Nick after, said it had a Grade 1 scope, the best out of all the ones he was selling this year. He also believed that he thought it should be able to win a 5-6f maiden this year or two...

We will be sending him to Craig Lidster, based in York. Who will be joining our other 2yo Tollerton Forest.





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# ALL IN OFFER!

**1% - £399**

All in Cost till 31st December 2022

**0.5% - £200**

*All in Cost till 31st December 2022*

## PURCHASE COSTS

**10% - £2,500/£329**

**5% - £1,250/£169**

**2.5% - £625/£89**

Monthly Fees Begin 1st September 2022.

**BUY SHARES - 10% AVAILABLE!!**







**17.5% left in Large Action**





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**HARRIET TUCKER:**

*“I RECKON HE WOULD HAVE WON EASILY! HE WAS JUST UNLUCKY, IT'S JUST THE WAY THE GAME GOES...HE WILL HAVE HIS DAY!”*

**SEAN QUINLAN:**

*“I loved this horse. He gave me a great feel and I thought all the way up until turning in I was going to win. He jumped very well and I think he will be able to win plenty of races going forwards”*

**Recent Update**

**It is very much just down to when not if our Large Action gets off the mark!**

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Harriet Tucker took the ride for the 1st time at Nick Bradley Racing - a brilliant character with a lot of talent who will most definitely be joining up again with Large Action this season!





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We were very unlucky last time out at Catterick - he came back to Rogers completely unphased after his fall and we already have a number of races we are eyeing up over the next few weeks!

### **Purchase Details**

This gelding was bought from the Tattersalls Book 1 sale in 2017. He is exceptionally well bred being the sister to Rhea who is a Listed place filly in training with Kevin Ryan.

Large Action, a son of Iffraaj has needed a lot of time to develop and strengthen. He has now very much filled out in to a large rangy sort who will most likely go chasing later in his career.

So, if you want to get involved in the NH season immediately with a fit well-bred rangy horse - who we are bullish on will be a familiar face in the winners enclosure and popping his cherry very shortly - please enquire below!





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## PURCHASE COSTS

**10% - £2,000/£309**

**5% - £1,000/£169**

**2.5% - £1,730/£89**

Monthly Fees Begin 1st May 2022.

**BUY SHARES - 17.5% AVAILABLE!!**





## Raising Sand – 7.5% Available



A brilliant opportunity to get involved in Nick Bradley Racing if you're based in the South!

He will continue to be trained by Jamie Osbourne in Lambourn -

*"He is a fabulous horse who never ceases to amaze me".*

*Jamie Osbourne*

Ever thought of getting in to the winners enclosure at Ascot - He





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is our Ascot course specialist with **4 wins** and **5 places** already  
under his belt!

Over **£300,000 in prize money** already won!

Own a share in a **GROUP/ROYAL ASCOT** placed racehorse -

**2.5% for ONE OFF PAYMENT - £999**

**COVERS ALL FEES UNTIL 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**BUY SHARES - 7.5% AVAILABLE!!**





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## **17.5% Left in Zihaam**



### **OUR BEVERLEY LEGEND - 6 TIME BEVERLEY WINNER!!!**

**The last 3 seasons he has won by his 4<sup>th</sup> start...**

Zihaam is quickly establishing himself as a Beverley legend having won at the track six times and at Carlisle twice. He loves a stiff uphill finish and he has to have a bit of room to do his racing and not surrounded by other horses.







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He starts the season off a mark of 74, previously having won off 73 in May 2021 it shouldn't be too long before we can get him back in the winners enclosure. He is a very sound horse and has run a total of 46 times in the last 3 seasons.

He is never going to be running at Royal Ascot but he has won at least twice in each of his last three seasons and given his owners a tremendous amount of enjoyment to date.

### **PURCHASE COSTS**

5% - £1,399

2.5% - £749

1.25% - £389

*COVERS ALL FEES UNTIL 1ST MARCH 2023*

**BUY SHARES - 17.5% AVAILABLE!!**







# Merchandise





**Nick Bradley Racing Pin Badge- £10**

**Nick Bradley Racing Ties- £20**

**Nick Bradley Racing Ladies Scarf- £20**

**Nick Bradley Racing Jackets- £49**

**BUY NBR MERCHANDISE!**





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