



JUMP FOR FUN

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A brief update for you all before the publicity dept closes down for a few weeks.

Ballyshan

Unfortunately his lameness transpired to be linked to tendon damage so Sean faces a few months on the sidelines. The diagnosis took a questionable amount of time to filter through, but this is a separate issue, the immediate concern being what we should do with regard to his future racing career. The damage to the tendon is comparatively minor but the chances are that he'll still be booked for a lengthy period "off" with the prospect of missing next season being a possibility. As you know he's 10 now and were he to miss next season he'd effectively be coming back as a near 12YO. Retirement and finding him a good home away from racecourse duties is obviously an option, but your view on our course of action is welcomed so let me know what you think either by 'phone or email. He's been a great servant to the Club and I'd like to think that the horse's interests would determine our final decision.

Ace Of Clubs

If you were at the last stable visit then you'd have seen him in all his mud-covered glory on his return from a few months in Shropshire. He'll go back into training in July and will hopefully be ready for a return to action in the autumn.

Frontier Dancer

Has settled in well at Naunton and his early gallops work is encouraging. As I write I'm expecting to hear of a bumper entry shortly and he should be running around the end of the month. On this front the 11 in the F D syndicate will be kept informed of running plans by Ian Robinson (07831 636210) Ian.Robinson@and-group.net as I'm booked in to be re-shod with a new hip at the end of the week and won't be back in harness for a while.

That's all the news on the horse front, but I can also bring you news of a holiday rental opportunity. Bob Goss has already revealed himself to be a man of taste and opportunity by being the first JFF member and he and his wife, Janet, have just taken possession of a property in Tropea, which is in Calabria, Italy. Apparently there are cheap flights every other day from Stansted to Lamezia and you can view photo's of the property (no.97100) under Tropea on Google Earth. Bob has asked me to let JFF members know that you can get a 20% discount by booking early with him. 20% of what, he didn't say, but if you're interested he can be found on 01280 814384. Perhaps we ought to send Ballyshan there for a couple of months?

Arrivederci until the next time.

Best regards,

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