



# JUMP FOR FUN

## March 08

A very brief update for you on a number of fronts.

### Ballyshan

A disappointing and somewhat anti-climactic result to Sean's Cheltenham entry for the Pertemps Final, which as you all know the stable won with their own entry, Ballyfitz. Stable followers will have been rewarded with odds of 18/1, with the Tote delivering even better @ 21/1!

The weather across Cheltenham week made things difficult for everyone. The rain, when it came, was welcome but the ground, although tacky, was never described as being any softer than "good to soft", not really muddy enough for our lad. In any event he ended up missing the cut off his handicap weight of 9st 13lb by six horses, so he wouldn't have got in even granted his favoured ground. To compound the problem he was intermittently lame (and still is) over the days leading up to the race, so maybe the fates just conspired against us.

As to whether there's anything left in the season for us, we're essentially in the hands of the rain gods and his return to full fitness which is governed by getting him back into work in the foreseeable future. More news at the proposed stable visit (see below).

### Frontier Dancer

We saw him in Ireland on Tuesday just before he boarded the lorry for the journey to Naunton. He certainly looked pretty straight in condition and had pleased Kevin Ross with all he'd done in his few weeks there, so hopefully a bumper beckons sometime over the next few weeks. He's shown a bit of speed and his action suggests that he's a good ground horse so he may well see action across the summer/autumn period and then given a rest on the heavy winter ground.



### Ace Of Clubs

Will come back into training in the summer with the aim of getting him ready for a return to action in the autumn. Still only a 6YO we're hoping that the enforced break will have strengthened him up and that he'll be able to build on his promising bumper runs.

### Stable Visit

I'm looking to organise another stable visit just prior to Aintree's Grand National meeting and have Tuesday April 1st in mind. Usual format – gallops @ 8.15; breakfast at The Hollow Bottom @ 9.45/10.0 and then there's the option of racing at Wetherby, Folkestone or Southwell for anyone of an unsound mine.

The intention is to have all 3 club horses on site be they working or not, so please let me know asap whether you'd like to attend. By Friday March 28th, please, just so I can get a steer on numbers.

Many thanks. Hoping to see you shortly.

Best regards,

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