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BUOYANT CUMBRIAN RACECOURSE JUMPS TO IT

FRESH from its most successful Flat racing season in years, Carlisle Racecourse is eagerly anticipating the 2010/2011 jump racing season which starts on Friday 8 October.

Between the autumn and 'Easter Saturday' next spring, there are no fewer than a dozen racing fixtures, with the showpiece day, featuring the £40,000 Cumberland Chase, coming up on Sunday 31 October.

Everyone at the Cumbrian racecourse is in great heart as they look forward to the new jumps season:

- Attendances are booming – up by more than a fifth on a like-for-like basis compared to 2009;
- Hospitality is sold out at the first six jump racing fixtures up until Christmas;
- The racecourse's restaurant is sold out for the first fixture on 8 October. Bookings are being taken for other fixtures – and advance reservations are a must.

The racing highlights of the first half of the season are the:

- £20,000 Colin Parker Memorial Intermediate Chase (31 October);
- £40,000 Cumberland Chase (31 October);
- £25,000 Weatherbys Bank Graduation Chase (8 November).

At the Beer Festival day on Thursday 21 October, darts players Peter 'One Dart' Manley and the 'Queen of Darts' Anastasia Dobromyslova – who was

the face of the racecourse's Ladies' Night last year - will be taking on challengers who register online at www.carlisle-races.co.uk.

Countryside Family Day on Halloween features falconry, hound trailing, duck and geese herding.

And the ever-popular Aviemore Reindeer will once again be visiting the racecourse at the Christmas fixture.

The racecourse's managing director John Baker said: "We're very fortunate to be in such a vibrant area for jump racing, and it's reflected in the high quality of horses that race here before going on to the great racing festivals at our fellow Jockey Club Racecourses venues of Cheltenham and Aintree.

"Cumbrian trainer Nicky Richards has been a great supporter of the racecourse for many years, and we also see all the top horses from other leading northern training yards like those of Ferdy Murphy and Howard Johnson.

"The public have come out in big numbers this year, and we are looking forward to serving up the very best in jump racing for them in the next six months."

Meanwhile, John Baker expressed delight at the racecourse's allocation of fixtures in 2011. Despite fears in the racing industry of deep fixtures cuts across the country, Carlisle's number has increased from 22 to 23.

The Cumbrian racecourse benefits from being part of Jockey Club Racecourses which is the largest racecourse group in Britain in terms of racecourses, fixture numbers, attendances, contribution to prize-money and revenue generation.

The increase by one fixture is during the Flat season.

2010 jump racing fixtures

Friday 8 October – Jump season launch;
Thursday 21 October - Beer Festival Day;
Sunday 31 October - Countryside Family Day featuring the Cumberland Chase;
Monday 8 November – Weatherbys Bank Graduation Chase Day;
Sunday 28 November – Family Fun Day;
Sunday 19 December – Family Fun Day.

2011 jumps: Wednesday 9 February; Monday 21 February; Thursday 10 March; Sunday 20 March; Thursday 24 March; Easter Saturday 23 April; Friday 7 October; Thursday 20 October; Sunday 30 October; Monday 7 November; Sunday 27 November; Sunday 18 December.

2011 Flat: Monday 23 May; Bank Holiday Monday 30 May; Monday 13 June; Wednesday 22 June; Saturday evening 2 July; Sunday 24 July;

Monday evening 1 August; Wednesday 17 August; Thursday 25 August;
Wednesday evening 31 August; Wednesday 7 September.

Friday 8 October 2010

Entrance gates open at midday. The first race is at 2pm, with the finale at 5.20pm.

Admission: Premier Enclosure is £18 and Grandstand & Paddock is £12. Seniors pay £8 in the Grandstand & Paddock. Accompanied under 16s are admitted free of charge. Official programmes are £2.50. Further information is available at www.carlisle-races.co.uk, while tickets can be ordered on 0844 579 3002.