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FINALE TO THE 2010 FLAT RACING SEASON

THE most successful Flat racing season in many years at Carlisle Racecourse is to finish with a flourish in a Cumbria-themed Family Funday and a Caribbean Night.

Crowds this spring and summer are already up by 20% compared to 2009, with the Durdar racecourse celebrating a modern-day record attendance of just under 11,000 people when Jools Holland was in concert after racing.

On Wednesday 18 August, an array of free children's entertainments to complement the excitement of the horse races is being laid on.

There will be the spectacle of a hound trail, while numerous 'Made in Cumbria' trade stands will be offering goods for sale from all around the county.

Five days later – on Monday 23 August – the racecourse puts on its Caribbean Night when there will be half-price admission for visitors who come in costume. So it's time to look out that pirate outfit or grass skirt!

The local Sunshine Panners steel band will be entertaining the crowds.

Carlisle Racecourse's managing director John Baker said: "Our Cumbria Family Day and Caribbean Night are wonderful ways to round off Flat racing for 2010.

"We have had a fantastic season, which included the opening of our new Race Centre by the legendary Lester Piggott.

"Crowds have come out in big numbers, starting with the Whitsun Bank Holiday Monday fixture and going all the way through to Ladies' Night earlier this month.

"We are also delighted that – despite the current central funding difficulties of the racing industry – Carlisle Racecourse as part of the Jockey Club is maintaining prize-money levels. That means the best possible horses will continue to come racing here."

Racing starts next Wednesday (18 AUGUST) at 1.30pm. Gates open at 11.30am. The last race is at 5pm. On Monday 23 August, racing takes place between 5.30pm and 8pm.

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.

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