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GREAT RACING AND MUSIC FOR FAMILY DAY

A COMBINATION of competitive horse racing and a performance by X Factor finalists is set to attract another bumper crowd to Carlisle Racecourse.

The Cumbrian track welcomed its largest modern-day attendance earlier this month when Jools Holland was in concert after the horse races.

And Sunday 25 July sees Jedward, Olly Murs, Jamie Archer and Lucie Jones coming on stage for an outdoor concert after the final horse race at 5.20pm.

John Baker, the racecourse's managing director, said: "Sunday is a terrific combination of racing and music which I am sure our visitors will love.

"Our crowds are already up by 15% this year, and we are aiming to attract more people to try out our exciting sport. Performances from the stars helps to bring in thousands of visitors who have never before been to the racecourse."

On the track, the showpiece race is the Stobart Ladies' Northern Derby Bowl for lady amateur riders. A perpetual trophy will be presented for the first time.

With the support of Stobart, the prize pot for the one and a half mile race has been increased by 50% to £15,000.

Explained John Baker: "At the Summer Family Festival meeting earlier this month, we offered £15,000 for the Stobart Silver Cup and we were delighted with the quality of horses that ran. The winner Capponi – from

the top northern stables of trainer Mark Johnston – was an impressive winner and he came straight back out and won again at York Racecourse several days later.

“We’re hopeful of another fine field of runners for the Stobart Ladies’ Northern Derby Bowl.”

There will also be family entertainments throughout the afternoon, including the Petwise zoo, horse hoppers, Punch & Judy shows, jazz duo, Jason the Juggling Jester, children's rides and a mobile climbing wall. All children's entertainment with the exception of the mobile climbing wall - £2 a go - is free.

The first race is at 1.50pm, with gates open from 11.50am. For those visitors attending the concert only, gates open at 4pm. The concert will begin at approximately 5.30pm and finish at approximately 8pm.

Admission

Premier Enclosure is £18; Grandstand & Paddock is £12. Seniors and students pay £8 in the Grandstand & Paddock.

Children aged 16 and under gain free entry for the horse racing. Those under the age of three are also admitted free to the concert. However, children aged between four and 16 who wish to attend the concert must buy a ticket and wristband for £5. These can be purchased in advance or on the day. Children should wear their wristbands on arrival, or as soon as they have been purchased. This procedure is the same for children coming for the concert only.

The racecourse's creche for three to eight year olds is £1 per hour and is open between 1pm and 5pm.

Further information is available at www.carlisle-races.co.uk. Tickets can be purchased online or by calling 0844 579 3002.