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RICHEST RACE OF YEAR AT CARLISLE – PLUS HORROR SHOW FOR KIDS!

Carlisle Racecourse's richest race of the year will take place this Sunday (OCT 31) during a Countryside Family Day, which will also feature a Halloween fancy dress contest for kids.

Prizemoney totalling £40,000 will be up for grabs during the Cumberland Handicap Steeplechase, which is the highlight of seven races during the Sunday afternoon jumps meeting.

Racecourse MD John Baker, who was named Cumbria's Businessman of the Year last week, said: "The Cumberland Handicap Steeplechase is Carlisle's single most valuable race of the year, with £40,000 prizemoney. Entries are very good ahead of the meeting, with Weird Al and Knockara Beau both entered.

"We'll also have plenty of other top-quality National Hunt racing, including the Colin Parker Memorial Intermediate Steeplechase, with £20,000 prizemoney. This is run in memory of trainer Andrew Parker's father Colin.

"And there will be masses of family entertainment throughout the afternoon, offering something for everyone of all ages. We've got falconry, duck and geese herding, terrier racing, hound trailing, horse hoppers and Punch & Judy, as well as a Halloween fancy dress competition for kids and lots of spooky activities before dark!"

The first race is at 1pm, with the last at 4.20pm. Gates open at 11am. Admission is free for all accompanied under-16s. Parking is also free. Adult admission is from £12 or £8 for pensioners or students.