

Press Release

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What's In a Name?

GREATWOOD trained by Luca Cumani and owned by Highclere Thoroughbred Racing – Archer, is set to make his seasonal debut at Newmarket on Thursday 18th April after being kept in the Tattersalls Million 3-Y-O Trophy at the 5 Day Entry Stage. Greatwood also has an entry in this year's Derby.

Highclere Thoroughbred Racing, known for giving their horses single word names, decided to name the colt (who is out of **G**aze) after the charity as a way of recognising the syndicate's on-going support for the longest standing racehorse welfare charity in the UK and the only organisation that uses ex-racehorses to educate disadvantaged children and young adults.

Everybody at Greatwood Charity wishes the connections of Greatwood the best of luck for the season.



Greatwood as a yearling, 2011



Greatwood winning at Kempton 2012



Greatwood, March 2013

Race History

1 win from 3 starts as a 2-y-o.

History

A Tattersalls October Sale Book 1 purchase, Greatwood is by Darley stallion Manduro (Monsun) who was Champion older horse in Europe and was described by Andre Fabre as the best horse he ever trained. He is out of Gaze (Galileo) who is a half-sister to multiple Group 1 winner Fame and Glory (Montjeu) who won five Group 1 races including the Irish Derby and 2011 Ascot Gold Cup and Guaranda (Acatenango) who is the dam of Group 3 winner Gravitation (Galileo). A predominantly German pedigree that has 19 black-type horses over three generations, he comes from a successful line bred by Gestut Auenquelle in Germany.

Tattersalls Millions

The 2013-2014 renewal of the Tattersalls Millions has seen a total of 261 two-year-olds entered for the £1,300,000 six-race series, which begins in September. All the horses are graduates of the 2012 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 1 with purchase prices ranging from 21,000 guineas to 2,500,000 guineas, the highest price for a yearling in the world last year.

There are a total six races in the £1,300,000 series, starting in September 2013. All races take place at Newmarket's Rowley Mile Racecourse.

Who are Greatwood?

Greatwood is the longest standing racehorse welfare charity in the UK and the only organisation that uses ex-racehorses to educate disadvantaged children and young adults.

The animals that are cared for at Greatwood may have suffered neglect several years after their retirement from racing; often because they have been passed from owner to owner and have fallen into a downward spiral of neglect. Greatwood uses them as vehicles for teaching, with direct parallels being drawn between the experiences of these horses and the children attending the course. This is particularly pertinent to those children who may have come from the care system and find it difficult to trust or respect others; as well as engaging in nurturing, caring relationships.

Greatwood is an inspiring charity, that when originally founded in 1993 was focused on rescuing, caring for and rehabilitating former racehorses that had been abandoned or were suffering. However in 2006 Greatwood developed a unique educational programme called Horse Power©. Via the interaction with our ex-racehorses in Greatwood's sanctuary, Horse Power now educates and helps hundreds of children each year with special educational needs, whilst providing those horses that couldn't be re-homed previously with a useful occupation. As an Accredited Alternate provider with The Wiltshire Council, children that are not flourishing in a conventional classroom environment are referred to Greatwood by schools, teachers, carers and parents. As an education centre, Greatwood's courses run alongside the National Curriculum and liaise closely with education services to ensure that our work is complimentary. The programme's results have exceeded all of our expectations and consequently this has led to the development of additional programmes including '**Get Going**'. Creating new courses has helped to enable those that have previously attended one of our courses, the opportunity to sustain their development and either attend further education or enter the world of work. Since 2006 Greatwood's SEN programmes have helped and educated over 3,000 disadvantaged children and young adults.

Greatwood's educational programmes aim to prepare young people, often marginalised by society, for life in and out of the workplace by helping them to learn life skills, achieve an accredited qualification, and ultimately assist them in achieving financial and emotional independence in adulthood.

What is Greatwood's Get Going Programme?

Greatwood's most recently launched this year, Get Going aims to develop key workplace skills for 16 to 24 year-olds who have struggled at school; have been in care; are long-term unemployed; or have been in trouble with the law- a demographic in today's society that has been sadly overlooked in recent times and is in desperate need of investment. The programme is an intensive British Horseracing Education & Standards Trust (BHE&ST) accredited course and provides an introduction to careers with horses and/or the horse racing industry over 5 days. Raising students' aspirations, self-confidence and motivation steers them towards a brighter academic future with a more defined career path to follow. We are now seeing attendees that more than likely would not have secured employment, entering the work place as a result of our programmes.

Who Can Enrol?

Anybody aged 16-24 who is interested in a career working with animals. Just contact education@greatwoodcharity.org or call 01672 514535

How Much Does It Cost?

Nothing - it's FULLY funded and FREE including lunch and transport*

(*subject to eligibility)

What Qualification Is Gained?

Students will gain an Entry Level 2 Award in assisting with Basic Care of Horses, accredited by BHE&ST)

An Example of Get Going's Success

James attended Greatwood's Get Going programme during the summer; James had been homeless for five years before attending Greatwood. However, since completing our Get Going Programme James has gone on to further his education and gain more qualifications by enrolling on a course at the Northern Racing College (NRC) and is now firmly on his way to securing full time employment and a career within the racing industry.

"I was living in a hostel when I met someone that had been to the Northern Racing College (NRC) when my ears pricked up and I thought that may be something I would like to do! Also when I got talking about racing one of the members of staff at the hostel informed me that he used to be a jockey! Through the Princes Trust I went to Greatwood where they gave me the opportunity to apply to come to the NRC on their 12 week residential foundation course.

The first 6 weeks have gone so quickly I can't believe it, I'm looking forward to the next 6 weeks of working hard and getting a placement with a racehorse trainer as I now know it is definitely what I want to do!"



TESTIMONIALS:



"It was indeed my pleasure to join you and see what good work you all do there. I have of course known all about Greatwood but had never been up close and personal before. Besides the well-being of your equines the joy you have given to those children is inspiring. I had a good time chatting to children, helpers and the odd parent afterwards and one girl in particular showed exactly how you and the animals can totally change a life around. Sadly I forget her name but her mother asked me to have a photo with her and while we chatted the daughter told me she went for many years refusing to talk to anybody until you unlocked the shutters that had caused her to choose silence. We were able to chat and laugh together and it humbled me." Richard Pitman, BBC Broadcaster & Author



"I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your efforts last week in making Get Started with Horses a truly beneficial and inspirational course. The young people left Greatwood full of hope and a sense of achievement thanks to everything that you did for them. We received such a warm welcome from the very beginning and you could not have done enough for us. You were always there with a ready smile and a wonderfully positive attitude to help our young people feel valued, cared for and respected. Your efforts and attitude instilled in them a sense that they belonged and most importantly, could achieve anything that they put their minds to. I am very grateful for all your hard work in making this course one of the best in my opinion that The Prince's Trust has to offer young people who are faced with barriers that stand in the way of them leading fulfilling lives." Marguerite Doherty, Princes Trust Programme Executive



"I am writing to express both my appreciation and my gratitude for all the wonderful work that you do supporting children in Wiltshire with significant social, behavioural and emotional needs... The impact of your interventions can be significant in raising these children's self-esteem and feelings of self-worth. It helps develop their learning and their ability to learn new skills through listening, following instructions and co-operating." Strategy Manager Primary Behaviour Support, Wiltshire Council.



"Greatwood has made my enthusiastic support for their marvellous work with horses who have given all of us so much pleasure during their racing careers and who are all too easily forgotten when their racing days are over." John McCririck, Journalist, Broadcaster and Racing Pundit



"The beauty of Greatwood is that they work alongside the racing industry which has helped immeasurably in many ways, not least in raising awareness of the plight of retired racehorses. People are now aware that Greatwood is much more than the last resort and plays a major role in the re-schooling and rehoming of ex-racehorses." A P McCoy, 17 times Champion National Hunt Jockey



"Once you have seen first-hand what a fantastic job they all do at Greatwood you will not hesitate to want to help, just as I did. To see the smile on the childrens' faces when they are around the horses, makes you feel as though you have made a really big difference." Mick FitzGerald, Grand National winning jockey, author and broadcaster

EDITOR'S NOTES

- A wealth of research indicates that lower educational attainment and lack of formal qualifications makes it much harder to secure full-time employment. Over 5% of 15 year olds in England leave school with no qualifications and nearly 25% have fewer than 5 GCSEs. One in 5 young people in the UK are not in employment, education or training (**NEET**). Using Greatwood's pioneering SEN programmes we aim to prepare children and young adults for life in and out of the work place. This is brought about by helping them to learn life skills, achieve an accredited qualification and ultimately help them become independent adults.
- www.greatwoodcharity.org
- For photographs from our extensive library, interviews or more information, contact Helen Yeadon or Sasha Hooper at Greatwood on 01672 514535. fundraiser@greatwoodcharity.org

