

## 50th Darley horse rehomed



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**T**HE Darley thoroughbred rehoming scheme at Badlingham Manor Stud just outside Newmarket has recently celebrated matching its 50th horse with a new owner.

Four-year-old Confidence Trick, a son of Rahy who won at Chepstow, is now in the hands of Victoria Spicer, deputy editor of *Horse & Hound's* sister publication *Horse*.

"Since we first featured in *Horse & Hound* two years ago, we've had hundreds of applications from people looking to take on an ex-racehorse. The majority are being used for riding club competitions and some are used for dressage, showing, hunting or just as hacks," says Victoria Jones, who oversees the operation. "We continue to get around 20 enquiries a month."

Among those horses successfully rehomed are Group Three winner Opera Cape, who is now eventing with Clare Chamberlayne, as is Old Kent Road, who is set to compete in his first three-day event at Osberton, which starts today (10 September).

As winner of the Ascot Gold Cup in 2004, Papineau is no stranger to success and he is now excelling in his second career as a dressage horse, recently gaining his first red rosette with rider Sara Hemingfield.

Another Royal Ascot winner, Boscobel, who won the King Edward VII Stakes in 2007, is also being aimed at the dressage arena, while fellow Group Two winners



The former Ascot Gold Cup winner Papineau enjoying his new life with Sara Hemingfield

Harland and Fight Your Corner are both enjoying jumping and have moved to homes close to Badlingham Manor.

Sights On Gold and Army Of Angels were both black type winners in their racing days with Godolphin, but have also proved adept in the jumping arena.

Blemishes and injuries picked up by thoroughbreds while racing can sometimes rule out a future in the showing, apart from in the growing sphere of racehorse-to-riding-horse classes where judges are a little more lenient, but this has not

been an issue for Flying Childers Stakes winner Howick Falls. The former sprinter, now owned by the Underwood family in Suffolk, is coping admirably with the more sedate pace of the showing arena under Leon King and has already

gained several supreme ridden champion titles at local shows.

For more information or to register your interest in one of the 17 horses currently at Badlingham Manor, see [www.darleyrehoming.co.uk](http://www.darleyrehoming.co.uk).

### Successful German invasion

GERMANY was invaded last week by two Newmarket trainers, both of whom returned with Group Two prizes from Baden-Baden. James Eustace struck with the Australian-bred and formerly South African-

trained sprinter War Artist, who won the Golden Peitsche. And Chris Wall's five-year-old Premio Loco gave jockey George Baker a memorable big-race win on his birthday when successful in the Oettingen-Rennen. **H&H**

### Fallon and the sack race

THE media was whipped into a frenzy of excitement over Kieren Fallon's return to race-riding last Friday (4 September), but that was nothing compared to the thrill for 12 budding pony race jockeys, who had the chance to ride upsides Fallon on the gallops at the British Racing School (BRS).

Fallon was guest of honour at the BRS pony racing camp in the final week of the summer holidays, and gave the youngsters tuition as well as joining in with the mounted games alongside fellow jockey William Kennedy.

"This was the second year of the camp and again it was massively oversubscribed," said BRS finance director Gemma Dawson. "The kids had a fantastic week, the highlight being the chance to do gymkhana games alongside long-time supporter William Kennedy and special guest Kieren Fallon. I can't thank both jockeys enough for giving up their time."

The school will be holding another camp in the Easter holidays. Details can be found on [www.brs.org.uk](http://www.brs.org.uk).



Kieren Fallon joins in at the BRS pony racing camp