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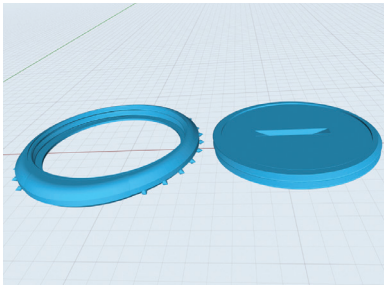


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President's address

Following at-length discussions with a number of website companies, we are excited about moving forward with **our website**. While it will retain all the familiar features you are used to, it will also boast a valuable educational resource. The members-only section will contain a library of *Forge Knowledge* articles as part of our plan to build a portfolio of digital information for members.

Last month we held our **117th Annual General Meeting** online for the second time. A report of the meeting starts on page 17. Members of the Executive Committee (EC) have been in touch with local Branches and we are looking into ways we can support organisers and help them put on events for members to enjoy.

The Lockdown League has been an outstanding success. The championship results are on page 29. Credit goes to Claire Brown, Danny Bennett and Holly Flack for organising the three competitions spectacularly well. This great idea was formed when it was really needed and it was nice to see farriers who don't regularly compete wanting to get involved too. It's quite possible that the winter months could be a good time to host another of this type of event, giving people the chance to compete at home.

A team shooting event has been organised for Saturday, 25 September. Teams could be set up by individuals or Branches and involve family and friends too. It's going to be a great day. See page 31 for more details.

We welcome 38 new farriers to our great profession. Having passed the Diploma exam in May, they and their families were looking forward to attending the Worshipful Company's presentation ceremony in London on 1 July. Sadly, as the Government's ending of restrictions on gatherings has been delayed, this event became another casualty of Covid-19. One meaningful aspect of the celebration is the

declaration made by the new farriers. It is a sincere and important part of the graduation. I join these young farriers – the future of our profession – in feeling sad they will not be able to celebrate their success in person. I hope they will choose to mark their achievement in a personal way with their families and their training farriers.



It has been great to see coverage of the results of our **injury survey** in *Horse & Hound* magazine. Telling horse owners about the risks we are exposed to provides an opportunity to start conversations about horse behaviour. Assessing risk and looking out for our own safety, as well as that of handlers and horses, is paramount.

Mental Health Awareness Week took place last month, providing another conversation starter to encourage everyone to open up about how they are feeling. There's no doubt that many people feel the stress of the past 15 months and being a farrier can be lonely at times. Seek help if you feel down. Let's look after our own mental health as well as that of others – keep in touch with friends, check up on them regularly and ask how they are doing.

Craig D'Arcy, BFBA President

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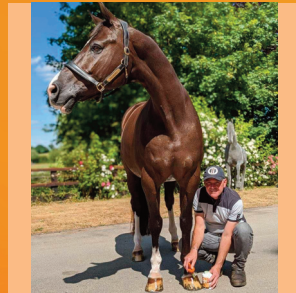
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New blacksmith apprenticeship launched

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Despite many challenges, Hereford, Ludlow and North Shropshire college has launched a new apprenticeship for blacksmiths.

A new blacksmith apprenticeship has been launched by the Herefordshire, Ludlow and North Shropshire College. Working in partnership with the AIM Qualification and Assessment Group and the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths, the Holme Lacey college also acknowledges the enthusiasm of the British Artist Blacksmith Association in initiating its creation.

The last blacksmith apprenticeship ended in the late 1980s and having the opportunity to offer apprenticeship training once again has been a long and often frustrating journey with many twists, turns and bumps along the way, the college says.

The main requirement arising from the industry consultations was the need for the apprenticeship to concentrate on achieving work-based practical skills that form the core of the blacksmiths' craft and the training and assessment within the apprenticeship will focus on these elements.

Recognising the multi-skilled nature of the smiths' role, means that training needed to be sufficiently long to allow students to gain the necessary craft skills. For this reason, it is anticipated the apprenticeship will typically take four years to complete.

The college acknowledges the support of the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IFS) in developing both the blacksmith apprentice standard and the end-point assessment process, and the individual employers and blacksmith organisations that form the Blacksmith Employer Group who have been responsible for providing industry input.

Further information on the Blacksmith Standard and End Point Assessment can be found on the Institute for Apprenticeship and Technical Education website www.instituteforapprenticeships.org by searching 'apprenticeship standards blacksmith'.

The 'off the job' training and assessment will be fully grant funded and undertaken by Herefordshire, Ludlow and North Shropshire College with the intention of starting in September 2021 on a block release basis.

● **Further information is available from Adam Greenwell (Blacksmith Tutor), Herefordshire, Ludlow and North Shropshire College, Folly Lane, Hereford HR1 1LS, email greenwella@hlcollege.ac.uk**

WEARING A SAFETY HELMET MAKES HORSE SENSE

VETPARTNERS is encouraging equine vets, vet nurses and horse handlers to wear safety helmets when working with horses. It has provided all of its UK equine practices with hard hats for team members to wear and anyone handling a horse



at a VetPartners equine or mixed practice is encouraged to wear head protection as standard (especially with horses of known or declared poor temperament). VetPartners' equine section includes the Rainbow Equine Hospital in North Yorkshire, the Liphook Equine Hospital in Hampshire, the Three Counties Equine Hospital in Gloucestershire and the Ashbrook Equine Hospital in Cheshire.

The Hampshire Hunt has a new foxhound puppy called 'Farrier', named by Worshipful Company of Farriers Liveryman Charlie Seligman. One of nine new puppies, Farrier is currently with her walker



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FEI bans trimming the whiskers of competition horses

From July this year, horses that have had their sensory hairs removed (unless for veterinary reasons) will be disqualified from FEI competitions.

Whiskers are important

A horse's whiskers are sensory hairs that provide valuable information to the horse. The long and thick hairs are tactical receptors, which act as a 'third eye', and help them gain a sense of their surroundings. They have their own nerve and blood supply.

The whiskers enable a horse to sense its environment as well as identify objects. It is for that reason that whiskers should be left as nature intended!

This news was included in the newsletters of a number of equine vet hospitals including the Liphook Equine Hospital and Minster Equine Vets.



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‘Thank you, Nick, for being such a wonderful ‘Fab Farrier’ and truly deserving of this award.’

Nick Linfield (1954-2021)

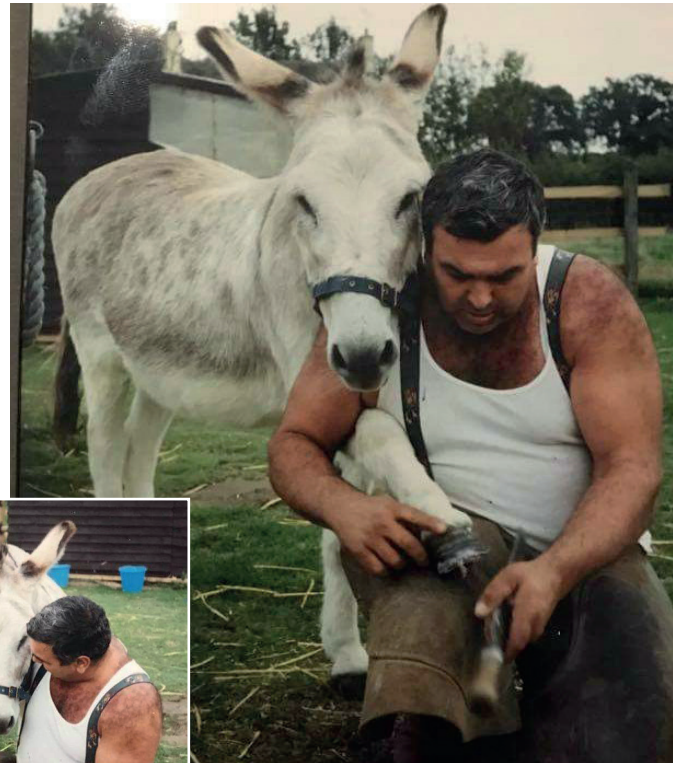
The Donkey Breed Society is proud to award a posthumous ‘Fab Farrier Award’ to Nick Linfield of Hampshire. The Society recently received a heartfelt email from his sister Heather, telling us that Nick had sadly passed away during the Covid-19 epidemic. She wrote: ‘Having read your wonderful article promoting farriers who approach donkeys differently, I would have loved to have nominated my brother Nick, but unfortunately he had to retire a couple of years ago and recently passed away. Would you be able to share his story?’ We are proud to do so. Here is that story...

My brother Nick was a giant of a man, well over 6 foot tall with massive hands, dark hair and bushy sideburns, exactly what you might think a farrier should look like.

My father was a horse dealer who for many years had ponies, donkeys and mules on Bognor Regis beach, giving rides to the general public. Our donkeys were both work animals and show donkeys; having nearly 40, we had a good selection to choose from and this is really where Nick’s knowledge of donkeys came from.

At the age of 15 Nick went off to Richard Moss of Froxfield to do a four-year apprenticeship and when he qualified, he was the youngest qualified farrier.

Nick set up his own business based at the farm in Rowlands Castle, where we still live now. His business at that time was a cross between hunting, polo, riding schools and private owners, but a large amount of his work came from Lockwoods Donkey Home, which had rehomed many of our beach donkeys and given them a wonderful retirement. Nick went to Lockwoods almost weekly as it has several hundred



donkeys and many had foot issues. My father and I often went with Nick and it wasn’t unusual for him to do 50 or more donkeys per visit. I remember there being a three-legged donkey, it having been the first to be fitted with a bionic leg. It wasn’t the easiest donkey to trim as we had to

support it using straw bales!

Nick moved on to doing Alec Horn’s show donkeys and a surprisingly good friendship grew between the two men. Then Nick started to care for Joanne Parrot’s wonderful driving donkeys, something he was immensely proud to be involved with. Among all this, Nick had a lot of private donkey owners who he helped with advice on feeding, as well as how to care for their feet. Nick had a great knowledge of donkey hoof care and in particular how to treat and care for seedy toe.

Nick was often asked to be with the donkeys on their final journey, something he did for the owners, although he did it with a heavy heart, and when he returned home was often very emotional and upset.

What I found amazing was this gentle giant of a man could be so kind and gentle with donkeys and they seemed to love him for it. You may have expected them to have been afraid of his size, but he knew how to get down to their level and bond with them.

He is and will be greatly missed. What I would say to donkey owners is ‘value your farrier and look after them – with their help you will be able to look after your donkey so much better’.

The Donkey Breed Society would like to thank Heather and the family for sharing Nick’s story with us.

TOP TIPS FOR DIPLOMA CANDIDATES

The Examiners cannot tell you how to shoe the horse. That’s the job of the candidate and is part of the practical test.

Different conformation and work will dictate a different approach, ie, different length of steel and section.

A broken back hoof pastern angle (HPA) will require more support at the heels than a correct or broken forward HPA, regardless of the length of the shoeing cycle.

Similarly, a horse in heavy work will require a thicker shoe than one in light work, and a flat foot will require a broader section.

As an apprentice, you make these decisions every day when working for your ATF. It’s no different in the exam.





Ed Eclipse Pad

This Pad was designed in collaboration with Ed O'Shaughnessy from Newmarket in the United Kingdom. This basic model does not have the hybrid shoe branch printed. This is designed as a lightweight pad for racing and speed where weight may be a concern. This pad is designed to stop the frog from descending to the ground through peripheral loading of the hoof wall that results in sore heels & possible corns. **Made from antimicrobial and recyclable materials.**



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A light weight Pad for racing and speed. The wedge pad can be used to artificially raise the hoof angle when conformation or injury needs assistance when the hoof angle is low relative to the pastern angle. The pads help horses that need bony column support, such as laminitic horses, and help the frog to share a portion of the load, reducing that placed on other areas of the hoof. These pads help maintain the position of the frog relative to other structures of the hoof. **Made from antimicrobial and recyclable materials.**

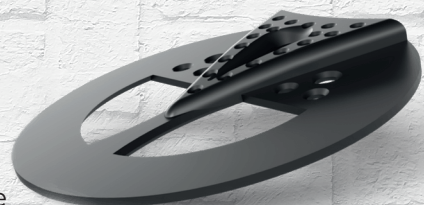


Half Mesh Pad

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QUICKFIRE

Dorset farrier, Abi King (née Hardy) DipWCF

Abi is a horse-obsessed 32-year-old who qualified as a farrier almost 11 years ago. She started her apprenticeship at the age of 16 and her ATF supported her through the forging exam and her four years of study. She passed the Diploma with distinction and achieved the best written exam paper. Once qualified she applied for and was selected to go on the Edward Martin Cultural Exchange. She says it was the best opportunity she has ever been given and gave her the chance to learn a lot. Looking back, she feels that qualifying as a farrier is similar to passing your driving test – once you have passed, the learning begins. Since then, she has happily built up her own business, bought a house and got married. Now, she wonders what her next adventure will be.

If I wasn't a farrier I'd be . . .

a teacher of some description, even better if it was horse- or science-related.

My most memorable appointment . . .

would have to be when a lovely customer's show horse went to Devon County Show and returned with a 'Best Shod Hunter' award for me. It was a few years after qualifying and I had been asked to shoe the mare due to a hoof imbalance a judge had picked up on. To know I'd helped the mare physically and in her showing career meant a lot. I was so pleased for the owner and it was the recognition and confirmation that my everyday shoeing was up to scratch was a confidence boost I needed.

Biggest mistake I've learnt from . . .

I always regret losing contact with people. It's something I think maturity has taught me. The people we know near and far, mean more than we realise and should be kept closer. Where possible I try to keep in touch more now. When you take on a new client, photograph their horse's hooves.

My secret weapon . . .

I used to attend pilates classes to help with my back. During these classes I bought a foam roller. It's like a rolling pin and it irons out any knots before and after work. That, and regular physio keeps me going.

Best time saving tip . . .

Sometimes it doesn't work out, but trying to fit customers in with others of the same area to avoid unnecessary travel. I know it sounds obvious but my lovely customers are so helpful at fitting in I really only travel 30 minutes maximum these days then work in that 'zone' for the day.

Advice to my younger self . . .

Save more money, do what makes you happy (hangovers only get worse). Learn more!

My Achilles heel . . .

My physical weakness – not surprisingly – is my back. Mentally and professionally it is definitely self-confidence. Also, I'm slightly over obsessed with horses and very easily bribed with chocolate.



I couldn't cope without . . .

I've tried it, but I'm lost without my morning coffee.

Most treasured possessions (if you can call them possessions) although I will, given the money I spend on them. . . are my horse and dogs!

Favourite pub/bar . . .

well I've nearly forgotten what one is lately. Our local has changed hands so we are eagerly awaiting it re-opening. We meet lots of friends and family there and they put on great events which we hope will continue. I'm also partial to finding new places. We went to a lovely sushi restaurant for my birthday.

What keeps you sane?

Definitely my poor friends. I rant on, waffling about work, horses, life whether they like it or not, yet they always listen and know what to say. I regularly work with another female farrier which is great. To know you're not alone in this mad horse world is one thing but to also discuss shoeing ideas and have a giggle really makes work not seem like work.

Who's your biggest inspiration?

I've looked up to many farriers and horse riders; however, without any doubt, it's got to be my Mum. She died in 2011 which was so hard for me. I had no idea what a pillar in our family she was at the time, but I look back at old family video footage to see her juggle four children of her own, foster children and have a job. She had the patience of a saint. If I inherited an ounce of her patience it would be very helpful. If ever I become stressed I imagine what she would do in the situation and it helps me see things more clearly.

Who would you most like to thank and why?

There are a few . . .

My husband for putting up with my horsey nonsense, arriving home smelling of hoof smoke and littering the house with hay.

My parents and grandparents for believing in me and pushing me to go with my less-than-conventional career choice because it made me happy.

The BFBA and all the kind farriers and their families in America for giving me the opportunity to stay in the USA for three months as part of the Edward Martin Cultural Exchange. I honestly learnt so much and had the time of my life!

Where are you happiest?

If it's not on the back of a horse, it would have to be in our garden. We are fortunate to live in a chocolate box cottage with beautiful grounds. When weather permits and I've left my phone elsewhere, it's a place where I can hide on my own or enjoy some bubbles with friends.

Sustainability and the environment. A point of view

From the Master of the Guild of Wrought Ironwork Craftsmen of Wessex

'The Jab' has been a common topic of conversation among local people in the area where I live, with many strutting around boasting that they had already bravely received the needle. Let's hope that it will allow us to regain some normality.

The Guild has had to cancel or postpone many of our courses planned for the first half of the year; very frustrating, but it was impossible to do otherwise. We continue to monitor the situation with Kingston Maurward College in Dorset, and are investigating the possibility of providing courses during the summer, particularly since many of the county shows have been cancelled.

One thing that the Lockdown has given me is time to reflect on what the Guild represents, its place in the modern world and where we are heading. I'm still developing ideas, but one important issue has occupied a lot of my time after attending a Zoom 'Accreditation' meeting organised by the National Heritage Ironwork Group.

Although concerned about the training and the status of blacksmiths, the conversation included the status of blacksmithing in the modern world. One aspect that drew my attention was sustainability and the environment.

The heating of metal can be a dirty business and its effect on the earth's already damaged atmosphere

undesirable. Fortunately, the days when smiths could be seen lingering outside their forges or even crawling along the floor trying to obtain a few gasps of cleaner air until the fires fully ignited sending the nasties up the flue, are mostly a distant memory.

The fact remains, however, that using coal or coke (as most of us do) is not environmentally friendly and if further restrictions are enforced, we may be compelled to use heating sources that do not offer the benefits of solid fuel.

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Merv Allen FWCB

THE HISTORY OF BRANSCOMBE FORGE



Third-generation blacksmith Simon Hall AWCB took over the lease of Branscombe Forge in 2018. He makes traditional and contemporary ironwork for the home.

The age of the Old Forge in Branscombe, South Devon, is uncertain; however, it is believed to be the only working thatched forge left in Britain. It is a listed building, dated by Historic England to the 1700s, but in 1955, Kingsley Squire reported that a stone had been found built into the forge inscribed '1580', which is not an impossible start date.



A bevy of monks by Simon Hall. If you want to have a go at making your own, Merv can send you the patterns on receipt of a small donation to the the Blacksmiths Guild

In the 1840s, the forge, blacksmith's house and the orchard were part of Bridge Farm where the car park now stands. The Ford estate owned this and other properties in the village until 1965 when the forge, bakery, mill and 321 acres of land were gifted to the National Trust.

In 1890, Fred Layzell was running the blacksmiths next to the fountain head and in 1903 he moved to the Old Forge. His family moved to Forge cottage opposite, where his wife Florence sold teas to visitors.

Harry, Fred's eldest son, began working with his father just before the First World War. After Fred died in 1942 Harry ran the forge. By then most of the work was shoeing horses and repairing farm implements. He signed up to be a farrier during the Second World War and was so horrified by what happened to horses that afterwards he refused to work for anyone who was unkind to animals.

When Harry Layzell retired, the smithy was taken for a while by farrier, Peter Myers. Lyn Hall, originally his apprentice continued after he left. Andrew Hall, whose father, Roland Hall was a blacksmith in Wiltshire, took on the lease from the National Trust in 1985, and developed a modern ironworking business, creating useful and decorative wrought iron goods for the tourist and luxury markets. In 2011 Andy Hall left Branscombe to take over a bigger forge in the grounds of Powderham Castle, which is when I took up blacksmithing full time. In 2017, I won the first of three live championships. In 2018 I was awarded an AWCB from the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths and in 2019 won the National Blacksmiths Championship.



Simon Hall was presented with the WCB live and static champion awards in 2019, by the now Prime Warden, Alderman Alastair King

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A memorial screen for Hugh Adams'



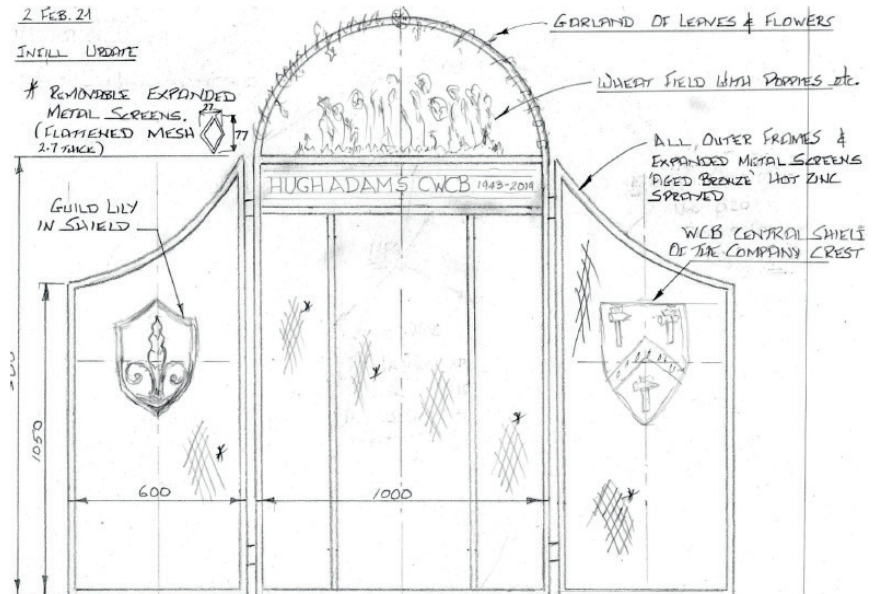
Hugh Adams (1943-2019) was a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths Company and served as Prime Warden in 1999, and a lifetime member of the Blacksmiths' Guild. He was a tireless supporter of blacksmiths, always brightening up the many events he attended, providing support and encouragement to all those involved.

As a mark of respect, the blacksmithing community, led by the Guild of Wrought Ironwork Craftsmen of Wessex and its Guild Master, Merv Allen, is forging a memorial screen in his memory.

Merv writes: 'We are beginning to receive a number of infills. If you need any help with making the infills or want further information, please contact me - ideas from non-smiths are just as welcome as those from makers.'

The main frames will contain flattened expanded mild steel diamond mesh panels to which any shape item can be easily attached by welding, wiring or using clips/clamps, screws etc. This offers versatility for the different designs and sizes we are likely to get.

We will hot zinc spray these, probably using an aged bronze colour. The mesh will be encapsulated in separate frames that will in turn be attached to the main outer frames. Individual infills can be suitably weatherproof finished.



1. Designs are open to individual interpretation and may reflect any aspect of Hugh's life although being a Garden Screen it is to be hoped that there will also be a significant number of floral and garden-related infills.
2. The space occupied by each infill should be in the order of 150 mm square or 150 mm diameter. The dimensions are intended only as a guide since designs such as flowers may extend beyond this footprint. Such designs may be used for combining several infills; a floral bouquet for example.
3. Any suitable metal or metal combinations may be used.
4. If applicable, the maker should advise

on any specific joining method to the mesh screens.

5. Special preservation requirements are to be advised by the maker but preferably carried out at the maker's facility.
6. Infills should incorporate a Maker's Mark or Initials.
7. Maker's full contact details must be provided.
8. Infills to be suitably packaged and delivered to the address below by the end of August.

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Help for a friend in need

By farrier, Jason Paton-Smith

It was December 2020 when a customer gave me the news about Ricky Jefferies. He had had a stroke and a heart attack at home, and hadn't been found for four hours.

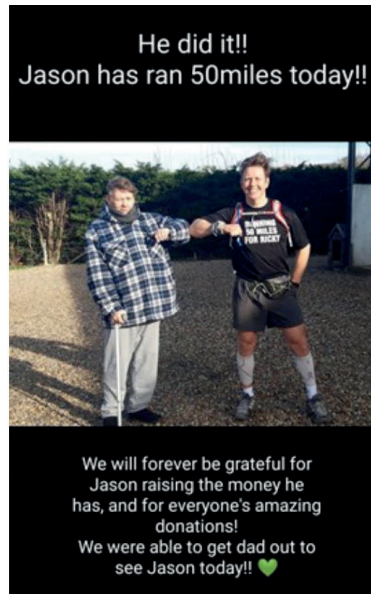
Ricky Jefferies is in his early 60's – a much-loved farrier with a loyal customer base, most of whom have become friends after over 30 years.

It was right in the heart of Covid when Ricky was in hospital and although he was only five miles from me, he was unable to have visitors. All I could do to help was to look after a few of his clients until he was able to return to work .

It soon became clear that he was going to have a long journey to recovery and was unlikely to return to farriery. Realising this could so easily happen to any one of us, I decided to find a way for his customers to say thanks – thanks for all those years of just popping in to put on a shoe at a weekend, or finding an abscess late at night, or picking up horse feed on his way to a client – these are all things that he did consistently for his clients!

It was 10 weeks off my 50th birthday and while looking for a challenge I decided to run 50 miles (in one day). With the help of Ricky's family, we started a JustGiving page, thinking we may be able to raise a few hundred pounds to help with his recovery. It was a tough couple of months training running – mostly at 5 am before shoeing with a lot of ice and snow to deal with, but finally mid-February arrived. When I looked at the JustGiving page, we had raised nearly £6,000 and reality dawned – I really had to do it. More importantly, with every donation was a lovely message to Ricky thanking him and support for me!

In the end, I decided to go for it a week early (and I also thought I might enjoy my actual birthday a bit more!) Off I set in the dark at 5 am, on what was going to be my longest run ever! It was good weather and it went well. My four kids



Now mobile, Ricky joined me for the final 100 m – it was an emotional end to my 50 miles! It was a great day and a massive thank you to everyone who donated and my family who helped me get round

and my wife met me at various points around the route either cycling with me, feeding me or applying ibuprofen gel to my poor feet! I got lots of messages of support on the way round, and Ricky was able to come and see me finish!

My youngest son was dragged off his computer to accompany me for the last couple of miles but in the rush had put on his mum's fluffy slippers, so my last few miles were a bit slower than I'd hoped...and Ricky had a bit of a wait!



TOP TIPS FOR DIPLOMA CANDIDATES



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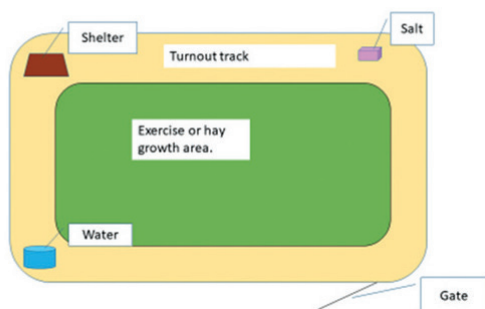
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- ! Grass growth is LATE this year
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- ! Obesity can predispose individuals
 - Increased risks of travelling
 - Increased risks of concussion
 - If crest on neck is hard, change routine until crest softens

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- ✓ Feed a combination of vitamins and minerals to avoid starvation processes
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- ✓ Greedy feeder, small holed haynets can reduce boredom and prevent sudden excessive intake
- ✓ Hoof supplements can help promote hoof growth and health
 - Blood flow to hooves in prone individuals can also be supported this way
 - Feed when poor growth rings are evident
- ✓ Encourage high fibre, low starch diets
- ✓ Ensure routine hoof care takes place
- ✓ Suitable exercise plan should be in place to avoid obesity

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QUESTIONS

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New farriers join



Following the Diploma examinations held in May 2021, the Registrar of the Worshipful Company of Farriers, Coreen Beckford has announced the successful candidates. Congratulations to them all.

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Mr Declan Flynn DipWCF (ATF, Mr Mark Evans DipWCF)
Miss Emily Hockney DipWCF (ATF, Mr Phil Brush DipWCF)
Miss Molly Allsop DipWCF (ATF, Mr Aaron Gent DipWCF)
Miss Molly Bowden DipWCF (ATF, Mr Sion Davies DipWCF)

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Mr Jack Fussell DipWCF (ATF, Mr Matthew Rees DipWCF)
Mr Thomas Smith DipWCF (ATF, Mr Steven Craddock AWCF)
Mr Daniel Cooper DipWCF (ATF, Mr Nicholas Sturgess DipWCF)

TOP TIPS FOR DIPLOMA CANDIDATES

Practical: the ruler causes more failures than any other piece of equipment in your toolbox.

- Practice with the same system of calculation consistently. Write these down in a book.

- Remember, you are allowed to take template shoes into the exam as long as they are cleared away once the exam has started. This method should be foolproof.

- Practice using the same tools you are going to use in your exam. Changing tools (for example, using a heavier or lighter hammer) just before the exam may change your end result.



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Mr Henri Allison DipWCF (ATF, Mr Ian Allison DipWCF)
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 Mr Kia Wells DipWCF (ATF, Mr Steve Rust AWCF)
 Mr Billy Wigg DipWCF (ATF, Mr Jesse Gregory AWCF)
 Mr Charlie Wigg DipWCF (ATF, Mr Robert Gregory DipWCF)

Other achievements

Daniel Harman AWCF Grad Dip ELR has achieved the Graduate Diploma in Equine Locomotor Research, following two-and-a-half years' research and study at the Royal Veterinary College, London..


Marc Jerram AWCF BSc Hons Grad Dip ELR Master Farrier has also achieved the Graduate Diploma in Equine Locomotor Research

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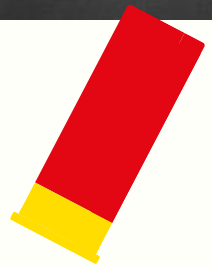
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BFBA Annual General Meeting

Despite only six months elapsing since the last AGM, there was much to discuss. The 117th meeting was held online on 15 May. It included updates from the Association's committees and appointees, including Simon Moore on his role and experience of FRC Council this year.

BFBA President Craig D'Arcy began by saying that his term of office so far has been 'incredibly difficult' – for the country, for farriery and for himself. Despite the challenges, the Association was in a strong financial position thanks to the Executive Committee (EC).

Sadly, there had been no alternative but to cancel the Focus event in 2020 because of Covid-19, but the Association was very much looking forward to developing Focus into a Convention, offering the opportunity to welcome international visitors.

Issues with retention fee hit as he took over as President. This, quite rightly took up an extortionate amount of time, as members were concerned about why the rise in cost had occurred. BFBA worked with the FRC on this as well as holding EC discussions on Zoom.

Members of the EC had recently spoken to a number of BFBA Branches and reinvigorating these will be a focus for the future. Social and educational events can be more fun and are popular. Sarah Mary Brown and Holly Flack have a joint venture with the colleges to encourage apprentices to join the association in the coming year.

FRC appointee update

During his two-and-a-half years' on council Mr Moore said he had been impressed with the way the Council operates. Made up of individuals at the top of their profession, its members are hugely experienced in their area of expertise, he said.

'Meetings are conducted in a professional manner and every member is listened to and their opinions considered before an informed decision is made. The lay people on council are vital as they bring another perspective to debates; while the farriers bring a level of professionalism that is respected by all members of council.'

'Council operates like all other committees. There are some things that must and should be discussed behind closed doors to have honest debate among its members.

'The FRC's role in considering policy is to work under an animal welfare Act. The council is there to work with farriers, not for farriers. When Covid-19 arrived, the Council and in particular the Registrar were very proactive in seeking guidance from Defra on how as a profession we could carry on caring for horses.

'BFBA was also quick to offer advice and information. This enabled farriers to continue to run their businesses and to receive much-needed income and provide foot care for horses. It is only because we operate as a profession under an animal welfare Act that we were able to continue to operate...if it were not for the Farriers Registration Act and Defra's view that we are an essential profession we would have been prevented from working. We should consider that this is something that many other professions – chiropractors and even veterinary surgeons – were not able to do...I for one am thankful that we are considered an essential profession and I am sure many would agree.

'There are lessons to be learnt. FRC is currently working with BEVA and other organisations to mitigate the effect of future pandemics and epidemics. Viruses such as equine herpesvirus or African horse sickness are real concerns for the future.

'Another area we [FRC] are looking at is offering advice on horse handling. Last year a high profile case demonstrated the need for training when presented with unhandled, fractious or unruly horses. The modern world is different

Ben Benson, Vice President's address

For me, the coronavirus pandemic has been a lesson in how I needed to run my business proactively, with a sound financial base, as well as making solid, informed and timely business decisions. I am also aware that when looking after members' money, we must hold ourselves to greater account, because a loss is not acceptable.

An Association is there for its members to give guidance and support, as we did when Covid initially appeared. We know that there are also many other deadly equine diseases that could be more catastrophic to the UK than the foot-and-mouth epidemic was in 2001. We must be prepared.

CPD is something that BFBA has been leading for some time in the UK, and it needs to be readily available, both online and physically in all regions.

With Focus being cancelled in 2020, we saw many farriers turning and embracing digital lectures and webinars to gain their CPD points. The BFBA is the right organisation to deliver this, and not left to manufacturers or suppliers.

I feel strongly that we should take the CPD mantle forward and help our members to be able to use, improve and engage with it in the most effective, affordable and constructive way. We should look to help our members manage and record their CPD, so that it is as easy and straightforward as possible,

without being a burden to individuals and this would help to develop our profession.

For our Association to be successful and prosperous within modern farriery, we need to be more encompassing and supportive of our members, as well as helping to give direction to the industry, by being the voice of the profession.

We need to be the network that helps farriers with all aspects of their businesses, and build a social network where we get along and look out for each other.

We also need to be raise the profile of our profession reminding the equestrian world of our gold standard training. We must continually move forward with developing our working relationships with all of the industry stakeholders. We have already collaborated with British Equine Veterinary Association, British Horse Society, World Horse Welfare and Redwings, to name but a few, to join as one voice on key issues. These relationships and direct lines of communication make such a difference in highlighting our concerns, and in helping to make it better for the industry.

The BFBA needs to be relevant, and to take ownership of certain roles. During the first lockdown, we gave guidance and provided information and documents to help members to continue to work safely and legally.

Stephen Mugglestone's report on the accounts

The accountant explained the profit and loss account showed surplus profit of £52,000 for year ending 31 December 2020. Covid, he said, had a significant effect on the year, especially on event income; however, costs had been lower and agreed back rent paid on the Forge, which led to a credit for the year.

The balance sheet showed assets of the association had a net value of £279,531; most of the funds being within designated funds for bespoke use, which are considered by the EC year on year.

The accountants' opinion was that the accounts gave a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the association and balance sheet assets and liabilities had been drawn up under accounting standards. Satisfactory controls were in place and in accordance with the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1992. There were no issues to report.

the repercussions that would bring. Anyone without qualifications could do your job. Take your clients. Cause serious harm to equids. Our system is the envy of the world in both standards and regulation – ask anyone from another country whether they would like regulation ensuring standards and protecting their jobs, they would all say, yes please. Be careful what you wish for.

I am happy to answer questions and discuss concerns with farriers – that's my job – but to question my professional integrity is unacceptable. The past year has been very difficult, and I have questioned why I bother to put myself and my reputation forward. The answer is that I feel I have a sense of duty of and honour to mould and guide the professional forward and help educate younger farriers and apprentices as they are the future of our profession.

After apologising to Mr Moore for any offence he had caused, past-President Les Armstrong said suspending farriers from the register was outrageous...the sanctions meted out are manifestly exaggerated, costing affected farriers thousands of pounds'.

Propositions

The Vice-President proposes that a discussion and conclusion takes place on the following:

- (1) Should an EC member serve on the FRC's Investigating or Disciplinary Committees?
- (2) Should an EC member sit on FRC?
- (3) Should the outcome of 1 and 2 apply to the EC member holding office or the whole of the EC?

A further proposition was put forward on 15 November 2020 that at every AGM, the members should be asked to take a vote of confidence

to one we have been used to. We need to recognise this and deal with public expectations. What was acceptable then is no longer acceptable now. We are currently working on a document that will highlight and prevent problematic situations occurring. Ultimately though it will be down to farriers to make the right decision when necessary.

'We have also been discussing the future of CPD. Currently, CPD is mandatory for all ATFs, farriers registered since 2016 and all WCF Examiners. This is a WCF requirement to be a member of the exam board. If we stay as we are, it will take another 30 years before the whole profession is doing mandatory CPD. When this was discussed at

Council, the majority believed this was not acceptable in the modern world, so I can confirm that CPD will become mandatory for every registered farrier in the near future. I was in complete agreement on this matter – after all, the public expect it and the horse deserves it.

'The retention fee rise last year caused much debate among farriers. As was explained at the time, the main reason was the increased cost of running independent disciplinary and investigation committees. We have seen a rise in complaints over the past year, and the complexity of the complaints is also rising, which has an inevitable rise in cost.

'We had no choice but to increase the retention fee in order to cover these costs. I and all other farrier members of council also have to pay this fee. The vile personal abuse that I and other members of council received both verbally and in particular on social media was hurtful and unacceptable.'

'The way some people behaved towards myself and other members of council and particular the chairman and his family has been disgraceful...The online trolling and bullying of members of Council needs to stop. Now.

'A minority of members is actively trying to bring down the FRC. Consider

Cliff Barnes, Members' Auditor's report (presented by Abby Bunyard)

'I am now able to see the BFBA's accounts online and I checked on them a couple of times during the year. I can confirm they are kept up to date and all systems work effectively. This is a preferable way to work.

I have joined the Finance Committee and we have had one Zoom meeting, with a live meeting booked to take place at BFBA Focus.

At the meeting, I asked a few pertinent question and these were answered fully by Abby Bunyard (the Treasurer), Huw Dyer (past-President) and Holly Flack (administrator).

I would like to thank the office staff for their continued support answering any questions and their efforts in keeping costs to a minimum.

The BFBA has increased its membership and the use of online meetings has reduced costs significantly. These measures have left the association moving from strength to strength, with a surplus at a level not seen before. I would like to congratulate the Executive Committee on this position.'

Jim Balfour, Chairman of the BFBA Craft Committee (presented by Mark Watson)

'The Craft Committee has met during lockdown and it was decided to go ahead with another Lockdown competition as the first one had been a success. The competition – held over a three month period – was open to all competitors worldwide, this included open, intermediate and apprentice shoemaking classes.

I would like to thank Danny Bennett and Claire Brown for running everything so smoothly, and also offer a big thank you to all this sponsors who contributed to the Lockdown League.

The Craft Committee cannot go ahead with the International this year due to the pandemic. Instead, we are organising a Home International Competition for the British Army, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and England. An apprentice competition will be an 'apprentice classic' open to all apprentices and held on Saturday and Sunday.

We very much hope that in 2022 the International teams will be able to compete at Stoneleigh again.'

Jez Bates, blacksmithing craft committee

Working with and for blacksmiths and farriers from around the world, has made me aware of many aspects of both farriery and blacksmithing trades: the practice, industry developments and how learning is shared and delivered. Building an enthusiastic blacksmith community within the BFBA – sharing developments and educational opportunities will be beneficial to all members.

There are five points that I feel should be addressed by a Blacksmith Committee within the BFBA.

1. Encourage more blacksmiths to join the BFBA. Over recent years, other blacksmith organisations have swallowed a vast membership within the UK of the professional and amateur blacksmith community. It has been noted that the BFBA is the 'Voice of the Working Farrier', building bridges for the BFBA to also work as the voice and be the national representative of blacksmiths can only be a positive. A review of membership fees must take place to ensure that the cost of membership is reflected in relevant benefits to current and prospective BFBA members that are blacksmiths – professional, amateur or hobbyist.
2. Although the blacksmith and farriery trades have become separate industries, they are viewed as the same trade by the outside world. We are all aware that sharing forging skills

- should be an important part of BFBA membership. Beyond this, both industries have a vast percentage of self-employed individuals, so sharing business knowledge, marketing skills and practical skills must also be a share goal within the BFBA.
3. There are a number of national and international publications and social media forums available to blacksmiths. It has been noticed by several blacksmiths that there is little relevance to them in BFBA publications. This can be easily remedied by blacksmith in UK and from abroad encouraged to contribute article to *Forge* magazine.
 4. Our shared industry needs will change in the 21st century. Fuel sources, material costs are obviously and currently very relevant and will be affected by climate change, fuel use and alternative technologies within both industries. Day or weekend technology events should be encouraged, hopefully inviting members and non-members to use and experience new and different relevant forging technologies. This would also give suppliers an area not showcase products new to the market, for example, sitework for blacksmiths needing to weld away from their premises, mobile repairs etc. Farriers running the correct welding equipment for a an. Electric induction forges for both industries.
 5. Cross-skills competitions and events throughout the year and nationally should be encouraged.

in the management the FRC and separately on the performance of the Chairman and the Registrar, and that the results of the vote should be

conveyed to all three parties and also to the Worshipful Company of Farriers.

A misunderstanding under the Association's rule book meant that none of the propositions could be put forward. The rules require that propositions are received by the Association 120 days before the meeting, with a valid postmark. On receipt, an EC meeting is called to consider the amendments. These must then be placed on the Forge website and published in *Forge*.

The President explained and apologised that the situation had not been handled correctly by the Association, which was partly due to Covid-19. However, he noted that it highlighted how outdated rules were a huge problem for the BFBA.

The propositions were withdrawn for resubmission.

The President said an extraordinary general meeting would be held at Focus, where members would have a chance to discuss the issues.

Any other business

John Ford asked for clarification regarding 'Questions for FRC' in the EC minutes of meetings held on 10 November and 1 December, which stated that the BFBA's questions had been changed by FRC to include their own questions and answers?

It was explained that the BFBA had invited questions, collated these and submitted them to the FRC.

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The intention had been to publish a document with questions giving an FRC response and a BFBA response. In the end, the document had been revised – splitting them out into questions for the individual bodies to answer and this had been published in *Forge*.

Appointments

President: Craig D'Arcy
Executive Committee: Sam Masters
DipWCF and Phoebe Colton DipWCF
Members' Auditor: Clifford Barnes AWCF

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The total for claims paid and outstanding for 2020 totalled £125,560 over Amlin and Hiscox. In round figures the blacksmiths on the scheme generated £39,000; the farriers £58,000 and the equine dentists (EDT) £28,000. Injury to horse claims from farriers were £48,000 and EDTs £20,000.

Our team is led by Beth Overton assisted by Bev Parker, Cerys Brown and Hamsa Hassan, an apprentice. Caitlin Smith is our other apprentice who worked in the team up until March when she moved to our Personal Insurance Team.

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In the July issue of *Forge Knowledge*

Forge Knowledge is a member-only benefit offering an opportunity for gaining CPD. BFBA membership is free for apprentices.

An approach to an abscess

US-based farrier Daniel Watson CJF, TE, ASF, studied farriery at the Heartland Horseshoeing School and equine podiatry at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine in Blacksburg, Virginia, USA. Based in Middleburg, Virginia, he primarily works on sport horses. He is currently working towards achieving Associateship of the Worshipful Company of Farriers.

In his case report, he describes his approach to a horse presenting with a subsolar abscess of the left forelimb, which required treatment over the course of a number of months.

3D technology in farriery

Derek Poupard CJF, DipWCF, is the owner and inventor of 3D HoofCare and HoofCast. His farriery career began in South Africa and he has since been given the opportunity to work in the USA, Dubai and the UK on the highest-profile horses in the

world. Having spent most of his career ambitiously trying to improve the quality of horses' hooves, he has recently begun to use 3D printing to create his HoofCare product, developing it alongside his HoofCast product with the goal of emulating the horse's hoof in its natural state of being barefoot. Although 3D printing has been around for many years, Derek Poupard has recently adapted the technology to create custom-made products for individual horses. Here, he describes a case that benefited from a bespoke therapeutic solution.

Returning to fundamental principles

Stuart Muir NZCEF, CJF, DipWCF, APF, began his career in Christchurch, New Zealand.

In 2012, he became a full-time farrier at the Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in Kentucky. He now works on racehorses and horses with complex pathologies in the USA, South America and the Middle East and lectures throughout the USA and Canada. He gained his American Farrier's Association Certified Journeyman Farrier certificate in 2014 and the Diploma of the Worshipful Company of Farriers in 2018.

His case study recommends returning to the fundamentals of foot care can help farriers build a successful shoeing formula to support the rehabilitation of the horse when faced with a complex case presenting multiple different problems.

Stuart describes a challenging case and explains the principles that underpinned his approach to its treatment.



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Flying Anvil Foundation – happy to be back on the road



Bernard Duvernay FWCF is delighted to be back teaching farriery. This time, in Iran. As the farrier leading the Flying Anvil Foundation, he has been frustrated at not being able to carry out the charity's projects, supporting overseas farriers who are always eager for knowledge. Having been virtually cut off from access to information because of Covid-19, the Iranian farriers valued his visit.



The Flying Anvil Foundation's (FAF) first educational trip this year was to Iran in June. 'We usually come here every two years to work with a group of farriers who are eager to improve their skills and gain new knowledge that is likely to help them in their daily work,' Bernard explains.

For many years it has been striking to discover the amount of laminitis cases that we encounter in Iran, principally in purebred Arabian horse farms. An unbalanced diet and a lack of daily exercise make these horses vulnerable to this terrible disease.

In 2019, FAF introduced the use of wooden clog shoes for affected animals. This technique was taught to us in India by Mark Aikens BSc (Hons), FdSc, DipWCF, when he came as a volunteer instructor to our school in Rajasthan. Following subsequent discussions with Iranian farriers and veterinarians, we know that this practice has gained ground and many cases have been resolved thanks to this technique.

There are carpenters in every Iranian village and plywood is readily available. This allows the farriers to adjust the surface – hollowing out an area for the sole – and introduce long, thin screws through the wall to secure the clog to the hoof.

Since FAF gave anatomy courses to these farriers previously, it is now easier for them to understand the stresses, undergone by the horny hoof capsule; they can thus interpret

the convexity of the sole and the effect of ground pressure on this sensitive part of the hoof. It is results like these that motivate us to continue our mission and to carry on providing simple and practical techniques to people who don't have access to the latest information as we do.

It is not the role of FAF to share details of the latest technologies, our mission is to present basic principles of shoeing that are simple and achievable by each of our trainees. Our goal is to improve the comfort of the horse in its daily work.

In some countries, such as Iran, the 'aura' enjoyed by vet practitioners sometimes places them on a pedestal, creating communication rifts between farriers and veterinarians. Thus the veterinary profession tends not to follow our teaching. Little by little we are setting down milestones and the results obtained, such as with the wooden clog shoes have aroused huge curiosity among the veterinarians. Several of them have even come to ask us questions about the reasons for their success.

Iran suffers from a very strict embargo on imported products, which makes prices on the unofficial market prohibitive and therefore unattractive for imports.



Corrective shoeing in front of the trainees



Trying the shoe with 2 screws only



Hans Castelijn's device to evaluate the collateral and



The full team in Tehran



Blacksmiths in Tabriz produce plate shoes for horses that work on stones and rocks in the mountains



Mohammad Sazvar (wearing the hat) leader the new generation of Iranian farriers

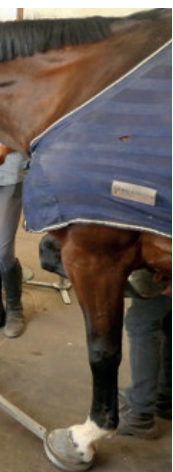
The ingenuity of people in embargoed countries is extraordinary: homemade beer and wine are served to us with pride, and as for tools, internet access has enabled our colleagues to create tools that are similar to the ones we use. I even discovered benders to shape shoes and small hydraulic presses to stamp them. Several farriers only work with home-made shoes and this represents a significant improvement over what is available on the market in some regions.



Owners of donkeys and mules, such as this villager, benefit from what the farriers learn

Gradually, day by day, the Covid-19 pandemic will progressively be under control and we will be able to continue our mission with better results on the ground. FAF is very aware of the difficulties experienced by these farriers, and as a foreign non-governmental organisation, we can help our colleagues by responding to their request for knowledge for the good of the profession, its progress and the wellbeing of equines.

We are grateful to our colleagues who support the FAF: do contact us if you want to join us as a volunteer for a future mission. Send us your application, the form is on our website at www.flyinganvil-foundation.ch



dorsopalmar flexion/extension of the distal limb

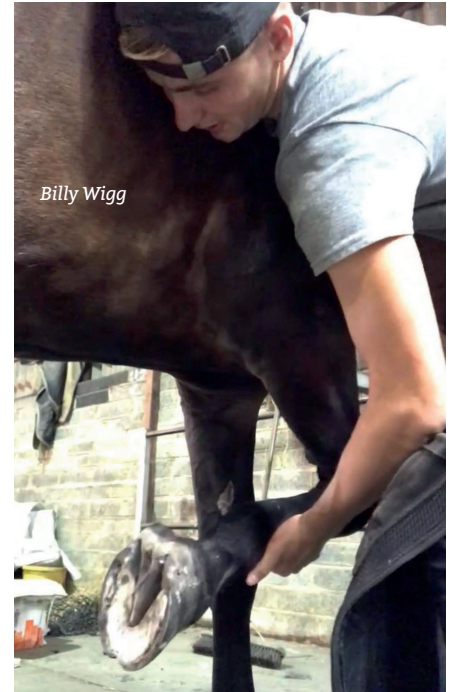
A thick leather pad glued on the wooden clog with a recess for the sole



Ben Patrick



Lewis Cook



Billy Wigg



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In this issue we congratulate:

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Billy Wigg DipWCF (41L) 'For a very strong pass in both parts of the exam.' Billy was trained by **Jesse Gregory AWCF**.

HEREFORD COLLEGE

Daniel Cooper DipWCF (41L) 'For the most improved student and for effort in both theory and practical.' Daniel was trained by **Mr N. Sturgis AWCF**.

Ross Johnstone (43L) 'For consistent progression in skills, knowledge and behaviours'. Ross is trained by **Mr B. Benson AWCF**.

MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE

Ben Patrick (44L) 'For an outstanding theory result at the end of his block and his practical skills which are consistently improving. Well done Ben.' Ben is trained by **Tom Pears AWCF**.

Lewis Cook DipWCF (41L) who 'has been consistent throughout his apprenticeship and gained an excellent grade in his final exam'. Lewis was trained by **Jim Blurton AWCF**.

TOP TIPS FOR DIPLOMA CANDIDATES

- Section control and choice is of vital importance to achieve an easier/safer method for fitting and nailing.
- The two examples shown are for a 5 inch foot. Example A was made from 12 1/2 inches of 3/4 x 3/8 with a good bump into the toe, allowing the section to swell to approximately 7/8 inch.
- Example B was made from 11 1/2 inches 1 x 3/8 with no bump in the toe and well drawn to 7/8 inch section.
- Both shoes would be a safe option on a 5 inch foot.



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Keeping customers composed

There are many different methods to support fidgety, unsettled horses throughout their shoeing process; however, it is also important that the horse has a safe and positive experience to build on for future visits. It is also of paramount importance that they are safe for the farrier to work on and for the owner to handle.

By Dr Sian Wall BSc BVSc MRCVS and Griselda Handy BSc ANutr (Animal)

There will be some instances where a reactive horse needs farrier work before there is time to do any training or desensitisation of foot handling, this is where sedation is invaluable. It makes the job safer all-round, is less likely to result in a negative experience for the horse, and it means you can do a better job, vital for job satisfaction and a good reputation. However, by sedating the horse every time, valuable opportunities for learning and desensitisation are missed and it increases the cost of the farrier visit considerably.

A combination of targeted sedative use and positive learning experiences without sedation will result in a horse happier to stand for the farrier, a happier farrier, and a happier owner without the extra vet bills!

Sedatives commonly used

Sedation can be a bit of an art, and what will work in one horse may not work for another. As a general rule, the larger the horse, the less sedation it will need relative to its size. However, it is also dependent on individual temperament and levels of stress pre-sedation.

A sedated horse remains standing with their head drooping, sometimes they need help to balance and remember they can still kick! They usually still have some awareness of what is happening and will still require pain relief if undergoing a painful procedure.

Sedatives are not without risk. They are prescription-only medicines because they can have serious side effects and consequences if used in horses with underlying health issues or those on concurrent medication, such as certain antibiotics. They put strain on the heart and circulatory system and must always be given under veterinary guidance or supervision.

Routes

- 1) Orally via a syringe or in the feed. Most commonly ACP (Sedalin) or detomidine (Domosedan gel). The advantage of this method is that it can be administered without the vet being present. However, it is the slowest to work, least reliable and least powerful method of sedation.
- 2) By injection into the muscle. This is more reliable than by mouth but needs higher doses and takes longer to work than intravenous injection. Usually only resorted to if needed to 'take the edge off' before proceeding with an intravenous top-up.
- 3) By injection into the vein. This is the fastest and most reliable option, working within 5-10 minutes. The vet will usually use a combination of an alpha-2 drug such as detomidine and an opiate such as butorphanol, known as 'Dom and Torb'.



Is there another way?

Without the obvious, more handling, more exposure and so on, in some instances the horses have a just concern which may be their individual conscious or, a bad experience may still be lingering in their mind.

The aged old saying, "Trust Takes Years to Build, Seconds to Break and Forever to Repair" should be in all party's minds. While the natural approach in this instance is often put to the bottom of the pile, consider the practicalities.

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David Nicholls AWCF (International Horseshoeing Hall of Fame Farrier) offers some tips for fitting clogs.

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- To prevent this, hoof test the foot and mark the painful areas. Draw a line across the foot where these end. Apply your impression material only behind the line.
- When nailing on Urethane clogs, drill vertical nail holes without pitch. Use either a City head or ASV 2 plate nail similar in length to a standard E5.
- The four types of clog can be attached with screws. Use a 2.5 or 3mm drill, start drilling from the white line outwards as if you were driving a nail. Start the screws from the outer hoof wall and downwards into the clog.
- Use TFP Teflon coated screws as normal steel screws will corrode and fail.
- All clogs can be attached with casting tape.



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LOCKDOWN LEAGUE

Our third and final Lockdown League event was held on the 12 June. Here are the results

Lockdown League 3

Results

OPEN

- 1 Steven Beane
- 2 Lewis Balfour
- 3 George Rogerson
- 4 Andrew Bowyer
- 5 Joseph Whitehead
- 6 Wayne Balfour

INTERMEDIATE

- 1 Joshua Cottam
- 2 Cecil Fitzgerald
- 3 Laurent Nizou
- 4 Stuart Taylor
- 5 Thomas Brown
- 6 Toby Thurgood

3RD/4TH YEAR

- 1 George Eastwood
- 2 Sol Tovey
- 3 Liam Burkinshaw
- 4 Damien Moran
- 5 James Hardy
- 6 Aled True

1ST/2ND YEAR

- 1 Jake Saint
- 2 Zak Jones
- 3 Ryan O'Mahoney
- 4 Taylor Goldthorpe
- 5 Henry Chitty
- 6 Tom Faulkner

The judges for the first event were Gavin Colby AWCF and Ruairaidh Robb AWCF; for the second event they were Jonathan Nunn FWCF and Mark Watson FWCF, and for the third event they were Gary Darlow AFCL and Russell Jones DipWCF. The competitions could not have run without Chief Steward Danny Bennett and Claire Brown and we are grateful to them for all their work.

Lockdown League CHAMPIONSHIP

Results

OPEN

Champion
Steven Beane

Reserve champion
Lewis Balfour

Second reserve
George Rogerson

3RD/4TH YEAR

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Stuart Taylor

1ST/2ND YEAR

CHAMPION
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Reserve Champion
Henry Chitty

Second reserve
Ross Johnstone



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NEW BFBA BRANCH

Not only has farrier Harry Spinks (below left) recently joined the BFBA's editorial panel – the group that advises on the content of *Forge* and *Forge Knowledge* – but he has set up a new BFBA Branch from his base in Dorset. Central Southern Branch is for farriers in Dorset, Wiltshire and Hampshire who want to get together to learn and to enjoy fun activities. Reach the Southern Central branch through our Facebook page (BFBA Southern Central Branch). Its first meeting will be on 21 August and all information will be put out via Facebook.



(right) Hereford College farriery tutor and current Farrier of the Year 2020 has also joined the editorial panel, as listeners to his educational podcast will know, as he recently discussed the BFBA's magazines with editorial panel chair Mark Aikens and the association's marketing adviser Claire Brown



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ONE HEAT LOVE HEART CHALLENGE

#oneheartchallenge

In February, shortly before Valentine's Day, Derbyshire farrier **Billy Bartlett DipWCF** came up with the idea of a challenge for farriers. His 'one heat love heart challenge' to farriers was an invitation to 'make one, sell one, donate one' heart – made from a horseshoe using just one heat – with the proceeds going to the Sir Tom Moore Foundation supporting the NHS.

The final sum raised was at least £15,960, which is a fantastic achievement and one that farriers should be very proud of.

Jonathan Nunn FWCF was quick to take up the challenge, offering to make hearts from client's own horseshoes, stamped with their horse's name. Encouraging others to join in, he said: 'It only takes a couple of minutes while waiting for a horse!'

It wasn't long before farriers in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, the British Army, and even the USA and Australia joined in, with more than 100 taking up the challenge.

Billy also asked colleagues to post a video of themselves making a heart. Among those appearing on the #oneheartchallenge Facebook page were Craig Rogers, Jonathan Nunn, Thomas Bradbury, Jim Ferrie, Brad Greenham, Jay Tovey, Stephen Hewitt, Daniel Belfield, Ricky Hilton, Martha Cooling, Billy Moulton-Day, Oliver Mitchell, Steven McKay, Jonny Grange, Matthew Fedrick, Chris Hole, Chris Greenwood, Dorian Madin, Chris Boyd, James Stephens, Ryan Darbyshire, Karl Jones, Russell Jones, Anthony Waterfield, Alan Coe, Ross Skelly, Tom Pigford, Gemma Milner, Jake Andrews, Mark Bell, Sam Rust, Daniel Power, Jack Hyde, Iain Nixon, Alex Whittington, Arnie Pament, David Meadows, Mark Connole, Tom Phillips, James Ashforth, Ian Miller, Leon Bentham, Bob Black-Wood, Craig Ashurst, Mike Roberts, Dexter Strickland, Andrew Frudd, Marc Mathison, Thomas Bray, Ben Hart, James by the forge, Toby D'Abreo and James Warden.

Raised a whopping £15,960



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Beside the fire... Wayne Upton

Who influenced you and how?

My late father was my greatest influence. He was very much old school, a stickler for manners and hard work, but also had a good sense of humour and was fiercely competitive. He loved horses and was a self-taught rider. He was given an old fleabitten grey hunter by Molly Gregson of the Crawley and Horsham Hunt after the Second World War, which he hunted when he was a boy on my Grandfather's farm. He shot and fished and loved nature, and I suppose I am very much in the same mould.

My late godfather John Hicks was also greatly influential. He was a veterinary surgeon who had gone through vet school with John Hickman. He was a proper old horseman and a man's man. He liked the ladies, but never married. He loved to stalk hinds in the Highlands, had ridden point-to-point and was also a successful National Hunt trainer. As a boy, I wanted to be like him - I wasn't bright enough to be a vet, so farriery ticked the box for me.

Although you can trace my family in this part of Sussex, back to the 15th century, as far as I am aware there were no farriers or blacksmiths among them - they were mostly farmers. However, it



was a talk by a farrier and blacksmith at our local Young Farmers' Club meeting when I was 14 that planted the seed.

Daniel Harding AFCL gave that talk and a year later he became my master. I didn't realise how lucky I was to start with. He was a very good man on the anvil, having being the last apprentice for old man Grantham. He taught me the basics very well indeed, including strong business ethics at a time when it wasn't compulsory to go to college. However, he allowed me time off to attend the AEF course at Hereford, which was game changing for me.

Tell us about a typical day's work

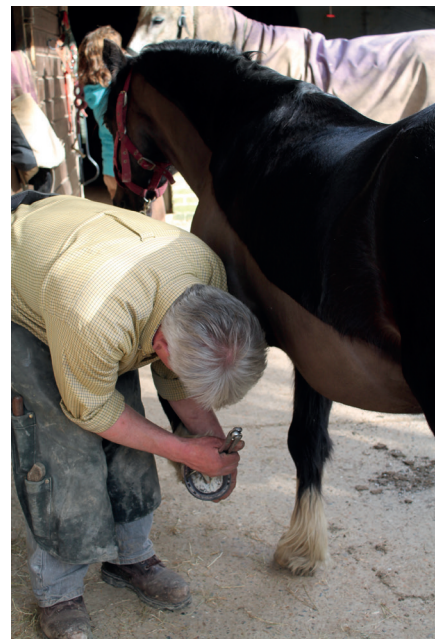
Before retirement, my working day started at between 6 and 6.30am. Kettle on, forges lit, dogs and chickens fed, I would sort shoes out etc for the day and answerphone calls. The lads used to be in at about 8am, when we would finish preparing the shoes for the day and be on the road about 9am. We never travelled further than seven miles from the forge, but had clients who brought horses from as far away as Middlesex. The day would finish around 5 or 6pm, very often some shoemaking practice would follow, along with paperwork and phone calls. Normally, I'd be back in the house for supper at about 7.30 to 8pm.

Tell us about your business interests.

My business was it. It was all-consuming.

What was your most difficult, challenging or puzzling work experience?

Working with the local veterinary practices for 40 or more years, there have been many challenges - all interesting in their own way. However, with modern materials, our toolbox becomes bigger,



'As our toolbox gets bigger, the only limit is how we apply ourselves to what we have available'

the only limit being how we apply ourselves to use what we have available. For example, one case involved a yearling Thoroughbred that had part of its P3

removed. It needed a hospital plate to aid recovery, but its manners were wanting, so the groom's wanted a quick and easy method of removing and replacing the plate. This was achieved with a plastic shoe and a fabricated plastic plate, which could be removed using a hoofpick. A month down the





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road when it was re-shod, there was foot balancing issues developing due to partial lateral removal of P3. This was remedied easily with a lateral support in plastic. This could all be achieved in steel, but was a lot easier with a modern material. The horse later went on to win on the flat.

What is your secret to a perfect fire weld?

Preparation, clean fire, coke and anvil surface and good fitting tongs. Then forge a deep step, left over right (as I am right-handed) and not too long. Then forge tightly together and follow with two heats – the first to weld and the second, a slippery heat, to lose scarf.

Of all the farriers or blacksmiths dead or alive, who would you want to spend some time with and why?

One of our crafts patron saints is Saint Dunstan and one of our local Sussex

villages (Mayfield) is involved in the legend. Any old boy who can grab the Devil by the nose with a pair of hot tongs has got to be worth sharing a pint with.

What was your proudest moment?

Many proud moments – such as when people speak highly of my past apprentices, or when they have gone on to achieve great things.

It's nice to know you have done your bit for the future of our profession, but being Master for the Worshipful Company of Farriers has to be up there. Who would have thought?

If you could change one thing, what would it be?

Reduce the human population on our planet or at least stabilise it. We are far too successful as a species, pretty much every problem in the world can be put down to over-population. I'm not sure the answer would be politically correct but the elephant in the room needs addressing and sometime soon.

How's retirement?

I hadn't thought about when I might retire, but it was unexpected health problems that gave me the nod to do so. From day 1 in business, I put money away for retirement. Now, two years down the road, with my health improved, I'm starting to enjoy retirement (even in these strange times).

I have always liked gardening and have a productive vegetable plot; I have run a small shoot for over 20 years and enjoy casting a fly occasionally. I cook, paint and draw, and I'm always making things in the workshop. And, as we have five equines, I still get under them and I'm still a registered farrier.

So, retirement is the same old, same old, but with many hours less spent wearing myself out underneath horses.

What do you still want to achieve?

Caring for my family and friends and looking after our 30 acres of land, enhancing its varied natural history by improving its meadows, woods, lakes and so on.

NEWS

Kerckhaert Kings Plate competition

The Kings Plate winners keep coming in. We are delighted to see so many of our stables doing well. It is also a pleasure to see crowds slowly returning to the racecourse; it has been so long. Long may it continue!

Kings Plate winners

- ★ Ahoy Senior, ridden by Derek Fox, won the Novice Hurdle at Aintree. He is trained by Lucinda Russell. Farrier **Gregg Crawford** shod Ahoy Senior using Kerckhaert Kings Extra Sounds.
- ★ Protektorat won for Sir Alex Ferguson and the Skeltons in the Novice Chase at Aintree. Farriers, **Spud Allison, Phill Smith and David Webley** shod Protektorat with Kerckhaert Kings Extra Sounds and nailed on with Liberty Carrera Secure nails. Thanks to our stockist Horseshoe & Farrier Supplies (Midlands) Ltd for stocking the yard and the team with our Kings range.
- ★ Trainer Paul Nicholls got off to a winning start at Aintree in the Juvenile Hurdle with Monmiral. Ridden by Harry Cobden.

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KPC Derby winner Adayar with Gerhard Schoombie (left) Phil Brook and Derek Poupard (right)

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The coke was consistent and very clean producing a hard compact clinker with very little ash residue. The fire also stayed clean for a decent length of time and it was easy to clear the clinker. I would certainly be happy to use this fuel in my Forge in the future.

Adrian, Bringsty Forge



Monmiral was shod by **Tom Bougourd** with Kerckhaert Kings Super Sound.

★ Clan Des Obeaux was victorious in the Betway Bowl at Aintree for Paul Nicholls and ridden by Harry Cobden. Farrier **Tom Bougourd** shod Clan Des Obeaux, with Kerckhaert Kings Super Sound.

★ Chantry House, shod by **Chapel Forge Farriers**, won the Betfair Mildmay Novices Chase at Aintree. Trained by Nicky Henderson and ridden by Nico de Boinville, Chantry House was wearing Kerckhaert Kings Super Sound and nailed on with Liberty Carrera nails.

★ My Drogo won the Betway Mersey Novices' Hurdle at Aintree. Farriers **Spud Allison, Phill Smith and David Webley** shod My Drogo, with Kerckhaert Kings Extra Sounds and nailed on with Liberty Carrera Secure nails. My Drogo was trained by Dan Skelton Racing and ridden by Harry Skelton.

★ Thyme Hill secured victory in the Ryanair Stayers' Hurdle at Aintree. Farrier **Benjamin Parker** shod Thyme Hill with Kerckhaert Kings Extra Sound and nailed on with Liberty nails. Thyme Hill was trained by Philip Hobbs and ridden by Tom O'Brien.

★ Shishkin won the Doom Bar Maghull Novices' Chase at Aintree. Shod by **Chapel Forge Farriers** with Kerckhaert Kings Super Sound and nailed on with Liberty nails, Shishkin was trained by Nicky Henderson and ridden by Nico de Boinville.

★ Mighty Thunder provided Scottish trainer Lucinda Russell with victory in the Coral Scottish Grand National at Ayr. Farrier **Gregg Crawford** shod Mighty Thunder, with Kerckhaert Kings Extra Sound. Mighty Thunder was ridden by Tom Scudamore.

★ Porlock Bay won the St James's Place Festival Challenge Cup Open Hunters' Chase for trainer Will Biddick and jockey Lorcan Williams. **Tom Bougourd** shod Porlock Bay, with Kerckhaert Kings Super Sound.

★ Greaneteen won the Celebration Chase at Sandown for trainer Paul Nicholls and jockey Bryony Frost. Farrier **Tom Bougourd** shod Greaneteen, with Kerckhaert Kings Super Sound.

★ Clan Des Obeaux was victorious in the Punchestown Gold Cup for Paul Nicholls and Sam Twiston-Davies. Shod by **Tom Bougourd**, Clan Des Obeaux was wearing Kerckhaert Kings Super Sound.

★ Milkwood, shod by **Ed Wilkinson**, was wearing Kerckhaert Kings Extra Sound and nailed on with Liberty nails when winning the Coral Scottish Champion Hurdle. Milkwood was trained by Neil Mulholland and ridden by Sam Twiston-Davies.

★ Starman won the Duke of York Clipper Logistics Stakes. Farrier **Harry Priestley** shod Starman, with Kerckhaert Kings Super Sound and was trained by Ed Walker Racing Ltd and ridden by Oisín Murphy.

★ Frankie Dettori rode Palace Pier to win the Lockinge Stakes at Newbury. Shod by **O'Shaughnessy Farriery**, Palace Pier, was wearing Kerckhaert Kings Extra Sound and nailed on with Liberty nails and is trained by John Gosden.

★ Pyledriver won The Coronation Cup for trainer William Muir and was ridden by Martin Dwyer. Farrier **Noel Reid** shod Pyledriver, with Kerckhaert Kings Extra Sound, nailed on with Liberty Carrera Secure.

★ Adayar delivered in the Cazoo Derby at Epsom. Farriers **Derek Poupard, Phil Brook and Gerhard Schoombie** shoe Adayar, with Kerckhaert Kings Super Sound, nailed on with Liberty Carrera Secure Cu. Adayar was trained by Charlie Appleby Godolphin and ridden by Adam Kirby.

★ Althiqa won the Longines Just A Game Stakes for trainer Charlie Appleby and was ridden by Mike E Smith. Farrier **Phil Brook** shod Althiqa with Kerckhaert Kings Super Sound, nailed on with Liberty Carrera Secure Cu.

GET IN TOUCH!

Contact Dan Collins on 01908 233909 if you are interested in learning more about the range of Kerckhaert plates.

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NATIONAL HUNT		
Trainer	Prize money	Farrier(s)
1 Nicky Henderson	£127,130.52	Chapel Forge Farriers Ltd
2 Fergal O'Brien	£111,317.87	John Benfield
3 Olly Murphy	£101,028.41	Alex Taylor
4 Peter Bowen	£99,289.74	A J Williams
5 Dan Skelton	£76,966.79	Spud Allison, Pip Smith and David Webley
FLAT		
Trainer	Prize money	Farrier(s)
1 Charlie Appleby	£1,490,337.68	Derek Poupard, Phil Brook and Gerhard Schoombie
2 Mark Johnston	£1,131,558.99	Tom Hardy
3 Andrew Balding	£920,111.29	Eugene Cullen
4 John & Thady Gosden	£838,224.27	O'Shaughnessy Farriery Ltd
5 David O'Meara	£514,881.29	Richard Elkins

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BFBA members pay the same discounted registration fee as AFA members. Details at www.americanfarriers.org

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- ★ **An educational programme with lectures and demonstrations**
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