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The latest exciting new development at Fakenham Racecourse was officially opened on 28th October 2015 by Cool Roxy, Fakenham's most prolific race-winning horse (now retired).

Situated at the rear of the original stand, and incorporating some of the existing facilities, the development comprises a new weighing room, a new jockeys' medical room and a new owners' and trainers' bar, and updated toilets and shower facilities for both male and female jockeys. It is all enhanced by exterior landscaping.

Local builders EN Suiter from Kings Lynn worked flat out over the summer break from racing to provide Fakenham with what is now a first class facility for jockeys, owners, trainers and race day officials.

The medical room is to be called the 'Reinhold Jockeys' Medical Room' after Fakenham's long-serving Senior Medical Officer, Dr Piers Reinhold, and the owners'

and trainers' bar will become 'The Cool Roxy Bar' after the celebrated racehorse.

Chief Executive and Clerk of the Course, David Hunter is very proud of the new building, saying, "Up until now, Dr Reinhold has provided outstanding medical cover for jockeys from what was essentially a wooden hut, so we all welcome the modern, well-equipped medical room now at his disposal. It is also a real pleasure to be able to offer our owners and trainers a large, warm and comfortable bar in which to relax and enjoy their day's racing."

He finishes by saying: "It has been a frantic few months, but thanks to a lot of hard work from the builders and everyone else involved, the building was finished on time, and everything was in use (if not officially opened) for the first race meeting of the new season on 16th October. We've done it!"



The newly refurbished jockeys' changing room



Cool Roxy attends the opening ceremony





Dr Piers Reinhold

Dr Piers Reinhold, the Senior Medical Officer at Fakenham Racecourse, has been caring for the jockeys who have ridden there for 34 years, and he was very proud to have undertaken the formal opening of the refurbished medical centre and jockeys' facilities at the end of October 2015.

His association with Fakenham Racecourse began after he joined the Fakenham Medical Practice as a GP when he left the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1977. Since retiring as a GP he has continued to use his medical expertise to the benefit of the horse racing world.

Dr Reinhold commented: "As well as race day medical care, I have to provide confirmation by

way of medical examinations and reports that the fitness standards set by the BHA for each type of jockey licence are being met".

As well as his role at Fakenham Racecourse, Dr Reinhold works for the BHA as a Medical Equipment Inspector, visiting racecourses around the UK to undertake spot-checks on all medical equipment and facilities.

Race meetings cannot take place unless there is a suitably qualified Medical Officer on site, so from time to time he also provides his expertise to other racecourses including Market Rasen, Newmarket, Nottingham, Southwell and Huntingdon.

Horrific goings-on at Fakenham Racecourse!



On 29th and 30th October, in the true spirit of Halloween, the racecourse opened its gates to the Pop-Up Cinema Company, which presented a drive in movie – a first for the town and the racecourse. The showing of two of the most horrific films in recent history – Shawn of the Dead and Texas Chainsaw Massacre – drew people in by the car-load to be suitably scared out of their wits on these nights of ghouls and ghosts.

The Cool Roxy Bar

The newest addition to the Fakenham Racecourse facilities. Available for private hire for a more intimate dinner and drinks parties or business meetings.

Contact Rita Gibbs for further details and availability.

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Racecourse forges links with The Crown Inn

In September 2015, a unique link was forged between Fakenham Racecourse and The Crown Inn at East Rudham, which took over the catering at the Prince of Wales Stand and the newly opened Cool Roxy Bar.



Tristan and Paula McEwen and Paul Edwards, who as locals were all familiar with the racecourse, are now running all aspects of bar and

catering for race meetings and non-race events including a variety of functions and conferences. These can vary from drinks parties or buffets to formal dinners, for which The Crown Inn supplies the whole package – food, drinks and staff to do the honours.

"We have been in the hotel and catering business for over 20 years," comments Tristan. "We have worked in several 5 star venues including the Savoy Hotel, Claridges, Grosvenor House, The Hempel, Firmdale Hotels and I was Operations Director for Marco Pierre White's company. We have been at The Crown Inn for a year now, and have brought a wealth of experience with us; we will be using this expertise to supply a first class food and beverage experience for Fakenham's race-goers."

Time to go... David Hunter steps down from GB Paralympics

In announcing his retirement David says: "I have loved working with the GB Para-Equestrian Dressage team, and I shall be sorry to leave. I have made a huge number of friends in my 13 years with them, and together we have steered a successful path. But I feel that now is the right time for me to pursue other goals and interests, and give my successor time to settle into the role before Rio next year."

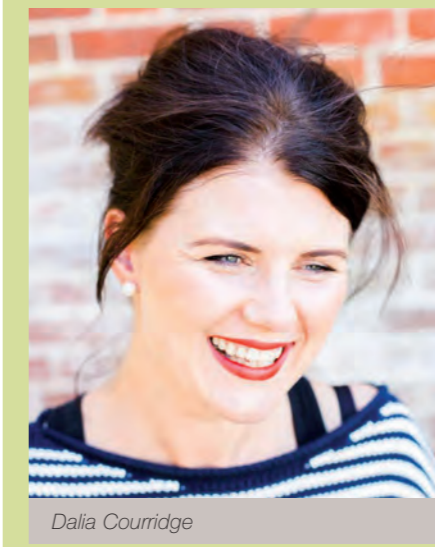


Cyclists with their bicycles, support vehicles, stands and well-wishers gathered at Fakenham Racecourse on Saturday 12th September 2015 for the start of the 7th and longest stage of the Aviva Tour of Britain. The 227.4km leg, probably the flattest of them all, wound its way across the lovely Norfolk and Suffolk countryside taking in

Aylsham, Norwich and Wymondham before going on to Attleborough, Thetford, Bury St Edmunds, Stowmarket and finally finishing up in Ipswich.

David Hunter said: "This is the first time that we have taken part in this event, and we were involved in planning and hosting a number of meetings for North Norfolk District Council, the event organisers, Sweet Spot and other involved parties. It was all very successful and enjoyable."

Welcome... Dalia Courridge



Dalia Courridge

Dalia Courridge joined the Racecourse team in March 2015 to run its social media platforms and oversee its marketing activities not only for racing, but for the caravan and camping site, venue hire and events programme.

She is no stranger to marketing (although still relatively new to racing), having completed her BA (Hons) in Business Management at the University of East Anglia. Since then, she has built up her own very successful 'Norfolk Brides' business from scratch using social media and her understanding of the power of correct marketing to the right audience.

Building her own business has taught Dalia that effective marketing is absolutely essential for any business, and this is where her passion lies. She says: "I'm very much enjoying making more people aware of the Racecourse and its many amenities."



Best Dressed Couple

Another successful Ladies Day

Yet another brilliant day! Never to be deterred by the dawning of a damp day, our North Norfolk Ladies once again pulled out all the stops on 31st May to make this 4th Fakenham Racecourse Ladies Day a resounding success. To accompany a fabulous programme of racing, there were competitions to be won for the 'Best Dressed Lady', the 'Best Dressed Couple' and the 'Best Hat' that were judged by Fiona Ryder, MD of Mustard TV – great fun for everyone.

And so to next year... Ladies, put **Sunday 22nd May 2016** in your diaries, for another opportunity to put on your finery and enjoy an exciting day of racing and fun competitions for the 'Best Dressed Lady', the 'Best Dressed Couple' and the 'Best Hat'.

This time the winner could be you!

Best Hat!



There will be 'early bird' tickets and some exciting packages available for this event, alongside some amazing entertainment and prizes. More details will be available on the Fakenham Racecourse web site in the coming weeks. It's worth further investigation!

www.fakenhamracecourse.co.uk
Visit our new website for all the information you need about the racecourse and coming events.

Celebrate your wedding at a unique venue in North Norfolk



Whether you are planning a small intimate party or a large formal reception our staff will be delighted to help you plan your celebration.

Unrivalled facilities with spectacular views overlooking the Racecourse and Grounds.



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Fakenham Race Meetings 2016

Saturday 20th December 12:50

New Years Day

Friday 1st January 12.40

Tuesday 12th January 12:50

Thursday 28th January 12.50

Monday 8th February 13.15

Friday 19th February 13.30

Friday 18th March 13.35

Easter Monday

Monday 28th March 14.15

*West Norfolk Point-to-Point

Sunday 17th April 14.00

Tuesday 3rd May 14.20

Ladies Day

Sunday 22nd May 14.00

Friday 14th October 14:00

Wednesday 26th October 13:30

Tuesday 15th November 13:00

Christmas Meeting

Sunday 18th December 13:00

Please note that all dates and timings are provisional and subject to change.

Admission Charges (Adults)

(National Hunt days only)

Course Enclosure £10.00

Grandstand/Paddock .. £15.00

Day Member £20.00

Members Car Park £8.00
(per vehicle)

Public Parking **FREE**

Under 17's **FREE**
(accompanied by an adult)

Discount for group bookings.

** Not National Hunt meeting.*

All dates and first race times to be confirmed.

Key Racecourse Staff

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Adam Case Vice Chairman

David Hunter Chief Executive and Clerk of the Course

Vivien Pope Company Secretary and Accounts

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