

Forthcoming **EVENTS**

JANUARY

Saturday 30th

TRIP TO THE GALLOPS

Meet at the stables at 9.00am for a hearty, warming breakfast followed by a tour of the famous Epsom Gallops.

MARCH

Saturday 20th

ST. PATRICKS DAY CELEBRATIONS

Bring the family and join us for a delicious breakfast at the yard. Fun for the children who can help our Akehurst Leprechaun find his crock of gold! Enjoy Irish dancing and relax with a warming Akehurst Irish Coffee!

JUNE

Saturday 5th

DERBY DAY

This year we are gathering for a champagne reception at the Rubbing House, situated on Epsom Racecourse, just 2 minutes from the yard. Join us for a five course lunch and enjoy a perfect position to watch the most famous horse racing event in the world.

See website for booking details and prices.

Other **EVENTS**

Last Saturday of every month

AKEHURST SOCIAL BREAKFAST

Your chance to meet other owners and chat to staff, as well as catching up on the news. Join us at the yard at 9.00am for a coffee and tasty bacon roll. We look forward to seeing you there!

Coming soon....

JOHN AKEHURST TROPHY CHALLENGE GOLF DAY

A day of 18 hole golf at Kingswood Golf Club followed by lunch, with a trophy to be won! Look out for details of this and all our other events on our website:

www.jakehurst.co.uk



IN-TOUCH with John Akehurst

2009 was a very challenging year for the global horseracing industry as the poor economic situation continued to take hold. Many long-standing racehorse owners in the UK had to rethink their investment in their horses as many of them were no longer financially viable to keep. Many well-known sponsors cut back in the sport, which meant less sponsorship of events and thus less prize money, which had a direct effect on owners, trainers and jockeys.

I have been involved in the UK horseracing industry for many years and I've seen many trainers downsizing their stables and riding staff, however, at Akehurst stables we have managed to keep going, despite setbacks, and with the help of loyal and supportive staff, in particular Head Lad Erik Andersson and Travelling Head Lad Eddie Jones.

Thanks to our staff, owners at Akehurst stables can look forward to an exciting year of racing -and a very prosperous 2010. We have a lot of fantastic social events coming up and hope to see you at one, if not all of them!

Best wishes

John Akehurst

The **TEAM**



Head Lad **Erik Andersson**

comes from Sweden and has over 30 years experience in the racing industry.

He spent 12 years with Dermot Weld before trying his luck as a conditional jockey for Gordon Richards, where he had over 80 rides and 1 winner.

Erik combined breaking and preparing yearlings at Juddmonte Farms in the winter with working for Alec Stewart in the summer for 6 years.

He joined John's team last year as head lad and his wealth of experience is a very positive influence on the yard.

Travelling Head Lad **Eddie Jones** has been with John on and off for 6 years and has been in racing all his life.

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