

Ripon Ready for 2019 Season

With spring in the air the flat season is really getting into full swing and Yorkshire's Garden Racecourse is all set to join the party with their season opener, Easter Family Day on Thursday 18th April. Alongside a great afternoon of racing there will be an Easter Bunny Hunt, bouncy castle, face painting and mini-farm in the Course Enclosure, as well as free chocolate eggs for kids!

A busy winter saw Ripon awarded RCA Excellence Accolades for Customer Service and the Club Restaurant as well as retaining their place in the Visit England Top 10 Quality Assured Racecourses. In February Ripon staged the inaugural toy horse 'Winter Dash', which proved extremely popular on social media during a period when racing was abandoned due to an outbreak of equine influenza and Ripon Race Company Ltd celebrated its 120th birthday on 20th March!

Ripon Managing Director, James Hutchinson said: "We were delighted to retain our place at the top table in 2018 and it was especially pleasing to collect an award for customer service, along with the Club Restaurant receiving an excellence accolade for the fourth consecutive year.

"We won't rest on our laurels though, we have been working hard through the winter and we are determined to kick on and improve the experience in 2019".

Ripon have a number of raceday engagement projects in the pipeline for 2019 and that begins with a 'Take Your Pick' racecard competition to debut at the season opener on 18th April. The free-to-enter competition will take place at every Ripon meeting in 2019 and requires racegoers to select three horses from the Ripon card for a shot at the £100 prize.

Marketing Manager, Jonathan Mullin said: "We plan to introduce something new and different at each of our meetings through the 2019 season and the 'Take Your Pick' racecard competition is just the start of that. We'll have £100 up for grabs at every meeting in 2019 and it's really easy to enter.

"We hope that this will both encourage new racegoers to engage with the racing and give our regular racegoers something different to get involved with. Keep an eye out for #whatsnew on social media on all of our 2019 racedays".

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