

REPORT OF THE HEAD DOWNSKEEPER

<u>Report of the:</u>	Head Downskeeper
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<u>Annexes/Appendices (attached):</u>	None
<u>Other available papers (not attached):</u>	N/A

REPORT SUMMARY

To receive the report of the Head Downskeeper.

1 Events

- 1.1 The 2015 Cancer Research UK Race for Life took place on the 28 June. The event was well supported and despite a spell of rain coinciding with the start of the race, the ladies carried on regardless and it is hoped achieved their targets.
- 1.2 The Epsom Trainers Open Day this year took place entirely on the August Bank Holiday Monday. A number of the Yards opened their doors to the public, together with the usual array of entertainment throughout the day. Unfortunately the poor weather impacted on attendance, it is hoped those who braved the elements appreciated the efforts made by the organisers.
- 1.3 Other events included the ever popular Omni Terrier Derby, The Annual EDMAC Cloud Tramp, The Round the Borough Walk and the final Pigeon Liberation of the year.

2 Racing Programme

- 2.1 This years' racing programme is due to conclude on Sunday 27 September. The live music night featuring Madness (9 July) saw a large crowd gathered on the Hill, causing some issues for the Downskeepers. Attendance on The Hill on August Bank Holiday Monday was unfortunately limited due to the previously reported poor weather. The rest of the season passed without any notable incidents.

3 Personnel

- 3.1 Downkeeper John Whinder unexpectedly tendered his resignation in July and I am pleased to welcome Adam Young as his replacement. Adam brings a great diversity of experience to the role, including placements with the National Trust, Surrey and Hampshire Wildlife Trusts and the Peoples Trust for Endangered Species.