

THE STARS SHINE AT SANDOWN PARK RACECOURSE

SANDOWN PARK
Send your heart racing 

The Variety Club race meeting on Saturday 1st September is among Sandown Park's most popular and best-loved race days and being the end of the school holidays, is a great family day out and more importantly children under 16 get in for free!

The 49th Variety Club Race Day at Sandown Park promises to be a fun-filled day for all the family. Not only is a quality race card promised but you may find yourself rubbing shoulders with showbiz figures who you will be able to spot in the crowd, e.g. members of the Eastenders cast, celebrity chefs as well as some surprise new guests this year! This is a day to spot a host of celebrities from the world of film, television and theatre all of whom are there to raise funds to improve the lives of many sick, disabled and disadvantaged children throughout the UK.

Whilst the adults might be concentrating on the racing, there will be fun and games in abundance for the visiting children, with an array of sporting events on offer such as Football and Basketball shootouts, along with Crazy Golf – all specially organized for the big day. The Mr Men, childhood favourites for generations, will also be present, with long-established favourites like Mr.Bump, Mr.Happy and Little Miss Chatterbox touring all over the course to ensure that everybody goes away with a smile on their face.



To support this event, £2 of the ticket prices will go directly to The Variety Club – Premier tickets will be £25 and Grandstand tickets £17. The aim of this is to raise much needed funds to support the charity in its mission to improve the lives of sick, disabled and disadvantaged children throughout the UK.

Gates will open at approximately 12.00pm, with the first race at 2.05pm. For further information on The Variety Club race meeting or to book tickets please call Sandown Park on 01372 470047 or visit www.sandown.co.uk.

FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A FAMILY TICKET (TWO ADULTS AND THREE CHILDREN)

to Sandown Park Racecourse on Saturday 1st September plus a Meal Voucher each, SIMPLY ANSWER THIS QUESTION:

What is the name of the race day being held on 1st September at Sandown Park?

Answers on a postcard to Sandown Competition
Taxi Globe 12 Firs Close Hatfield AL10 8NP.
Please remember to include your name and address.
Closing date is 21st August 2007.

MASTER OF WCHCD ATTENDS BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY

As her year as the first Lady Master of The Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers draws to a close, Patricia Stanley was invited to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, along with a guest. Pat said: "This was a wonderful afternoon. Luckily the weather was kind to us and we were able to enjoy a stroll around the lovely gardens before Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh arrived. The afternoon tea was very nice – many different types of canapés, a choice of sandwiches, all cut perfectly into soldiers, and the cakes were to die for, all made individually. There was a choice of soft drinks, iced coffee, or tea."

Guests were ushered into a line, forming two channels from the Palace steps ready to see the Queen as she and her party arrived. An usher dressed in top hat and tails directed guests where to stand. Pat said: "The Queen walked past first from our left, accompanied by her ushers and ladies in waiting. The Queens looked lovely, dressed in turquoise." Pat was lucky enough to be able to speak to Prince Phillip. One of the ushers told Pat that Prince Phillip looks out for interesting badges and the Badge of Office for The Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers was hanging proudly round Pat's neck. Pat continued: "Sure enough, Prince Phillip

singled me out. He spotted the Badge and asked what the Badge represented. I told him I was Master of a Livery Company, and on a closer look, he said, "Oh the Wheelwrights," to which I replied: "No Sir, The Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers." "Really?" he asked, "Do you have to be a taxi driver to be a member," "Yes Sir," I replied. Prince Phillip then went on to ask Pat: "Are you a taxi driver?" "Yes Sir, I am," she replied. "How splendid," he said and then went on to asked why the Badge of the WCHCD has spurs on it. "You do not use spurs," Prince Phillip commented. "Not these days Sir, that is true," Pat replied. But in the days when the Livery Company first came into being of course the spurs were used with the horses and so the spurs were put on the Badge when it was designed.

Pat and her friend were thrilled to have enjoyed the afternoon at the Palace and enjoyed meeting and talking to Prince Phillip. Pat said: "This Garden Party is one of my last duties as Master and it has been a lovely day. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as Master."

