

SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

Back from the Motherland

Dear valued clients and friends

I had a magic carpet ride on my overseas trip. The book expo was truly amazing. By all accounts I have sold the rights for publishing in India. Only one company per country is able to buy the rights.

One funny story I must share. When staying at my friend's property in Salisbury, England, I was asked to drive the car to a paddock down the road and pick her and her kids up after they had put the ponies out to pasture.

When I arrived, there was an enormous cow mooing in the middle of the road. On the right hand side facing me was a line up of cars protecting concerned people, including a cop on the radio asking for back up. I asked what the problem was. The cop said: "stand easy, just calling for back up." I immediately shooed the cow, whilst saying: "it's only a bloody cow!" and she ran into the woods. The Cop jumps out of the car and shakes my hand, then says: "I say, well done". How funny is that?

Now whilst I was having fun, **BLACK PIRATE**, **BILLET**, **FREDDY** and **SHADE OF GREEN** all performed really



ABOVE: CHRIS SAYS "GOLD WILL RETURN TO THE WINNERS CIRCLE AT RANDWICK REAL SOON"

well at the trials at Hawkesbury on the 18th. **CLEO'S GIFT** was a little lost and didn't handle the wet track in her very first trial, so she is forgiven.

Goulburn races 6/4 were held on a shifty wet track, **LADY GREEN** was very stiff not to have won. She ran a gallant and close second.

FREDDY was asked to settle and chase. Freddy said NO, plus he wasn't happy in the going.

TOHGA was taken to the university after his, yet again, disappointing run. He is now out for 6 to 8 months with the assurance that he will return brand new!

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Wadey held the fort while I was gone, with help and many thanks to our great staff, David, Emily, Jane, Josh and our French connection Sandra.

Actually Sandra's family were perfect as hosts and tour guides around Paris and the magnificent Chantilly - how lucky was I?

Then I returned to share the best day that Bathurst Turf club holds - ANZAC Day. It rained all the way until the Blue Mountains were behind us.

The blue sky was a treat to see after continual grey skies and rain. (Not OS, it was perfect weather, 29c in Salisbury).

LADY GREEN once again was very unlucky not to win. In running second she kept her brides maid status. But what an honest mare she is. Although she has been a bride twice!



ABOVE: THE ENTRANCE TO CHANTILLY RACE COURSE, WITH CRYSTAL, SANDRA'S SISTER. THEY OBVIOUSLY DIDN'T KNOW I WAS COMING.

Her half sister **SHADE OF GREEN**, (not my choice for a name - reminds me of a hang over!) took part in an open two-year-old handicap over 1100 metres, this being her first start in a race.

She got back just like her big sister and ran home exactly the same way to run a close fourth. A great start to a promising career. Maybe we'll have lots of hangovers after her many wins in the future.



LEFT: RHONDA AND RAY, DON'T HAVE TO OWN A HORSE ON THE DAY TO COME CHEER THE STABLE ON ATGOULBORN RACES.

FREDDY was allowed his head this time and kept the same pace in front for most of the way. This was until the sprinters out-sprinted him at the very end of a 1400 metre race. We are hoping he can run that pace over 2000 metres in his next start at Kembla 14/5. Mathematically that should put him in the finish.

MISS ARIANNA showed real effort after being trapped wide all the way. She continued to punch all the way to the line - a very good start to her prep.

Meanwhile, our dear little **SWING AND SING** said 'I'm tired and I want to go for a well earned holiday like Dor'. So we took note and put her out to pasture for 6 weeks.

Coming along very nicely are **SMART AUSBRED** and now after a little let up **AUSBRED OPRAH**. Also **AUSBRED GOLD** (she will trial next Monday at Warwick farm).

BLACK PIRATE will join **AUSBRED GOLD** on Monday. This little group will be the ones to follow, as well as **BILLET** who is running (track permitting) at Kembla next Tuesday.

We look forward to seeing you next Sunday for the open day. If you could let us know if you will be coming, it would be a great help with the catering.

Sending Rainbows, Dor & Wade.



ABOVE: I'm having this turf delivered to Hawkesbury tomorrow!!!!!!

WICKY WACKY FARMS DOES LONDON

This was a truly amazing experience. So many people and so much to see - especially about the way we will all read books in the future. I for one will stay true to the paper form, there's just something about lending and borrowing books with friends.

Coffee stains, slightly torn ears of the pages, the hand written words stating who the book belongs to and when it was purchased.

It's like they have a history all of their own, not to mention the discussion with the owner as to what you thought of it.

I was told by our rights agent that my stories, including the unpublished ones, have been sold to India.



ABOVE: ME OUTSIDE THE LONDON BOOK FAIR.

I have yet to see the contract, but I am convinced someone in India will buy it as I had several very, very nice Indian chappies lined up to buy the rights.

All in all it was amazing and I was able to get my books out to some countries that I hadn't even heard of. I'll rest on my laurels for a while, but in saying that I intend to do a lot more at home, like reading around schools and libraries. So if anyone wants me to attend their kid's or grandkid's school just give me a buzz.

I do hope you got a giggle with the cow story. It was just like an English Sitcom.

Love Dor

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