

BLC NOTES – ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE 3 March 2026

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jimmy Wallace, Executive Director; Russell White; Joe O’Gorman; Vicki Moore; Steve Clare.

Apologies – Jason Newberry; Robert Speechley.

TRADING FEEDBACK FROM BOOKMAKERS

Overall, bookmakers reported that betting turnover was good and held up well at the bigger meetings, notably during June, July & August, but was poorer at the shoulder fixtures towards the start and year end includingly the NH fixture on NYD.

Tattersalls were grateful for the provision by the racecourse of tables & chairs for the use of racegoers.

The new betting area outside the weighing room was discussed, and it was confirmed by the racecourse that the additional £100 per meeting DBB charge would be made only for the fixtures of May – August inclusive.

NEW SEASON RACECOURSE PLANS

There will again be 26 race meetings – 22 Flat meetings & 4 Jumps meetings.

JW reported that attendance figures went up from 75k in 2024 to 90k in 2025 – this was helped by an additional fixture, and a second Bank Holiday fixture in May, but shows that racecourse attendance at Windsor is on an upward trajectory.

This year the season opens in May with the Bank Holiday Family Fun Day on May 4th.

In total there will be 5 meetings in May. The Family Fun Day on the 4th will be followed on Monday 11th by the first Monday Night Racing fixture with a Free Raceday for local residents (2 free tickets available by website application until end March), at which point it will revert to £10 entry tickets. On Monday 18th May there will be a Flavours of India racenight, followed on Saturday 23rd May by the first music event after racing – Dance Through The Decades. Finally in May, on Bank Holiday Monday 25th afternoon is the Football Mania Family Funday Day.

JW commented that the run of racedays from June to August this year has a stronger line-up with the themes and post-racing music than last year. June has 6 racedays, kicking off with Ibiza Rewind Racenight on Monday 1st June; Irish Racenight on Monday 8th; Ronnie Scott’s Jazz Racenight on Monday 15th; Pimms & Prosecco Racenight on Monday 22nd; Ladies Day on Saturday 27th June (where ticket sales are strong and hospitality is already 80% sold out) and the last June fixture will be An Evening with Queen Racenight on Monday 29th.

The busy summer continues into July with the Rum & Reggae Racenight on Monday 13th; Soul & Motown Racenight on Monday 20th and the Country & Western Racenight on Monday 27th which proved a popular addition to the calendar last year.

A very full August of another 6 racedays commences with the ABBA Racenight on Monday 3rd; 80's Explosion Music Racenight on Monday 10th; the exciting addition of Madness Live Racenight after racing for the fixture on Thursday 13th; Elton John Tribute Racenight on Monday 17th; Proms in the Paddock Racenight on Monday 24th, rounding August off on Saturday 29th with Mark Wright DJ Set.

In September the Flat season will conclude with two Monday afternoon fixtures on the 7th & 14th.

The final 2026 fixture is the NH Jumps Racing Opener which has moved from a Sunday last year to a Saturday this year, taking place on Saturday 14th November.

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J.O'G requested that the DBB charge for the Madness music might be reviewed and reduced – JW to discuss & revert in due course.

It was confirmed that the Tattersalls anchor points had been attended to and all are now functional. Some additional drainage had now been added to avoid puddles forming near any betting stations.

Please could some matting be put down on the grass in front of the betting areas around the back during inclement weather – JW to implement.

JW suggested that the racecourse could notify bookmakers of their projected public attendance numbers via a message on the RBC website.

NEXT MEETING TBA.