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PRESS RELEASE

Cheltenham Festival Preview Evening in aid of Racing Welfare and The Racing Centre

Independent bookmaker, Star Sports, is once again sponsoring a Cheltenham Festival Preview Evening in Newmarket to provide racing enthusiasts with the latest information and tips for the extremely popular National Hunt Festival.

This year the preview evening will take place on Friday 7th March at the New Astley Club (soon to be renamed The Racing Centre) in Fred Archer Way. A superb panel of racing experts has been lined up to pass on their knowledge and statistical insight of all Festival races including the legendary Gold Cup, World Hurdle and Queen Mother Champion Chase.

Panel members include The Sun's Claude Duval, Racing UK's Oli Bell, local trainer John Ferguson, bookmaker Luke Tarr, former National Hunt jockey Steve Smith-Eccles and former Channel 4 presenter and current Racing Welfare Chief Executive, Lesley Graham.

All proceeds from this event will be split between Racing Welfare and The Racing Centre, both of which support stud and stable staff in the local area.

Tickets cost £12 each with a small discount being offered to existing New Astley Club members and Star Sports members will get in for free.

For further information and to order tickets contact the New Astley Club on 01638 662828; paulburling@newastleyclub.co.uk or contact Racing Welfare on 01638 560763.

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Notes to editors:

Racing Welfare is a UK-wide charity whose headquarters are in Newmarket. It serves the needs of racing personnel from the beginning of their careers through to retirement. The wide range of help provided includes provision of affordable housing, mentoring schemes for young workers, advice for those coping with illness and disabilities; through to specialist counselling and support at times of need or personal crisis.

The New Astley Club, (soon to be renamed The Racing Centre.) Aims to improve the quality of life for people working within the horseracing industry predominantly in Newmarket by providing a range of support services and community development opportunities.

Star Sports, the UK's leading luxury bookmaker, Star Sports was launched as Star Racing in 1999. With the acquisition of independent bookmakers Vickers, Waldron and Turner & Kendrick, the company soon outgrew its on-course roots. Now based in Brighton, Star Racing was rebranded in the summer of 2009 to reflect this growth and the wider portfolio of services offered to its clients.