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WETHERBY'S MONDAY CARD REMEMBERS ONE OF YORKSHIRE'S FINEST TRAINERS

Wetherby's Jumping season continues with a meeting on Monday (February 12), when racing is scheduled to begin at 2-00 p.m.

One of the great trainers over Jumps, Neville Crump, is remembered with a Novices' Handicap Chase held in his memory – a £10,000 race contested over two miles. Captain Crump trained many big-race winners from his base at Warwick House in Middleham, North Yorkshire, including three Grand National winners – Sheila's Cottage (1948), Teal (1952) and Merryman II (1960). He was champion trainer twice in the 1950's.

The feature race of the afternoon is The Penelope Denny 'Over The Hill!' Handicap Hurdle (extended two and a half miles). The title of this £16,000 contest over timber draws attention to the 60th birthday celebrations of Penny Denny, a member of the local hunting fraternity and stalwart of the York & Ainsty North Hunt.

The giant totesport screen, situated opposite the main stands, will enable racegoers to enjoy even more of the action.

The Wetherby Trainers' Challenge, now in its third season, offers bonuses totalling £10,000 for trainers and stable staff, depending upon winners and placed horses obtained throughout the campaign which ends on May 10. The competition continues to be led by the current holder, County Durham-based trainer Howard Johnson with an impressive tally of 479 points, followed by the inaugural winner, Sue Smith on 221 points, Ferdy Murphy (204), Keith Reveley (191) and Tim Easterby (152).

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