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David O'Callaghan and Rolline Kavanagh

## Wonderful wedding at the seat of high kings

THE worlds of racing and bloodstock were united on Saturday in celebration of the marriage of David O'Callaghan and Rolline Kavanagh in St Moling's Chapel, situated in the grounds of the bride's family home, Borris House, in the town of Borris, Co Carlow. The ancestral home of the McMorrough Kavanaghs, High Kings of Leinster, Borris House is set with a backdrop of Mount Leinster and the Blackstairs Mountain and is on the banks of the River Barrow.

Rolline was given away by her father Andrew who, together with his wife Tina and the family extended a warm welcome to some 200 guests. The renowned international pianist Finghin Collins played the organ and the Very Reverend Tom Gordon officiated at the ceremony. The Irish Field's racing and sales correspondent Ryan McGilligott was best man and he, along with many of

the wedding party, were also keeping one eye on racing at the Curragh where the Dark Angel sired Sovereign Debt was the winner of the listed race over a mile.

As the bride and groom walked down the aisle, word also came through that Markaz, a son of Dark Angel who stands at Gay and Annette O'Callaghan's Morristown Lattin Stud, landed a Group 2 at Newmarket for Barry Hills. Annette is also one of the owners of Electric Cruise who performed with great honour eventing during the weekend with Joseph Murphy.

Lamb from the Borris House farm featured in the wedding meal, while the party went on into the small hours where guests danced the night away to the appropriately named Epic. A number of the wedding party also made it to the Curragh for racing on Sunday to round off a magnificent weekend of celebration.

## Get your runners on for jockeys

JOG For Jockeys is back and the fundraiser for the Irish Injured Jockeys' Fund this year will take place on Sunday, August 23rd at the Curragh.

This will be the fifth anniversary of Jog For Jockeys and it will be the biggest event so far. Run, jog or walk the 5k or 10k routes across the Curragh and up the home straight, crossing the same winning line as so many of the heroes of racing have

done before you.

Audrey O'Dwyer, organiser of Jog For Jockeys said: "Our riders risk injury every time they race. Racehorses gallop at speeds of 38 to 40mph and falls can happen at any time, on the flat or over obstacles.

"What other sportsperson has a minimum of two ambulances and a doctor travelling behind them each time they compete?"

"By supporting the Jog

For Jockeys, you are supporting the bravest men and women in sport."

You can pre-register online now at [www.jogforjockeys.ie](http://www.jogforjockeys.ie). Entry costs €20 or €25 and you will receive a free Jog For Jockeys t-shirt. Children are free but can be registered to receive an official timing chip. Teams of five can be entered for €100.

The 10k race begins at 11am with the 5k going to post at 11.30am.



Farriery apprentices from the Irish School of Farriery and ISF Manager Anne Channon present their globe to Curragh racecourse manager Paul Hensley to commemorate the 150th Irish Derby. Back, l-r: Adam Finnegan, Jamie O'Sullivan, Paul Hensley, Anne Channon, Sean Bracken, Gerry Stafford. Front, l-r: Eddie Conway, Anthony Flynn, Killian Carroll

## Celebrating the 150th Irish Derby with a Globe of Fame

FINAL year farriery apprentices from the Irish School of Farriery, Kildare were approached by the Curragh Racecourse earlier this year to create a piece of art to commemorate the 150th Irish Derby. The group was keen and they started work on the project in April this year under the watchful eye of school instructors

Donal Bennett MF and Brian Dunne ME.

The finished piece, entitled *Irish Derby Globe of Fame*, comprises 150 handcrafted horsehooves each representing 149 previous winners of the Irish Derby and the 2015 winner Jack Hobbs. The globe was presented to the Curragh Racecourse last weekend.

### APPRENTICES

As an acknowledgment of their efforts the apprentices were allowed to escort the 2015 Derby jockeys from the weigh-room to the parade ring for the feature race. The globe will remain on permanent display at the racecourse.

## London calling



ANYONE visiting London over the next few days has until Friday to view French artist Hubert de Witgrain's latest solo exhibition at the Osborne Studio Gallery in Motcomb Street, London SW1. De Witgrain's work has long been highly regarded among racing artists' aficionados.

A celebration of the relationship between horses and those who dedicate much of their life to them, this is a fascinating collection which takes in the quieter moments pre- and post-race as well as the heat of battle.

Those with a particular fondness for NH racing may be tempted by *After The Race* (mixed media) for the quoted price of £5,500 or *Jockeys*, one of them in the J.P. McManus colours and quite possibly *A.P. McCrecks*, the jockeys are seen from behind, who make their way back to the weigh-room, musing on what might have been.

There are striking splashes of colour in an oil and acrylic on cardboard painting entitled *Warwick* (£2,850) and *Flax* (mixed medium on paper, £2,850) which not only captures French provincial racing quite perfectly but has a faded parchment racecard in the background, a typical De Witgrain touch, with his name visible for those prepared to look closely enough. Check out [www.osg.uk.com](http://www.osg.uk.com).

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