

# Profile

**Name:** Clive Webb-Carter

**Course:** Agriculture and Farm Management

**Class of:** 1999

## It's all in the breeding

**Clive Webb-Carter's passion for the racing industry has seen him triumph over injury to establish his successful Bloodstock Services, specialising in racehorse pedigree research.**

My time at the RAC has proved to be a very valuable grounding, writes Clive. I arrived at Cirencester having already spent two years in the racing industry and wanted very much to continue in it after College. Having spent much of my childhood growing up on my grandparent's estate, I chose to study agriculture and farm management; perhaps not the obvious choice but I have a great love of farming and it is still a life that interests me. The RAC gave me two wonderful years where I learnt a lot and made friends for life as well as essential contacts; the racing industry is littered with former RAC students, so my being one has been very useful.

Upon leaving the College, I worked for trainer John Dunlop for 18 months before relocating to Mill Ridge Stud in Kentucky, USA. Whilst there, I broke my back and this very much changed the direction of my career. Not being able to work physically, I went to a pedigree office to learn more about bloodlines of thoroughbreds and soon realised this was the area in which I wanted to concentrate. After a further five years in Newmarket, I took a big risk and started a business helping agents, breeders and consigners of pedigree research.



With the few clients I had, I moved back home to Fairford, Gloucestershire and since then it has gone from strength to strength.

The autumn time is my busiest as breeders have to make decisions on stallions for their mares as well as it being the main sales season. I find that I am frantically busy helping both vendors and buyers researching horses they are either selling or potentially purchasing. With something like 18 sales within 18 weeks it can be a manic period. By late summer, I am already planning clients' mating plans for their

broodmares. I enjoy all parts of my job but particularly this area as you select which stallions might suit which mare the best. I always provide a list rather than one choice as it gives the client options so they can make the final decision, as they will always be the breeder.

My other work includes compiling stud books, writing articles and helping to manage a racing syndicate and I have to take on help for these busy times. Again it was the College that put me in contact with Kate Hannam. Kate, who is currently back at the RAC studying

for her Masters, graduated from International Equine and Agricultural Business Management with a first class degree and has proved to be invaluable to the business.

With much of winter not so busy I am able to enjoy my hunting with the VWH. This has also been a passion of mine and it is a love which I share with Pippa Kidson-Trigg (Auctioneer and Marketing Director of Kidson-Trigg) who I married in April 2008.

Clive Webb-Carter Bloodstock Services

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