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A CORRUPT JUDGE DOES NOT CAREFULLY SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH

It is fascinating that lauded Roman poet Quintus Horatius Flaccus, who is now better known as just Horace, had someone like Deputy District Judge Michael Green of Cambridgeshire in mind when he wrote the above line over two thousand years ago. Or maybe Green, in simple modern parlance, is just on the take in some way like many judges these days.

Judge Dack presided over the preliminary management hearings as the various protocols associated with a fast track civil case were satisfied and, in particular, the order he made confirming that Tong and Lamble were to be relied upon to provide expert evidence. Sherwood had made no application to the court to amend Dack's order regarding the two vets, it was rock solid evidence, and that was a big problem. It had to go.

Dack didn't take the case when it was called at Peterborough County Court on 19 February 2016. Deputy District Judge Green (pictured) was parachuted in and soon gave every indication he already knew who would win.

He is one of those arrogant lawyers who believes the law serves him rather than he serves the law. It's a growing trend, as is the ability of the most powerful litigants to get their kind of judge put in charge on trial day. Green splits his time as a high flying partner at Howes Percival Solicitors and as a part-time judge at Peterborough.

He boasts on his firm's website of his accolades and blue chip clientele - BDO, Mazars, RSM, Ben's Cookies, and big shots in the automotive industry and impressive Cambridge tech companies. There's less slime in a wheelbarrow full of slugs.

Here is a summary of the judgment Green delivered on the Sherwood and Waring case.

GREEN: I have read and had regard to all of the orders of the court. The purported expert report from Dr Tong and the purported expert report from Gemma Lambell (sic) do not appear, either on their face or in substance, to be CPR Part 35 expert reports at all.

BUT: Six months earlier, Deputy District Judge Dack made an order in a case management hearing granting Waring permission to rely on the same reports of Tong and Lamble as expert evidence. Green decided to overrule Judge Dack's binding court order. No subsequent application by either party involved had requested to change what Judge Dack had ordered. Green was on a solo run to get Sherwood and the BHA off a welfare rap.

GREEN: I have also read and considered the statement of Dr Tong, the statement of Gemma Lambell (sic). I have read and considered the part 35 questions put to them and the answers.

BUT: Green couldn't even get Lamble's name right or that of the British Horseracing Authority, revealing his contempt for what proper justice should stand for. In the words of Horace, he wasn't careful at all in pursuit of the truth.

Following Judge Dack's order officially recognising Tong's and Lamble's reports, Sherwood put a detailed list of questions to the vets as the agreed experts appointed under Civil Procedure Rules. The trainer attempted to undermine the expert evidence, but Tong and Lamble stood firm behind the opinions they expressed in their reports.

GREEN: Towards the close, it purports to comply with Part 35 by including a statement of compliance. Dr Tong is not here to answer why that appears in his statement but the remainder of his statement does not, to me, have the appearance of an independent expert report prepared pursuant of Part 35 of the Civil Procedure Rules.

BUT: Green bizarrely questions why Tong has included a statement of compliance, but this is a set requirement to be given by an expert appointed under Court Rules. Tong and Lamble had done everything right, this is how expert evidence is presented. Here is that statement they both included in their reports.

"I understand my duty as an expert witness is to the Court. I have complied with that duty and will continue to comply with it. This report includes all matters relevant to the issues on which my expert evidence is given. I have given details in this report of any matters which might affect the validity of this report. I have addressed this report to the Court. I further understand that my duty to the Court overrides any obligation to the parties from whom I received instructions."

The two vets also included a statement of truth as part of their signed evidence. Their statements fully satisfied the requirements of Civil Procedure Rules, which is why Judge Dack made a court order that Waring could rely on this evidence. The court had already accepted the vets' written testimony, only for Green to corruptly abuse his power to help Sherwood and the BHA out of the mess they were in.

GREEN: It appears to be the position of Dr Tong that he is not an expert and has never been appointed as one. Indeed, I must question also his willingness to appear as a witness in light of his comments.
The only proper inference I can draw is that Dr Tong has not been instructed as an independent expert reporting into the court and thus his statement has no standing as an expert report. It is a witness statement.
Dr Tong was not here to confirm or be cross-examined upon his statement, nor was Gemma Lambell (sic). I am not therefore comfortable attaching any real weight to the statements.

BUT: Not only had Tong and Lamble fully complied with court rules, but Tong's letter to Judge Dack revealed that Waring had fully instructed him about what was expected. Tong wrote in his letter to the judge:
However, to ensure we have not fallen foul of any formal instructions by the court we have continued to fulfil any obligations we believe we may have been instructed to do by the court.
I therefore asked her (Waring) to state, word for word, what was required from us. This she did in piecemeal over 3 emails. We then amended the reports and emailed them to the court.

Despite Green saying he had read all the case papers which showed Waring had done everything according to the rules as Judge Dack stipulated, Green made Tong's and Lamble's reports disappear and put in their place a BHA report which shouldn't have even been a part of this case.

GREEN: I take note of the personal view of Miss Waring on the condition of Treasury Bond. I accept fully that she considers the horse was passed back in a poor state of health and a poor condition.
However, that is not the test I have to apply. I have to decide whether, on the balance of probabilities, Miss Waring has proved to this court that the claimant Mr Sherwood failed in his contractual and common law duties and to properly care for the horse in question.
The only independent evidence I have on this within all the documentation before me is provided by the British Horseracing Association (sic). I particularly am struck by Page 153 and the findings of the vet who inspected Treasury Bond just a few days after his return to Miss Waring.
The inspection took place on 22 July 2014. It is the professional opinion of the independent vet, Tessa Muir, that Treasury Bond, that "Although in lighter than optimum body condition [Treasury Bond] did not display any signs of obvious distress or neglect."

BUT: Green struck out Tong's and Lamble's evidence which clearly showed Sherwood and his staff failed to properly care for Treasury Bond and replaced it with one line from Muir's report, which had no legitimate place in these proceedings anyway, to destroy Waring's counterclaim against Sherwood.
Muir was not an independent vet and neither was she present in court on the day to answer any questions, which Green said was important when he decided to put a line through Tong's evidence. There were no statements of compliance or truth included in Muir's report, which were essential for it to meet the criteria as expert evidence.
When Waring made a complaint to the BHA about the condition of Treasury Bond, the regulator sent Muir to examine the horse. It was an internal BHA investigation and when Muir produced her report, which was unsigned and not intended as expert court evidence, it was addressed to Waring personally and marked **PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL.**

Eight months after Muir produced her report, Emma Chugg, Sherwood's racing secretary, wrote to Paul Beeby, then the BHA's Head of Integrity, asking for information about Waring. Beeby replied on 9 March 2015:

"Tom Astley passed on your request for details of correspondence between myself and Sarah Waring and a copy of the report by Mark Beecroft into the welfare of Treasury Bond. In general terms this is confidential documentation which we would not disclose. That said I would like to assist if possible. Can I suggest that the solicitor representing Mr Sherwood makes contact with our own compliance team detailing what the case is and exactly what information is required."

Beeby put in 26 years with the Cambridgeshire Police Authority, ending up as a Detective Sergeant. He then spent nearly 13 years at the BHA, separately as the Head of Investigations and Head of Intelligence and when those roles were combined, Head of Integrity. From there he served two years as Head of Integrity and Compliance for the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Mauritius and since 2021 has been Intelligence Manager with Genius Sports, an information, gambling and media company.

He gave sound advice about Sherwood's request; it's confidential and wouldn't normally be disclosed, get your solicitor to contact the compliance team. But it wasn't a firm of solicitors who contacted the BHA. It was AR Legal Collections Ltd, a debt collection company who falsely passed themselves off as solicitors acting on behalf of Sherwood throughout this case. They would routinely refer to themselves as just AR Legal as part of the scam.

"While we understand the BHA's need to maintain confidentiality in its internal assessments in conducting an investigation, we would find it helpful to see and potentially rely on any documents that record the condition of Treasury Bond at the material time."

The two directors who ran AR Legal Collections Ltd were Arno Rudolf, who claims to be an accountant, and Richard Wilne, a qualified solicitor who wasn't licensed to practice at that time. More about these two in the next chapter.

Danielle Sharkey, Legal and Compliance Adviser for the BHA, replied to Wilne's request. **"As you rightly recognise, we have a duty to maintain confidentiality in all material produced as part of an investigation and our other regulatory functions. Notwithstanding, we wish to be of assistance to your client to the extent possible in the circumstances and as such, we have today posted the following documentation."**

Despite clearly acknowledging the truth of this situation, that the BHA had a duty of confidentiality to Waring, Sharkey sent AR Legal Collections every document pertaining to the case at this point including private correspondence with Waring. She did this without ever contacting Waring to discuss Wilne's request; it was clear the BHA was content to break the law to play a full part in the conspiracy to protect Sherwood at Waring's cost. Muir's report was one of the documents the BHA illegally gave to the debt collectors who weren't solicitors at all.

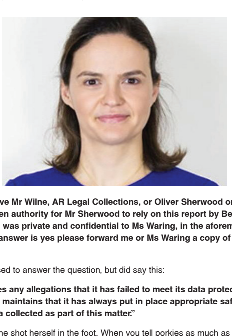
When Waring found out at a court case management hearing what Sharkey had done, she requested the BHA share with her full details of the report they made to Sherwood about her complaint against him. Sharkey replied: **"The document created is the property of the BHA and you are not entitled to see that particular document. Without the consent of Mr Sherwood we would be breaking the law in disclosing it to you.**

Sharkey said she would ask Sherwood for his permission, but he refused. What was in the BHA report which made Sherwood so scared of showing it to Waring? It has remained a secret ever since. The BHA revealed in their own words there was one rule for Sherwood and another for Waring; they were at the heart of the conspiracy to cover-up for the Grand National winning trainer and crush just an ordinary, regular racing person.

The Muir report became central to Sherwood's case. Without it he had nothing else worthwhile to put forward in his defence to allegations of negligence. He relied on it to show, in Muir's words, that although Treasury Bond was not in good condition and was obviously lame, he **"did not display any signs of obvious distress or neglect."**

But, not only was Treasury Bond sedated and therefore calm when Muir examined him, Sherwood had not been given written authority to include her private and confidential report in his legal action against Waring. The judge may be corrupt but he is no fool, he knew exactly what was going on. So, too, did the BHA. This whole case was so well choreographed.

I contacted Catherine Beloff (pictured), Director of Legal And Governance for the BHA, and asked her just one question ahead of publication of this story, which surprisingly has never before appeared in the media despite numerous court hearings. Somebody had pulled a few strings to keep it out of sight.



"Did the BHA give Mr Wilne, AR Legal Collections, or Oliver Sherwood or any other associate, written authority for Mr Sherwood to rely on this report by Beecroft and Muir, which was private and confidential to Ms Waring, in the aforementioned hearing? If the answer is yes please forward me or Ms Waring a copy of that permission."

Beloff refused to answer the question, but did say this:

"The BHA refutes any allegations that it has failed to meet its data protection obligations and maintains that it has always put in place appropriate safeguards to protect any data collected as part of this matter."

And then she shot herself in the foot. When you tell porkies as much as Beloff you are going to get caught out eventually.

"As these proceedings were a private matter between Mr Sherwood and Ms Waring, the BHA does not intend to make any further comment on them."

So the obvious question is: if Waring's complaint was a private matter, which it clearly was, why did the regulator supply numerous documents clearly marked private and confidential to Sherwood's fake solicitors?

It's because, as Sharkey said in her emails, the BHA wanted to help Sherwood as much as they could and in doing so they obstructed Waring as much as they could. The bent judge used those documents to decide Sherwood's legal action in his favour. If Green had been carefully searching for the truth, as Horace suggested, he would have found Sherwood and the BHA were up to their necks in lies and deceit. But then, the judge was in on the scam.

I asked Beloff my one question a second time, but she didn't reply. Her silence is a damning indictment of the BHA's utter lack of integrity in this case; they can't even give an honest answer to one simple, straightforward question because it would prove how duplicitous and corrupt they were.

Then, along came the one judge who could see what was really going on.

HER MOTHER IS ALIVE - TAKE HER ASSETS

Mrs Joan Preece, a successful businesswoman and member of the Treasury Bond syndicate, was the only witness from either side that saw the horse run at Bath and who attended court and gave evidence, but Green cut her testimony short and completely ignored her sworn written statement when he gave his judgment. Just like with Tong, Green made the redoubtable Mrs Preece's evidence disappear because it didn't fit his narrative for how this case would end.

She said in her statement that she had racehorses running under her company name for around forty years. **"I have always regarded the welfare of the company horses as paramount and I always keep and look after our horses when their racing days are over and have several horses now in their 30s."**

Importantly, she explained clearly how the syndicate was formed: **"I was one of seven paying members of the syndicate, the eighth member being Sarah (Waring) who was a non fee paying member as she had provided a free lease of Treasury Bond to the syndicate."** She was joined by three other syndicate members at Bath - John Brookes, Simon Butler and Adam Worth - and all four went to see their horse in the parade ring.

Mrs Preece thought Treasury Bond looked **"extremely thin"** compared to the other horses but couldn't get a full view of him because he was wearing a paddock sheet the whole time even though it was a very warm evening, so she went to the car to collect her camera to take some photographs when the horse was being unsaddled after the race.

"In the event I could not get near the horse at all. The horse was spinning round and round and tossing his head in a highly distressed fashion. I approached him to give him a pat to attempt to calm him but just couldn't as he would have knocked me to the ground. He was emitting an unusual sound and was noisily distressed. I always like to give them a pat and have a chat as to their performance with the trainer. I could do neither."

Mrs Preece, with considerable knowledge and experience as an owner who cared about her horses, said she believed Treasury Bond was not in a fit state to race that day at Bath. Her opinion should have carried significant weight in the hearing before Judge Green, but he wasn't listening. Mrs Preece made sure she told the full story in her written statement.

"Although we had taken a lease on the horse for six months, due to his malnourished state and with such muscle wastage he was unable to remain in training. None of my other horses in training with other trainers have ever looked in the same bodily condition as Treasury Bond."

Despite Mrs Preece confirming that Treasury Bond was raced by a syndicate of eight people who were all named in the relevant BHA documentation, Judge Green made a finding at the end of the case that Waring alone was liable for the outstanding training fees claimed by Sherwood. Waring acted as the spokesperson for the syndicate and had paid all invoices presented for the horse's training - over £4,000 - from funds provided by all the partners.

Green conceded that all bills due had been paid up to the time the horse left Sherwood's yard after the Bath race. The syndicate members were so angry about Treasury Bond's condition that they refused to make any further payments to him, but Green crucified Waring when making her alone pay for standing up to Sherwood. It doesn't remotely represent justice, but justice wasn't on Green's mind when he gave Sherwood everything he wanted.

The judge ordered Waring pay the trainer £9,361.10, of which only £1985.96 actually represented outstanding training fees. The rest were costs levied by Sherwood's fake solicitors, AR Legal Collections. And then came his final act of treachery.

"I do not necessarily dispute that Treasury Bond is injured or lame but there is not sufficient evidence upon which to base any assertion or legal claim that it was due to the conduct of Mr Sherwood or his staff. Accordingly I dismiss the counterclaim."

But Green had struck out Waring's evidence. So who was responsible for the horse's condition?

Waring, with the full support of her family, resolutely refused to pay Sherwood. Two months later AR Legal Collections, acting for Sherwood, sent bailiffs to Waring's mother's home.

"My mother twice had bailiffs enter her home. They were sent by Richard Wilne. He told them there was furniture there belonging to me they could take. She's 82 and was frightened half to death. I don't live with my mother and she has nothing whatsoever to do with this court case."

Documents show that Wilne told bailiffs: **"DEBTOR'S MOTHER IS ALIVE"** and to take her assets. He also instructed them to find out where Sarah Waring was keeping her Thoroughbred stallion, Beat All. **"IT'S HER PRIDE AND JOY,"** Wilne wrote.

When the bailiffs went away empty handed, Sherwood instructed AR Legal Collections to bankrupt Waring.

But he hadn't reckoned for Judge Christopher Falvey. Without hearing any evidence, an angry Judge Falvey dismissed the petition as an abuse of process after looking through the case papers at Bedford Court. The judge stated the petition was issued by AR Legal Collections and they were referred to as the solicitor for the petitioning creditor, Sherwood.

Judge Falvey asked the barrister representing Sherwood if AR Legal Collections were solicitors and he replied they were not. The judge said that holding oneself out as a solicitor would, in his opinion, constitute a criminal offence.

Waring told the judge Rudolph's company had been illegally acting as solicitors throughout the case from day one and asked if this could result in the judgment against her being set aside. The judge, who awarded costs against Sherwood, advised her to seek legal advice and he ordered a file be sent to the Metropolitan Police to ascertain if any offences had been committed.

It appears Rudolph (pictured second left with Dettori and Gosden who won a race AR Legal Collections sponsored at Newmarket) was interviewed by the Met but no further action was taken. Waring subsequently found she could not afford the potential costs involved in seeking to set aside the judgment against her which Rudolph had controlled on behalf of Sherwood.

AR Legal Collections website states: **"Recognising that slow payers have always been a problem in racing, Arno and his team at AR Legal have been working with individuals and organisations throughout the racing industry for over 25 years."**

But Companies House records reveal that AR Legal Collections wasn't incorporated until 11 October 2012, ten years ago. The two other connected companies are Group 1 Credit Management Ltd (GCM) and Racing Credit Control Ltd, which were both incorporated on the same day, 22 September 2014. Weatherbys, who are a bank and custodians of the Thoroughbred Stud Book, acquired a controlling interest in GCM. Hopefully, they conducted due diligence on Rudolph and didn't believe his word about anything.

Catherine Beloff either didn't check him out or didn't care anyway. Nor William Haggas or Henry Beeby. When Waring wrote to Beloff asking why the BHA passed confidential documents to Sherwood's fake solicitors, she replied: **"AR Legal Collections held themselves out to the BHA as being debt collectors not solicitors and, in any event, the BHA was satisfied that this company was acting on behalf of Mr Sherwood and with Mr Sherwood's authority."** Beloff and the BHA answer to no one.

Rudolph's website quotes glowing testimonials from Haggas and Beeby. **"The team at AR Legal have been very helpful to us, they are absolute mustard - even better than Colman's,"** joked hilarious Haggas (pictured), one of the UK's leading trainers. **"AR Legal are efficient, discreet and highly effective. They have proved a valuable addition to Goffs in recent years,"** was the verdict of Beeby, chief executive of Goffs, Ireland's premier horse sales company.

There is much more to report about Rudolph and Wilne, who was also a director of AR Legal Collections until he resigned in June 2019. He now promotes himself as a bespoke gardener. Rudolph desperately needed to add a veneer of respectability to his tarnished company so three months later a press announcement indicated he was giving up impersonating a solicitor for a partnership with a real one.

"Edmondson Hall Solicitors in Newmarket have been appointed as the solicitors to AR Legal Collections Ltd and Group 1 Credit Management Ltd (GCM) headed by Arno Rudolph. Weatherbys are a substantial shareholder in GCM.
AR Legal Managing Director, Mr Rudolph, said: "We have known Mark Edmondson a long time and are aware of the Firm's reputation as being the leading Practice in the industry. We have worked together in the past and I am really pleased that we are able to work together more closely in the future."
Mark Edmondson, chief executive of Edmondson Hall, said: "AR Legal do an excellent job pre Court proceedings and it was a natural fit in many ways. We are delighted to be of assistance to Arno and his team."

However, the good ship Arno had been fatally holed. A fanfare of publicity heralded GCMs arrival in July 2018 with Lee Mottershead writing in the Racing Post: **"Trainers are being offered third-party assistance to tackle the scourge of owners who fail to pay bills through a new debt collection service. Group 1 Credit Management, a business created by Weatherbys Racing Bank and Arno Rudolph's AR Legal Collections, will seek to assist members who are struggling with unpaid fees."**

David Hart, associate director of Weatherbys Bank, Rupert Arnold, chief executive of the National Trainers Federation, and Robin Mounsey, on behalf of the BHA, all gave their backing to the new venture, but documents available at Companies House show that GCM is not what it seems.

The Weatherbys controlled company hasn't traded for the five years that have been filed, 2016 - 2020. The accounts are classified as **Total Exemption Full**, which means that the company is effectively dormant and doesn't need to be audited. No profit and loss, balance sheet or turnover figures were provided. For the year 2021, Rudolph has recently filed what are called **Filleted Accounts**, which show even less financial information. The accounts show that GCM had no employees over the last five years.

But the striking revelation is that Weatherbys Bank has now relinquished its controlling stake in GCM and walked away. The only remaining shareholders as of 2022 are listed as Arno Rudolph and his son, Adrian. Someone needs to explain what has happened at GCM: it won't be Arno Rudolph, as he is doing everything he can to hide what's really going on.

He has done the same with the 2016 - 2020 accounts of AR Legal Collections. They have been filed in abbreviated form as **Total Exemption Full** with no key metrics like profit and loss, balance sheet and turnover or explanatory reports by an accountant and director. Rudolph also filed **Filleted Accounts** for 2021. They also showed the company had no employees until 2020, when they had one. Arno Rudolph might be a fraud.

Considering all this, it is somewhat surprising that the return for 2020 shows AR Legal Collections secured a bank loan of £50,000.

It doesn't say who provided this funding and as there is no director's or accountant's report included, which usually happens with unrestricted accounts, it remains a secret. Perhaps Weatherby's Bank knows. Is this connected in any way to Weatherbys ditching its involvement with Arno's GCM?

When Waring contacted the Solicitors Regulation Authority to alert them to Rudolph's impersonation of a solicitor, she was told the SRA did not have jurisdiction to take any kind of action against AR Legal Collections or Arno Rudolph.

"Mr Rudolph is not a solicitor or an employee of a law firm and AR Collections is not an entity that we regulate (and) as such we have no power to take action against the firm and Mr Rudolph. I am considering at the moment whether it is appropriate to make a report to the Financial Conduct Authority in relation to AR Collections. I will also look into the other companies you referred to below, although we are already aware of Racing Credit Control."

The Credit Services Association also told Waring AR Legal Collections **"does not seem to have membership or authorisation with the relevant bodies"** and even today there is no information on the company's website about who regulates it. The truth is Rudolph doesn't do regulation.

The big picture here is that the BHA provided this discredited debt recovery company with private and confidential documentation which ultimately got Oliver Sherwood off a welfare charge and in the process destroyed the reputation of an owner who only wanted accountability for what happened to her syndicate's horse. The buck stops with Catherine Beloff, BHA's Head of Legal and Compliance, who knew everything about this case and Rudolph's role in it.

Waring faced much more than the corrupt trial already mentioned. Threats and vile social media posts have adversely affected her mental and physical wellbeing over a long period of time. She received two threats from friends of Sherwood telling her to back-off with her complaint against the trainer.

She said in a statement included in court papers at Peterborough that Richard Kent, owner of Mickley Stud in Shropshire, telephoned her one night with a warning that if she didn't stop making allegations against Sherwood she would find Treasury Bond dead in the field one morning. Waring knew Kent well.

Another similar threat was made by Rod Reynolds, of Hawton Farm, Little Compton, Warwickshire, where Waring kept a young Thoroughbred filly. **"Rod Reynolds informed me he and the Sherwoods were going to kill our young filly and turn her into dog meat. This was reported to the police. A couple of weeks later, after I had moved her to what I thought was a safe place, I was informed the filly was dead, her tongue was black, it appeared she had been poisoned."**

Waring subsequently secured judgment in the sum of £10,094.24 against Reynolds' son, Scott, at Bristol High Court in a defamation action. I have seen a copy of the judgment, dated 19 August 2021, and it remains unpaid. Scott Reynolds has moved to America, where he and his brother Garrett have secured $3.35m funding from investors for their fledgling company called UpCode.

Waring faced a barrage of abusive and defamatory posts on Facebook orchestrated by Tarnya Sherwood to such a level that Waring made a police complaint of harassment. Gloucester Police emailed her: **"I have an update from Thames Valley Police. They are not going to pursue this as a crime, but have been and spoken to Tarnya Sherwood today. They have offered words of advice that she must stop posting comments on Facebook. The officer who attended is PC 5897 Sayers of Newbury Police Station. Hopefully you can now have some closure on this incident."** There was no closure.

As told in Part One, when Waring made a complaint about the condition of Treasury Bond in July 2014, the BHA sent Investigation Officer John Burgess to interview Sherwood. Burgess said in his report that Sherwood told him Treasury Bond arrived at his yard in February and was ready to run in June. He had never received any medication or veterinary attention whilst in training with him and was never lame or showed any sign he was not coping with the rigours of full training.

"Treasury Bond does not appear in the yard's medication records," Burgess reported. **"Sherwood states the horse is a very good doer and that an increase in work and racing had never affected this."** He said the trainer recalled he was happy with the horse's preparation before his race at Nottingham and he was pleasantly surprised how well he had run.

Sherwood had a different narrative when using Facebook. One time he had to post on his wife's FB page because he was blocked by someone he wanted to contact to give his version of events. I have seen a copy of the post and what Sherwood wrote.

"Sarah Waring sent me a horse called Treasury Bond to train in the spring of 2014 he was thin when he arrived with me, he was a worrier by nature and not a good eater and a free sweater so he was never going to be a burly horse. He was virtually unrideable. My staff did an amazing job with him, he used to bolt through plastic rails and whip around and nap all the time. By the time he left me he was so much more relaxed but unfortunately useless."

He also claimed the horse was in better condition when he left his yard than when he arrived.

THE STRANGE BHA WELFARE VISIT TO SHERWOOD'S YARD

One final story about the conspiracy and corruption aided and abetted by the BHA. Four months after Waring had made her complaint about Sherwood in July 2014, the BHA made the strange decision to inspect Sherwood's training operation at Rhonehurst Stables in Lambourn as part of Waring's welfare allegations about her horse. The regulator had already rejected her complaint after a brief investigation and closed the case - three months before the inspection took place.

Now, on 10 November 2014, Simon Papworth (Veterinary Officer), John Burgess (Investigations Officer) and Robin Gow (Stable Inspecting Officer), did what the BHA should have done back in the previous July and, if they were serious regulators who are at all interested in upholding the integrity of the sport, it should have been an unannounced inspection, even if this was in the off season for a predominantly jumps trainer. A welfare inspection four months later and by appointment with Sherwood was just a propaganda exercise. These are the main points Papworth included in his report.

- **The date and time of the visit were pre-arranged with Mr Sherwood.**
- **Mr Sherwood, his wife Tania (she has since changed the spelling of her name to Tarnya) and all the staff were extremely cooperative and helpful.**
- **John Burgess had a meeting with Mr Sherwood; Robin Gow inspected the veterinary medicines book, medicines stored in the yard, feed and the general yard environment; whilst Simon Papworth inspected the horses in the yard.**
- **All horses in training (45) were identified by microchip screening/passport identification, were examined outside their box without rugs to assess Body Condition Score (BCS) and seen walked and trotted in hand.**
- **A separate list of horses examined, their BCS, lameness issues, and relevant comments, is attached to this report.**
- **In my opinion, all the horses examined in the yard were in good bodily condition, well cared for and appeared relaxed in their environment.**
- **Veterinary care was provided by Valley Equine Hospital, Lambourn, which is situated within half a mile of the yard.**
- **All lame horses were under veterinary care, or being managed in a professional way.**
- **It was noted that the majority of products dispensed by Valley Equine Hospital were not labelled. Advice was given on this and the yard secretary Emma Chugg agreed to request labelled medication in future.**

Hang on. Stop the car. Let's ignore the ridiculous claim from Papworth that he conducted a full examination of 45 horses so he could evaluate their Body Condition Score according to accepted veterinary practice. This would take a proper vet between 20 and 40 minutes per horse to accomplish.

Let's call it 20 minutes just for the argument. It would have taken Papworth over 15 hours minimum to body score 45 horses according to industry standards. He obviously didn't do that, yet he said in his report he made a list of the body scores of all of Sherwood's horses and they were all in good condition and well cared for.

No, we will forget that. Let's concentrate instead on the last point in Papworth's report, that Sherwood's yard was awash with unlabelled medications. I have seen documentation that reveals Valley Equine Hospital was delivering bulk quantities of multiple drugs to Sherwood, including for prescription only medications like Dexamethasone, a powerful corticosteroid which acts as a painkiller and anti-inflammatory.

As Papworth's report stated, these drugs were unlabelled, meaning they were not prescribed as intended for a specific horse following a proper examination by a veterinary surgeon. They were being administered at the discretion of Sherwood's staff, who were not vets. Did they know what size dose to administer and for how long? Were they aware of the potential interaction between these drugs when more than one was administered?

This is probably happening in training yards up and down the country and is against the rules, but when the BHA inadvertently stumbled on a serious issue its vets merely advised the yard's racing secretary to request labelled medicines in future and Sherwood avoided a meaningful sanction. If this happened to a lower profile trainer there would have been an inquiry. Papworth said John Burgess made a full list of the drugs Sherwood stored in his yard, but this was not disclosed.

But, revealingly, Papworth's report was disclosed to AR Legal Collections who included it in court documents for Sherwood's legal action against Waring even though it had no relevance to Waring's complaint. But to Judge Green it was perfect propaganda which he included as a reason he gave in his judgment to rule for Sherwood and against Waring. Referring to Papworth's report, he said:

"It is further worthy of comment that the BHA attended again a few months later and carried out a thorough inspection of the complainant's yard and found nothing to cause them concern."

Waring was never going to win this case. The BHA got their kind of judge to make sure. For some reason, Sherwood is their golden child. Back in 2014, the Treasury Bond syndicate requested a meeting with BHA officials at their fortress in Central London to discuss their complaint against the trainer, but they didn't want to know. The conspiracy against Waring grew from there.

"You have only seen a glimpse of what they subjected me to since 2014. They have taken everything from me. They have ensured my hard earned reputation in racing and the horse world is in tatters. They have persecuted me, even interfering in my personal life. All I was guilty of was trusting a licensed trainer with the care of our horse and when he failed I turned to his governing body. So many people have since said it's a waste of time taking a complaint about anything to the self regulating BHA after what I was subjected to and have given up on racing."

While this scandal seriously impacted her life, Waring continued to nurse Treasury Bond back to health. He did well, although he was never able to be ridden again. But as each year passed he struggled more to get up after lying down and suffered intermittent pain. In 2020, as winter approached and six years after his run at Bath, Waring and her vet decided the most humane course of action was to quietly put him to sleep.

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