

Mr. Howard Airey

It is with deep regret we are sad to inform you of the passing of Howard Airey from Lancaster. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife Hannah, his 2 daughters and their families.

Usually known as Big Howard you would have to go a long way to find a kinder more genuine man, he was a true gentleman. Howard and Hannah were great supporters of harness racing and had horses with us for more than 30 years, starting with Run a Message, who was later exported to Canada. They then bred Dillys Delight, remembered for her tremendous speed but also her rather difficult attitude she still managed to win several classic races. Once retired to stud she bred many good horses including Gillies Delight, Gentleman George and Hannah's Delight amongst others. Gillies Delight lived up to her name and was the nicest horse to train, later in her career giving Vicki her first winner. Whatever Howard won in prize money could easily be spent in the bar after racing, where he frequently entertained us as he was a great singer, Crockety Dick becoming his signature tune.

He was a true gentleman and will leave a big gap in the lives of all who knew him.

RIP Howard.

John and Viv Gill