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Royal Ascot 2011 Special Edition

Welcome to this year's Special Royal Ascot Edition of HATalk...

We are very pleased to be able to again bring you a taste of the amazing atmosphere of a day at Royal Ascot - a hat wearer's dream! We visited Ascot on Thursday, June 16th, Gold Cup Day. This is colloquially known as Ladies' Day, the day when ladies tend to pull out all the stops and wear their most extravagant hats and fascinators.



Browse through the following 17 pages to see over 120 Ascot hats and find out what the most popular styles proved to be at this all important British fashion event. The Queen, as always, looked elegant in her coral ensemble. She's pictured here with Prince Philip just after they arrived in the Royal Procession.



As excited as we were about seeing all the hats being paraded around the racecourse, we did manage to find time to catch some of the horse racing action as well (top left) and even got up close and personal with famous jockey Frankie Dettori, pictured here on Holberg (left).

Enjoy!!

Becky and the HATalk team

Brimming with Style...

Big brims and shallow crowns were all the rage at Ascot this year. 'Flying Saucer' style hats (bottom right) have continued to gain popularity, being favourite with the Duchess of Cornwall. They could be spotted floating around at jaunty angles all over the racecourse!







Out of the Aviary...

Feathers and hats have always gone together like tea and scones, so it was no surprise to see a lot of quills on display this year. As you can see from the photos to the right, however, some racegoers took the bird association thing to a whole new level!







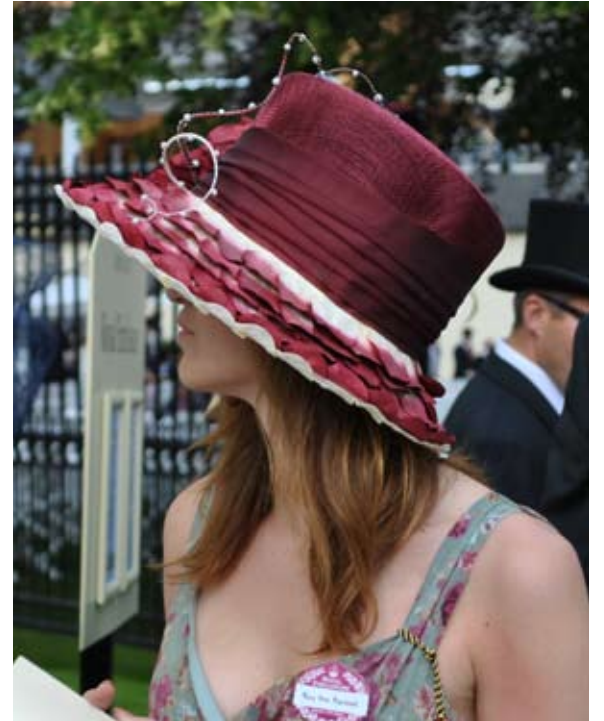
Crowning Glory...



Despite the popularity of shallow brims, substantial crowns have certainly not been relegated to the fashion sidelines. Ascot is all about tradition, so wearing a classic hat is always a safe bet for looking just right when you're there.

The next few pages contain lots of traditional, and not so traditional, hats. We've included some back and side views so that you can really appreciate the lovely shapes, textures and colours.













Have it Your Own Way...

One of the greatest things about Ascot is the chance to see people use headwear to express their own personal style. There were the most conventional of hats being worn right beside the wackiest of fascinators. From trilbies to turbans, crin creations to sequined casques - the millinery variety was endless.

Many people had opted for unique, handmade pieces. Milliner Rachel Coode, below, made her headpiece out of copper car wire! Dutch hat designer Myra van de Korput also made her own hat for Ladies Day. The hat, made to go with these Dick Boons shoes, is pictured to the left.













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