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Field of Fame

Front cover: Leanne receiving her 'Employee of the year

award' from A.P. McCoy

Back cover: 'Walking Home'

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INTRODUCTION

2013 was a hugely rewarding year for all at Park House. It was the first time in the yard's long and esteemed history that the numbers of winners for the season exceeded the century. We had Group 1 success in Australia, Group race success domestically and enjoyed some big handicap wins to boot.

It would be nice to think that we have the equine ammunition to at least equal last season's results and we will all be striving through the summer months to try and better it!

This season has started well thus far with 13 wins from 73 runners and a very satisfying sequence of wins for Alumina and Pool House who both completed hat tricks during the winter.

As the endless rain of January and February has finally subsided, there is plenty to look forward to in the coming months both at home and further afield.

We look particularly strong in the three year old department this season and hopes are high that the likes of Scotland and Casual Smile could develop into Classic contenders this summer.

Historically our older horses have always contributed more than their fair share of the annual prize money total and I can see no reason why 2014 should be any different with the likes of Side Glance, Tullius, Highland Knight and Highland Colori remaining in training. In addition Havana Beat, Butterfly McQueen, Zanetto and Race and Status competed at Group/Listed levels last year and remain in training as four year olds. As ever the two year olds will be brought along in their own time but there are some exciting individuals in this year's draft.



Leanne Masterton and Scott Sainsbury

2014 has started in fine style away from the racecourse with Leanne Masterton winning the Godolphin Stud and Stable award as Employee of the Year (more on page 9) and we are delighted to announce that we have agreed a deal with Huntswood (more on page 17) to sponsor our exciting team of apprentices for the coming season.

THE SEASON AHEAD

Andrew Balding

he tremendously tough Side Glance gained a richly-deserved first Group 1 success in the Mackinnon Stakes at Flemington in November and followed that with a fine fifth in the Hong Kong Cup at Sha Tin.

Having raced on four continents in 2013, he remains as good as ever at the age of seven and his next outing will be on Super Saturday at Meydan, with the Dubai World Cup and the Dubai Duty Free both under consideration, while looking further ahead, the Singapore Cup is on the agenda. He is a wonderful flagbearer for the yard and I hope he can go on to further success at the top level this season.



HIGHLAND COLORI winner of four races in 2013

Highland Colori's four wins last year included a famous win in the Ayr Gold Cup and he rounded off the season with a close second in the Listed Wentworth Stakes at Doncaster. Handicaps are out for him now and we will most likely look to start off in the Abernant at Newmarket, with the John of Gaunt at Haydock Park at the end of May another early target. Though things will be tougher for him this season, he has such a progressive profile and could yet improve further.

Highland Knight showed his customary resilience and sheer will to win when springing a surprise in the Group 3 Darley Stakes at Newmarket in October. He will start earlier than has been the case in previous seasons, as we will try and get him qualified for the Good Friday meeting at Lingfield Park. Looking further ahead, he could bid to provide us with a second win in three years in the Diomed at Epsom on Oaks day, having won the race with Side Glance in 2012.

Tullius was limited to just three starts last term, though he showed he retained all his ability when a close third in the Listed Ben Marshall Stakes at Newmarket in November. A multiple winner on soft ground, he is being targeted at the Lincoln before returning to Pattern company. He is a very talented horse and we are hoping for a trouble free season in 2014.

Zanetto's win in a sales race at Newmarket last April was followed a month later by Listed success at Newbury in the Carnarvon Stakes, which led us to a tilt at the Diamond Jubilee and the July Cup. Unfortunately, his form deserted him in the second half of the season and he has since been gelded. He looks very well indeed and his big aim this term is the Stewards' Cup at Glorious Goodwood.

Havana Beat was another to run well in a sales race on his first run last term and, following fair performances



ZANETTO sales race winner in 2013

at the Chester May meeting and Royal Ascot, he was very unlucky not to win the Group 3 Bahrain Trophy at the July meeting. He was far from disgraced when finishing eight in the St Leger on his final start of the campaign and he could start off 2014 in the Group 2 Jockey Club Stakes on Qipco 2,000 Guineas day at Newmarket.

The lightly-raced but talented stayer **A Boy Named Suzi** finished a good fourth in the Yorkshire Cup on his reappearance last year, but he unfortunately picked up an injury that ruled him out for the rest of last season. However, he is fully recovered and I'm hoping he will be back in early May, with some of the big staying handicaps on the agenda this term.

Fellow stayer **Beyond Conceit** ran a game race from the front to finish fourth in the 2m 5f Goodwood Stakes. I hope he can improve further this year and his big aim is the Cesarewitch, which is also the target for **Mysterious Man**, who won a nice prize at Newmarket last August, having previously finished fifth in the Ascot Stakes.

Unfortunately, last year's Queen Alexandra hero **Chiberta King** has suffered a setback that will keep him off the racecourse until the autumn but, all being well, he

could be back for the Cesarewitch, in which he finished a fine fourth last October.

The long-absent **Whiplash Willie** was last seen finishing second in the 2011 Melrose at York and it is such a shame he has been kept off the track for such a length of time since. His owners have been incredibly patient and we are getting close to a racecourse return with him, with a valuable two mile handicap at Ripon in late April his intended target.

Talented sprinters **Dungannon** and **Intransigent** both failed to shine in Dubai, which was disappointing considering the improvement they had shown last year. However, they are now back home and are both possible candidates for the Wokingham.

Another with Royal Ascot aspirations is **Modern Tutor**, a very exciting new addition to the yard who



MODERN TUTOR an exciting new recruit to the Park House team

has already shown a good level of ability for Sir Michael Stoute. Runner-up on his last two outings of 2013, he is progressive and I hope he can develop into a Hunt Cup contender. Also new to Kingsclere is the high-class middle-distance performer **Silver Pond**, who reached the frame in the Hong Kong Vase and the Group 1 Al Maktoum Challenge in 2011/12. Off since winning a Listed event at Deauville just over a year ago on his final start for Pascal Bary, he is a very useful addition to our strong team of older horses.

Stirring Ballad has not been seen since finishing down the field in last year's Hunt Cup, having been sent off co-favourite. A very talented mare, she could start off in a Listed handicap at York's Dante meeting in May and I am looking forward to her return. The same can be said for Lochsong's last foal **Swan Song**, who could make her seasonal reappearance in the Listed Lansdown Stakes at Bath in April. She is open to further progress this year and I hope we can find her some black type.

Side Glance's half-brother **Rawaki** developed into a useful handicapper last term, winning a good contest at Windsor and being beaten under a length in the Shergar Cup Stayers'. He could have his first start of 2014 in the

Listed Braveheart Stakes at Hamilton in May, a race in which he finished third last year.

Roserrow won twice in nine days at Sandown Park last June, the latter success in a £50,000 handicap. He has had a good holiday, looks in great form and should reappear in April before a return to Esher in the summer.

Race And Status looked a horse of some potential when winning his maiden at Newbury in 2012, the form of which worked out particularly well. Third in a £500,000 sales race on his next start, it was a blow when he returned from the Feilden Stakes last term with an injury that ruled him out of the rest of the season. However, he is now back in full work and is likely to start off at a mile in a Listed or conditions contest — I hope he can make up for lost time.

Having been absent for a year since winning a six furlong maiden at Lingfield Park, **Absolutely So** was straight back



SWAN SONG could make the step up to Listed level in 2014

into the groove with a success over the same course and distance on his return in December. In the frame on two of his three subsequent starts, he is not yet the finished article and there could be a nice handicap in him on turf.

The same can be said for Desert Law's full brother **Desert Command**, who was beaten a short-head on his final two starts of 2013. He looks a useful prospect and should be ready to make his reappearance towards the end of April, when there are plenty of options for him.

Soviet Rock and **Van Percy** both enjoyed successful spring campaigns last term, the former winning twice at Newmarket and the latter successful in a good handicap at Haydock Park before placing in the Edinburgh Cup. Both are in very good form and they are likely to start off in the City and Suburban and Great Metropolitan handicaps respectively at Epsom on 23rd April. **Omar Khayyam** could well follow his stablemates to Epsom just over a month later, with the 1m4f handicap on Derby day a possibility for him, having won well over the same course and distance in the Apprentices' Derby under Oisin Murphy in September.

The improving **Purcell** is an exciting handicapper for the year ahead and his main aim is the Buckingham Palace

Stakes at Royal Ascot. A winner off a mark of 85 at Chester last summer, he has improved over the winter and he will be aimed at some valuable prizes at either 6f or 7f.

Also successful on the Roodeye last term was **Here Comes When**, who won a class 2 handicap at the May meeting before failing to justify favouritism in the Listed Surrey Stakes on Oaks day. He could start off on the All-Weather at Kempton and is a useful individual, which also applies to **Prairie Ranger**, who beat a subsequent dual Listed winner on his handicap debut at Newbury last May. He could start off at the Guineas meeting and is likely to stay further than 12f in time.

Another potential Royal Ascot candidate is **Ballinderry Boy**, a rare runner on the flat for leading National Hunt sire Kayf Tara. A winner over two miles on soft ground at Ascot in October and runner-up on his final start of the year, he



PINCH OF SALT and SOVIET ROCK who won two competitive handicaps last Spring

has scope for further improvement and looks a potential Ascot Stakes horse.

Communicator is another I am looking to qualify for Good Friday, so it was frustrating to miss out by a head on his first outing this year, at Lingfield in January. He will be kept on the go on the All-Weather and will then have a break before returning for a late summer and autumn campaign.

Butterfly McQueen impressed with two widemargin wins on heavy and good to firm ground, while her second in a Listed event at Chantilly in September confirmed she is a useful filly for whom we will be looking for further black-type this term, with races such as the Group 3 Princess Elizabeth at Epsom on Oaks day in mind.

Progressive fillies **Debdebdeb** and **New Fforest** may run over entirely different trips, but both are well-bred individuals and they too will be campaigned for some black-type later this term. However, the early-season targets are the City Bowl at Salisbury and the Dash at Epsom respectively and it would be nice to win those before stepping up in grade! Also on the hunt for valuable black type is **Vicksburg**, who won nicely at Chester last

summer and is out of a sister to Derby winner Commander In Chief.

Having won over two miles on the flat at Chepstow last June, **Queen's Star** went very close to winning on her second start over hurdles at the same course in February and she should not be long in winning in her new discipline.

Though **Angelic Upstart** is now into his fifth season, I am still not entirely sure what his best trip is and, though he is yet to prove it conclusively, he may yet stay 1m2f. A multiple winner on the All-Weather, he was a winner at Newmarket last season and has been kept for the turf this year, which will also be the case now for **Perfect Mission**, who has been a little below-par at Lingfield and Kempton over the winter but is now back down to a decent mark, 6lbs lower than when successful at Salisbury last August.



VAN PERCY was consistent at a decent level last season

Breakheart's second stint in Kingsclere has been a very successful one, with three wins last year. He is an excellent schoolmaster for our young apprentices and gave Jack Garritty a first career win at Salisbury last June. He will resume on a tough mark but could well find an opening at some stage. In contrast, **Sea Soldier** is beginning to look dangerously well-handicapped, being fully 16lbs lower than for his last run on turf at Chepstow nine months ago. He has had four runs on the All-Weather this year but will now have a short break before returning for a turf campaign.

Dandy was another to have a good time of it last year, winning at Bath and Chepstow. His final run of the year suggested he can be very competitive off his current mark when he returns in the spring.

Fortrose Academy's two career wins have both come over six furlongs at Kempton Park, but he has placed on his only two starts on soft/heavy and, now down to a careerlow mark, we will be looking to start him off in early April to take advantage of a soft surface.

Daylight, who won his maiden over five furlongs at Bath has had a long holiday and I am confident there is plenty more to come from him, which I hope is also the case for **Perfect Spell**, who was just on the weak side last

year but is bred to improve with time and will resume on a workable mark, especially give he has done particularly well over the winter. **Imperial Glance** has been gelded since his last run and has wintered well. We will look for a 1m handicap for him in April and there should be more to come this term.

Another to look on a good mark is **Lizzie Tudor**, who is now 6lbs lower than when fourth in a valuable fillies' contest at Ascot on her first run of last season. She could drop back in trip for her first outing of the season in a seven furlongs handicap at Salisbury, with **Oasis Spirit** likely to reappear over a similar trip, having finished runner-up twice over seven at Kempton Park in the autumn.

We are very fortunate to have such strength in depth in our team of three year olds for 2014, from which our great white hope is **Scotland**, who created a very good



BUTTERFLY MCQUEEN a dual winner and Listed placed in 2013 $\,$

impression in two starts last term, finishing third on his debut at Sandown Park before winning impressively over an extended mile at Epsom in September, beating the subsequent Horris Hill third in ready fashion. A three-parts brother to Shirocco, he has wintered well and is likely to head for the Feilden or the Craven and we will then take a view from there.

Signposted won at both Epsom and Sandown Park last term and, though he may not have beaten much for his second success, the manner of victory was impressive and I am sure he is better than his last run in the £500,000 2yo Trophy at Newmarket, where they didn't go much of a gallop and he didn't get the best of runs. He is a powerful galloper and will start off at a mile.

I was rather surprised by the way in which **End Of Line** dispatched 13 rivals on his debut in a seven furlong maiden at Doncaster in October, coming clear in the final furlong to win by six lengths. He is likely to start off in a handicap at the Greenham meeting and he is a terrific prospect.

Zanetto finished a head second in the Loddington conditions stakes at Leicester on his reappearance last April prior to his sales race win and we could use that same preprace for **Muir Lodge's** seasonal reappearance before he

bids to give us back to back wins in the sales contest at Newmarket.

Casual Smile was unfortunate not to shed her maiden tag in three runs last term, twice finishing runner-up in good Newmarket maidens. She holds the Oaks entry and I hope she will prove good enough, though she will start in a maiden first and then, if all goes to plan, head for one of the trials.

Another potentially smart filly is **Wylye**, who showed great determination to win on her debut in attritional conditions at Newbury in October, in a race won the year before by subsequent Oaks runner-up Secret Gesture. Out of a half-sister to a 2,000 Guineas third, Wylye's attitude should see her in good stead.

I was very pleased with the win of **Impulsive Moment** at Lingfield in December, the son of Galileo beating two



BORN IN BOMBAY an impressive winner on his second start

next time out winners in good style, having got stuck in the mud when sent off favourite on his only previous start at Newbury. His owners are keen to go for something better with him and he is entitled to take his place in a Derby trial, with Sandown the favoured option at this stage.

One who appeared to have no issue with testing ground last term was **Montaly**, who created a good impression when holding off several nice prospects in a Nottingham maiden over an extended mile last backend. Bred for stamina, he is a nice horse and will start off over 1m2f in April. **Field Of Fame** will be bidding to maintain a 100% record on his next start, having handled the heavy ground at Salisbury very well en route to landing a 1m maiden on his only outing. He will start off in a 1m2f handicap and is a very good prospect.

Pool House was a beaten favourite on no less than four occasions last year, so as race time approached for his first race of 2014, I must admit to a slight feeling of trepidation, given he was sent off the 4-9 favourite! Thankfully, he came the right side of a photo finish verdict to shed his maiden tag and followed that with an improved performance on his first attempt at seven furlongs last time. He is one for the Good Friday All-Weather meeting.

I was quite taken by **Born In Bombay's** four and a half length win on his second start at Kempton in February and, though it looked only an average contest for the course, he couldn't have done it much better and it was visually impressive.

While Pool House is three from three this year, **Alumina** brought her record to three from four, having recorded a hat trick of successes in six and seven furlong handicaps this winter. Up 17lbs since the turn of the year, she is from a very good family and continues to progress.

Chinotto and **Royal Preserve** both improved markedly to land All-Weather maidens at Lingfield on their third starts and they are capable of further progress, with the former a possibility for Doncaster at the end of March.

Brighton winner **Collaboration** has improved over the winter and there are certainly races to be won with him this



 ${\it MUIR\ LODGE\ and\ RIZAL\ PARK\ match\ strides\ in\ early\ season\ work}$

term, with a step up to 1m2f likely, while **Mime Dance** also showed his suitability for a downhill track when winning his maiden at Epsom in September and he could return there on Derby Trial day for a 1m handicap.

Rizal Park and **Zampa Manos** both shed their maiden tags over six furlongs at Windsor last summer and they are likely to start out over seven and a mile respectively. Both have wintered well and look on fair marks for the season ahead.

Roskilly is likely to reappear over a mile, having finished in the frame in two All-Weather maidens at Kempton last year. He is improving with racing and is a nice three year old handicapper, which is also the case with **Storm Force Ten**, a hardy sort whom I expected to win his maiden at two. He has done well and can progress further.

It was a shame for **Belfilo** to lose out by a nose on his debut over 1m4f at Lingfield in February, but it was a very promising run and he will bid to go one better in a similar maiden before switching to the turf. I hope he can win his maiden next time. **Bishop Of Ruscombe** was a beaten favourite on his 1st two starts in mile maidens. But this scopey individual progressed further and won a maiden at Kempton when stepping up to 10f in good style.

Man Of Harlech is from a very good family and he showed abundant promise on his only outing when runner-up in a mile maiden at Pontefract. I am also very much looking forward to **Telegraph** this year, the son of Bushranger having done particularly well over the winter and he looks set for a good year. **Scoppio Del Carro** is another to have progressed since his last run and he looks a stronger horse this time around.

Passover and **Spectator**, the latter a full brother to Side Glance, are both bred to come into their own this year and, having been gelded after three runs apiece, they will return on potentially good marks this spring.

The well-bred **Merry Me** showed plenty of ability last term and looks more than capable of making her mark off her rating of 70, while I hope we can pick up a maiden with **On Demand** before she is sent handicapping, the



MAN OF HARLECH near side showed great potential in his only start as a two year old

daughter of Teofilo having bumped into a couple of aboveaverage sorts at Southwell last time.

Royal Warranty and **Secret Hint** both finished third on their only starts of 2013 in All-Weather maidens at Lingfield and Kempton respectively. They both look potentially quite nice and I hope they can both win their maidens before going for some good fillies' handicaps, which also applies to The Queen's **Micras**, fifth on her only start at Doncaster. She has benefitted from that run and did well over the winter.

With A Twist had a breathing issue last year that explains her two modest runs, but she has had a wind operation that should help her cause. I am also hoping there is a good deal more to come from **Stybba**, who looks pretty well-handicapped on 56, having shown signs of greenness on her first two starts before finishing fifth at Newmarket.

Knockroon is a nice horse who unfortunately got a knee chip on his debut at Ascot. He is back in fast work now and is a good prospect, as is **Nabatean**, who was all at sea on bad ground at Newbury on his only start in October. He is much better than that, as too is **Darting**, who was bogged down in similarly heavy ground at Salisbury earlier

that month, the daughter of Shamardal having previously worked nicely. **Willy Brennan** was another to get stuck in the mud at Newbury on his only outing but I was pleased to get a run into him and he will be out before the start of the turf.

Mymatechris picked up a knock after his only start and he won't be back until June, while **Gracious Lady** has also suffered a setback and she is unlikely to reappear before July, when I hope she can build on her first run at Kempton, which certainly wasn't without promise.

Worthy Spirit disgraced himself on debut, having been very unruly prior to unshipping his jockey at the start. He has since been gelded and should be a nice staying type come midsummer. **Libeccio**, who like Worthy Spirit is by Shirocco, showed plenty of ability in maidens last term and his opening mark of 71 is very fair.



MICRAS showed plenty of ability on her only start at Doncaster

Comanchero was weak last year but he has strengthened up and there should be plenty of improvement to come, as I hope there will be from **Pacific Trip**, who looked in need of the experienced when down the field in two runs last term.

Grace And Favour had been working nicely with Wylye before a little niggle, after which I didn't want to risk running her last term. She has a nice pedigree (full sister to Fame and Glory) and should be winning her maiden, as can **Enliven**, a daughter of Dansili who was a little delicate last year but showed plenty in her work at home.

Cape Victoria and **Chesil Beach** were both bred on Kingsclere Stud, have done very well over the winter and will be ready to start off in turf maidens this spring, while **Every Time** was big and backward last year but is a well-made filly with a long stride and she will start over a mile and a quarter.

We may need a purpose-built horsebox to accommodate **Restraint**, the first foal of Passing Glance's half-sister Inhibition having grown enormously over the winter. He won't be rushed but certainly has ability, as does **Jeremy's Jet**, a huge son of Jeremy and half brother to useful former stablemate Big Note. **Geordan Murphy** almost looks to

have doubled in size having not run last year as he was too weak. He looks nice though, and could start off in a maiden at Newbury. **Gallic Destiny** is a fine, big horse who has been working with Belfilo. He has improved hugely over the winter and can win his maiden.

Der Meister picked up an injury last year but had been showing ability and he could start off in the Wood Ditton, while **Kokovoko** is another to have suffered a setback last term, though the time will have done him no harm and he should be ready to make his debut in April. **Perfect Legend** has done very well over the winter, but he will take a little more time and won't be ready until early June.

Obsinate was backward but has been gelded and is going nicely, as is **Priors Brook**, a fine-looking son of the exciting sire Champs Elysees. However, **Vecheka** has suffered a setback and unfortunately we will just have to



LIBECCIO (far side) and MONTALY (near side) are two exciting middle distance prospects

be patient with him. **Opera Duke** is another who will have a delayed start, having suffered a minor injury after his only start to date.

Smiling Stranger has a big, long stride and should make his mark over middle distances, as should **Wonder Weapon**, who looks nice at home and could start off on the All-Weather before the turf season gets underway. **Jonny Rae** is another horse I think quite a bit of and he could go for a maiden at Doncaster on the first day of the turf.

Eileenlillian was very backward last year and has had a long holiday from which she is yet to return, but she is a well-bred filly, being out of a Group 3-winning sister to Trans Island. She won't be out until the summer, while we have also given **High Drama** plenty of time. She ran up light last term so wasn't pushed, but as a half-sister to illustrious stablemate Highland Knight, I hope she can find a race this time around. **Femme De Menage** had a few niggles as a two year old but has wintered well and is working nicely, while **Picardy** didn't run last term as she was weak, but the half-sister to Roserrow is coming along and I hope she can reach emulate her sibling's achievements in time. ■

GODOLPHIN

Stable Staff Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO LEANNE MASTERTON

he innovation of the Godolphin Stud and Stable awards 10 years ago was very typical of HRH Sheikh Mohammad's contribution to the racing industry. The Sheikh very much led the way with initiatives to reward those who work behind-the-scenes and schemes to encourage the brightest young students to become involved in the racing industry.

The financial reward and well-deserved recognition associated with winning a Godolphin award has made

it the Racing staff equivalent of the Academy Awards (exhibition)!

Whilst Park House enjoyed some minor success at the awards in the past, this year saw us field two very worthwhile candidates in Scott Sainsbury (Newcomer) and Leanne Masterton (Rider Groom) and hopes were high that one or both of the duo could be capable of winning their categories. Having been selected as finalists a fortnight previously, Scott and Leanne were amongst the two hundred or so guests invited to celebrate the occasion in style at the Jumeirah Carlton Towers Hotel.

The evening was compered by Clare and the trophies were presented by a certain AP McCoy and whilst Scott had to settle for a runners up prize in his section there were cheers of joy when Leanne Masterton was announced as the winner of the rider groom category.



Leanne with proud mother and even prouder boss

Leanne has worked at Park House for the last 17 years and had the honor of riding Ian Balding's last ever winner as a licensed trainer in 2002! Since then she has been responsible for much of our foreign travel and has overseen successful trips to Germany, Dubai, Canada and most recently Australia

Side Glance's historic victory in the Mackinnon Stakes at Flemington in November could not have been achieved without Leanne's input and hard work and the judges at this years

Godolphin awards were keen to recognize the fact.

Once awarded with victory in her category Leanne was one of the four category winners put forward for the award of Stable Employee of the year and it was a proud moment for all of us when her name was announced as the overall winner.

A personal cash price of £15,000 and a further cash price of £15,000 to the yard made it a rewarding evening for everyone associated with Park House.

It is an accolade richly deserved by someone who has worked tirelessly and cheerfully to try and ensure that any horse that she has been associated with will achieve the very best results.

Well done Leanne you thoroughly deserve to be Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Employee of the year! ■

WELCOME

he role of head lad is such a vital cog in the wheel of any racing yard and it was with great sadness that we bade farewell to Nigel Walker in the Autumn. For the last three seasons Nigel had played such a huge part in the success the yard has enjoyed and his departure left a considerable void.

Happily however, we have found a more than able replacement and after weeks of searching and interviewing possible candidates we received an application from Colin Brister.



Colin has a wealth of experience in the racing industry and having spent a considerable time working under the legendary trainer, Dick Hern, he also spent 17 years as a headlad for Richard Hannon. So to say that he is well qualified for such a position would be an understatement!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Colin and his wife, Betty to Kingsclere and I'm sure that many who read this publication will get the opportunity to meet Colin in person in the months ahead.

LIST OF HORSES FOR

THE 2014 12 TO FOLLOW

COMPETITION

OLDER HORSES	
A BOY NAMED SUZI 6 B g Medecis Classic Coral	Oatar Basing Ltd
ANGELIC UPSTART 6 B g	Qatar Racing Ltd
Singspiel Rada	Mr B Burdett
BEYOND CONCEIT 5 B g	
Galileo Baraka	Mrs F Hay
BREAKHEART 7 B g	
Sakhee Exorcet	I A Balding
CHIBERTA KING 8 B g King's Best Glam Rock	Pink Hat Partnership
COMMUNICATOR 6 B g	Filik Hat Farthership
Motivator Goodytwosues	Lady Davis
DANDY 5 B g	
Nayef Diacada	R Tillett
DUNGANNON 7 B g	
Monsieur Bond May Light	Dr E Harris
HIGHLAND COLORI 6 B g Le Vie Dei Colori Emma's Sta	r E Sutherland
HIGHLAND KNIGHT 7 B g	1 E Sutherland
Night Shift Highland Shot	J C Smith
INTRANSIGENT 5 B g	
Trans Island Mara River	KRC
MODERN TUTOR 5 B g	
Selkirk Magical Romance	D E Brownlow & P Fox
PERFECT MISSION 6 B g	Gildmay Daning /D II Caalan
Bertolini Sharp Secret M. QUEEN'S STAR 5 Ch f	fildmay Racing/D H Caslon
With Approval Memsahib	Sir Gordon Brunton
RAWAKI 6 B g	on Cordon Stanton
Phoenix Reach Averami	KRC
ROSERROW 5 Ch g	
Beat Hollow Sabah	Sir Roger Buckley/G Oury
SEA SOLDIER 6 B g	М М.Г. Ш-4
Red Ransom Placement SIDE GLANCE 7 Br g	Mrs M E Wates
Passing Glance Averami	Pearl Bloodstock Ltd
SILVER POND 6 Gr c	Tear Biodastock Eta
Act One Silver Fame	Saeed Nasser Al Romaithi
STIRRING BALLAD 5 Ch f	
Compton Place Balnaha	G Strawbridge
SWAN SONG 5 B f	J C Smith
Green Desert Lochsong TULLIUS 6 Ch g	J C Sinitii
Le Vie Dei Colori Whipped Qu	neen Kennet Valley T/hreds
WHIPLASH WILLIE 6 Ch g	teen remiet valley 1/ bleds
Phoenix Reach Santa Isobel	JC & SR Hitchins

FOUR YEAR OLDS

ABSOLUTELY SO B c
Acclamation Weekend The Smith Family
BALLINDERRY BOY B g
Kayf Tara Spring Dream Rainbow Racing
BUTTERFLY MCQUEEN B f
Curlin Distant Roar Ferguson/ Mason/Done

DAYLIGHT Ch g Firebreak Dayville Kennet Valley T/breds **DEBDEBDEB** B f Teofilo Windmill Mr C Buckley **DESERT COMMAND** B g Oasis Dream Speed Cop J C Smith FORTROSE ACADEMY B g Ice Man Auspicious E Sutherland HAVANA BEAT Bg Teofilo Sweet Home Alabama M & J Mariscotti HERE COMES WHEN Bg Danehill Dancer Quad's Melody Mrs F Hay IMPERIAL GLANCE Bg Passing Glance Juno Mint LIZZIE TUDOR Ch f Mrs J S Newton Tamayuz Silca Destination Ms K Gough NEW FFOREST Bf Oasis Dream Ffestiniog Elite Racing OASIS SPIRIT B f Oasis Dream Fearless Spirit Mr A M Balding OMAR KHAYYAM Bc J L C Pearce Pivotal Kithanga PERFECT SPELL Ch g Singspiel Flamjica The Cadagan Partnership POEM Ch f Dylan Thomas Almarai R Wilmot-Smith PRAIRIE RANGER Bg Montjeu No Frills Dr P Brown PURCELL Bg Acclamation Lyca Ballerina Highclere T/breds RACE AND STATUS Bg Raven's Pass Love Excelling The Smith Family SOVIET ROCK Bg Rock of Gibraltar Anna Karenina The Smith Family VAN PERCY Bg Sir Percy Enforce Mrs L Ramsden/R Morecombe VICKSBURG B f Cape Cross Totality R Wilmot-Smith ZANETTO B g Medicean Play Bouzouki Mick & Janice Mariscotti

THREE YEAR OLDS

THREE TEAR OLDS	
ALUMINA B f	
Invincible Spirit La Reine Mambo	Shapoor Mistry
BELFILO Ch g	
Teofilo Belsay	Mrs F Hay
BISHOP OF RUSCOMBE B c	
Mount Nelson Pain Perdu	D E Brownlow
BORN IN BOMBAY B c	
Shamardal Pearl Dance	G Strawbridge
CAPE VICTORIA B f	
Mount Nelson Victoria Montoya	KRC
CASUAL SMILE Ch f	
Sea The Stars Casual Look	W S Farish III

CHESIL BEACH B f		OBSTINATE B g	
Phoenix Reach Seaflower Reef CHINOTTO B c	KRC	Fastnet Rock Sangita ON DEMAND Ch f	Mrs F Hay
Duke of Marmalade Muskoka Dawn COLLABORATION B g	M & J Mariscotti	Teofiilo Mimisel OPERA DUKE Ch g	Sky Sports News
	nother Bottle Racing	Duke of Marmalade Opera Glas	ss J C Smith
Camacho Trempjane Ko	ennet Valley T/breds	PACIFIC TRIP B g Tagula Marajuana	KRC
	loyd Webber Family	PASSOVER B g Passing Glance Floriana	KRC
DER MEISTER B g Mastercraftsman Agnetha James/Mi	chaelson/Greenwood		The Cadagan Partnership
EILEENLILLIAN B f Authorized Welsh Diva	The Smith Family	PICARDY Ch f Notnowcato Sabah	Sir Roger Buckley
END OF LINE B c Pastoral Pursuits Just Devine ENLIVEN B f	Qatar Racing Ltd	POOL HOUSE B c Sakhee's Secret Gitane PRIORS BROOK B g	D E Brownlow
Dansilli Aurore EVERY TIME B f	H M The Queen	Champs Elysees Dyanita RESTRAINT B g	Mrs L Alexander
Pivotal Time Away FEMME DE MENAGE Ch f	Mr R Barnett	Kheleyf Inhibition	KRC
Bahamian Bounty Duena	Mrs M E Wates	Amadeus Wolf Imelda	L Register/M & V Slade
	nurloe T/Breds XXXI	ROSKILLY Ch c Hurricane Run Party Feet	M & J Mariscotti
FROM FROST B c Nayef Salutare	G Strawbridge	ROYAL PRESERVE Ch g Duke of Marmalade Castaway	Queen M & J Mariscotti
Champs Elysee Cross Your Fingers	Dr P Brown	ROYAL WARRANTY Ch f Sir Percy Royal Patron	Sir Gordon Brunton
GEORDAN MURPHY B g Firebreak Sukuma	B.McGuire/IAB	SCOPPIO DEL CARRO B g Medicean Sadie Thompson	M & V Slade/KTS
GRACE AND FAVOUR B f Montjeu Gryada	N Jones	SCOTLAND B c Monsun Sqillo	Mrs F Hay
GRACIOUS LADY B f Royal Applause Succinct	Dr P Brown	SECRET HINT B f Oasis Dream Teeky	G Strawbridge
HANNINGTON Ch g Firebreak Manderina	KTS	SIGNPOSTED B c Rock of Gibraltar Portentous	Gorell/Botica
HIGH DRAMA B f High Chaparral Highland Shot	J C Smith	SMILING STRANGER B c Nayef Carraigoona	N Watts
IMPULSIVE MOMENT Ch c Galileo Luas Line Weston/Brook Fm	/Bromfield/Whitaker	SPECTATOR Br g Passing Glance Averami	KRC
JEREMY'S JET B g Jeremy Double Vie	Gorell/Botica	STORM FORCE TEN B g Shirocco Stravinsky Dance	Mr R Waley-Cohen
JONNY RAE B c Shirocco Lady Brora	KRC	STYBBA B f Medicean Time Saved	Qatar Racing Ltd
KNOCKROON B c		TELEGRAPH B g	
Royal Appluase Spring Touch KOKOVOKO B g	D E Brownlow	Bushranger Vampire Queen VECHEKA B g	Highclere T/Breds
Trans Island Khazaria LIBECCIO B g	Mrs T Miller	Lawman Lidanski WILLY BRENNAN Br g	M & J Mariscotti
Shirocco Francais MAN OF HARLECH B c	M & J Mariscotti	Bushranger Miss Assertive WITH A TWIST B f	Dr P Brown
Dansilli Ffestiniog MERRY ME B f	Elite Racing	Excellent Art Bint Zamayem WONDER WEAPON B c	Twist Racing
Invincible Spirit Thought is Free MICRAS B f	Mrs F Hay	Konigstiger Wurfspiel WORTHY SPIRIT B g	Gorell/Botica
Medicean Purple Heather MIME DANCE B g	H M The Queen	Shirocco Wakytara WYLYE Gr f	Gorell/Botica
Notnowcato Encore My Love MONTALY B c	D E Brownlow	Dalakhani Tavey ZAMPA MANOS B g	Mrs J Wigan
	Court Racing P/ship	Arch Doryphar	Mr N M Watts
Exceed and Excel Miss Chaussini MYMATECHRIS B c	Mrs F Hay	TWO YEAR OLDS ASKANCE B c	
High Chaparral Splendeur NABATEAN B g	D E Brownlow	Passing Glance Seaflower Reef ASTRAL STORM Br c	KRC
Rock of Gibraltar Landinium	Lord Blyth	High Chapparal Highland Shot	Mr J C Smith

BALLYNANTY Gr c		POETS VIEW B c	
Yeats Reina Blanca	Mr R Wilmot-Smith	Yeats Casual Glance	KRC
BERKSHIRE BEAUTY B f Aqlaam Salim Toto Be	rkshire Parts & Panels	PRINCE OF CARDAMOM B c Nayef Tiger Spice	Mr Mark Burton
BERKSHIRE HONEY Br f Sakhee's Secret Sabrina Brown Be		RATTLING JEWEL B c Royal Applause Mutoon	M & J Mariscotti
BLOND ME Ch f		ROSE ABOVE B f	
Tamayuz Holda BRANDON CASTLE B c	Mr R Gorell	Yeats Sabah ROSES WILD B f	Sir R Buckley & G Oury
Dylan Thomas Chelsey Jane RPB M BREATHLESS B c	fichaelson/Dr E Harris	Halling Rose Show ROYAL NORMANDY B c	Sir Gordon Brunton
Royal Applause Ada River CAPE SPIRIT B f	KTS	Royal Applause Border Minstr SCOTS FERN B f	rel Mr M Payton
Cape Cross Fearless Spirit COSMIC RAY Ch c	Mr G Strawbridge		Mr P Veenbaas/Hot to Trot
Phoenix Reach Beat Seven W	interbeck Manor Stud	Teofilo Zeiting	Mrs F Hay
	ough/R Wilmot-Smith	SNOOZING INDIAN Ch c Sleeping Indian Balnaha	Mr G Strawbridge
CRITICAL SPEED Ch f Pivotal Speed Cop	Mr J C Smith	SONNOLENTO B c Rip Van Winkle Dreams Come	e True M & J Mariscotti
DANCE OF FIRE B c Norse Dancer Strictly Dancing	Mr J C Smith	STAR SYSTEM B g Whipper Beiramar	Mr Layton Register
DOCTOR BONG B c Sleeping Indian Vax Rapide	Pink Star Racing	ST SAVIOUR B c Danehill Dancer Titivation	Highclere Stud
ELM PARK B c Phoenix Reach Lady Brora	KRC	STHENIC B c Fastnet Rock Ela's Giant	Mr N Botica
EQUITANUS B c Shamardal Wedding Gift	Dr P Brown	VICTORIA POLLARD B f Sir Percy Victoria Montoya	KRC
FAST APPROACH Ch f New Approach Exorcet	Mr J C Smith	WHITCHURCH B c Mawatheeq Silvereine	KTS
GALEOTTI Ch c Paco Boy Bella Lambada	M & J Mariscotti	Xxx B c Soviet Star Shantalla Peak	
GRIFFINS PRIDE B f		Xxx B c	Mr J Dwyer & Mr P Brend
Multiplex Royal Patron GUIDING LIGHT B c	Sir Gordon Brunton	Makfi Crystal Reef Xxx B c	Qatar Racing Ltd
Acclamation Venus Rising Thurloe HALA MADRID Ch f	Thoroughbreds XXXIV	Galileo Blue Symphony Xxx B c	Qatar Racing Ltd
Nayef Ermine HAVISHAM B c	Mr N Watts	Makfi Belle Reine Xxx B/G f	Qatar Racing Ltd
Mount Nelson Ile Deserte	Mr D E Brownlow	Phoenix Reach Josie May	Mr D E Brownlow
HIGH ADMIRAL Ch c New Approach Wosaita	Mr D E Brownlow	Xxx Br c Sir Percy Sweet Mandolin	JC JR & SR Hitchins
HIT LIST Ch c Makfi Kassiopeia	Another Bottle Racing	Xxx Ch f New Approach Honorine	Qatar Racing Ltd
KIND OF HUSH B f Marju Affinity	Elite Racing	Xxx Ch c Major Cadeaux Ocean Grove	Kennet Valley T/breds
LADY PINNACLE B f Zamindar Lady Donatella	Mrs M E Wates	Xxx Br c Oasis Dream Attima	
LUNAR LOGIC B c		Xxx Ch c	Mrs F Hay
Motivator Moonmaiden MAKE IT UP B c	Martin & Valerie Slade	Makfi Arabian Spell Xxx B c	Mrs F Hay
Halling American Spirit MR QUICKSILVER Gr c	Mr G Strawbridge	Nayef Charlecote	C Buckley
Dansili Last Second MS GRAND CORNICHE Ch f	Mr J L C Pearce		
Pivitol Miss Corniche MUNSTEAD PRIDE Ch c	Mr J L C Pearce		
Sir Percy Memsahib NADDER Ch f	Sir Gordon Brunton		
Notnowcato Tavy NORDIC BEAT Ch g	Mrs J Wigan		
Norse Dancer Florida Heart	KRC		
OPTIMYSTIC Ch f Exceed and Excel Psychic	B A Racing		
PARADISE BIRD Ch f Kyllachy Amanjena	Mrs M E Wates		

12 TO FOLLOW 2-y-o POINTERS By Nathaniel Barnett



BERKSHIRE HONEY Br f

Sakhee's Secret - Sabrina Brown A 6,000gns yearling purchase at Tattersalls in November, Berkshire Honey is a halfsister to a 7f winner in Belgium and Germany, including at 2. She is out of a fair sprinter, herself a sister to a mile Listed winner and half-sister to three other winners. Sire Sakhee's Secret has had plenty of juvenile winners in his first two crops. Sire a minor 2yo winner, muchimproved at 3, with four wins including Group 1 July Cup success. Promising start at stud, with several speedy early two year olds including Woodcote winner Thunder Strike.

CAPE SPIRIT B f

Cape Cross – Fearless Spirit The sixth foal of a 1m4f winner at 3, Cape Spirit is a half-sister to 6f winner Oasis Spirit and Fearless Dream, placed over 1m2f. Her dam is a half-sister to the topclass juvenile Rodrigo De Triano (won Gr.1 Middle Park) and four other winners, including Listed-placed 2yo Modigliani. Sire a minor winner at 2, won Lockinge at 4, high-class sire with progeny including two of the best of recent years in Sea The Stars and Ouija Board. Progeny appreciate a sound surface.

OPTIMYSTIC Ch f

Exceed and Excel – Psychic Purchased for 45,000gns at Tattersalls in October, Optimystic's half-sister was a 6f winner at 3 (also placed at 2). Three halfbrothers have won, one showing useful form in France and Qatar and another successful three times over 6f. Her dam was a 5f winner at 3 and half-sister to three 2yo winners. Sire a leading source of juveniles with majority best over 5-6f, though does get older horses over further (inc. Excelebration). Champion sire in Australia.

SONNOLENTO Bc

Rip Van Winkle – Dreams Come True A 55,000gns from Book 1 at Tattersalls, Sonnolento is out of a mile winner at 2 (later smart), herself a half-sister to a 2yo winner in France, from the family of Group 2-winning juvenile Titus Livius. Freshman sire won a 7f Group 3 at 2, later top-class, multiple Group 1 winner over 8-10f. His progeny sold for up to 400,000gns last year.

ROYAL NORMANDY Bc

Royal Applause – Border Minstral A speedily-bred individual who realised 50,000gns at Newmarket in October, his full brother Oldjoesaid won twice at 2 and has won eight times in all at 5f, while his half-brother was a dual winner at 2/3. Dam a winning juvenile over 6f, half-sister to Mountain Song, who won twice over 7f before placing in the Group 1 National Stakes at 2. Sire an excellent source of early 2yos and was leading British sire of juveniles last year, with 27 individual

PARADISE BIRD Ch f

Kyllachy – Amanjena First foal of a smart 1m2f winner at 3 (placed at 2), herself a half-sister to Presto Vento, whose four wins at 2 included Listed and sales races, dual 2yo winner Seeking Dubai and Sea Soldier, a winner over 7f at 3. Sire a blisteringly-fast sprinter, gets plenty of precocious, speedy juveniles including Group 2 winners Dragon Pulse and Supplicant.

BLOND ME Ch f

Tamayuz – Holda Acquired for 65,000gns, she is a half-sister to a 6f AW winner at 2 and a 1m2f debut winner at 3. Dam won a 7f 2yo winner on her sole career start, half-sister to topclass 7-12f performer Glass Harmonium,

from the family of Conduit & Hard Top. Sire, unbeaten at 2 and Champion 3yo in France, has had plenty of success with juveniles in his first two crops, including Flying Childers winner Sir Prancealot and dual Group -winning juvenile Brown Sugar.

CRITICAL SPEED Ch f

Pivotal – Speed Cop A homebred of Jeff Smith's, this filly is bred to be quick, being a half-sister to smart 6f winning juvenile Top Cop, Shergar Cup Dash winner Desert Law (also won at 2) and 6f AW winner Desert Command. Dam a Listed winner and placed in Group company in busy 2yo campaign, sister to Siren's Gift, twice fourth in Group 2 company as a juvenile. Excellent sire won Nunthorpe at 3 but gets top-class winners at a variety of trips, with Group 1 progeny from sprinters Kyllachy and Maarek to Champion Stakes winner Farrh and Oaks winner Sariska.

EQUITANUS B c

Shamardal – Wedding Gift At 260,000Euro the sixth most expensive yearling by Shamardal sold at auction last year, he is a full brother to Group 1 Racing Post Trophy/Group 2 Beresford winner Casamento, useful 6f-winning juvenile Inler and three other winners, two of them at 2, including Wana Doo, the dam of 2013 Sussex Stakes winner Toronado. Sire was European Champion juvenile, winning the Dewhurst impressively and won all three starts, all Group 1s, in Europe at 3. He is the sire of the winners of 11 Group 1 races, with Casamento his highest-rated 2yo.

HAVISHAM B c

Mount Nelson - Ile Deserte Purchased for 320,000Euro at Deauville last August, Havisham is the most

expensive son of Mount Nelson sold at auction. He is a fourth foal, half-brother to Group 2 Conventry third (and 6f juvenile winner) St Barths, out of an unraced daughter of a Group 3 winner in France. Sire won Group 1 Criterium International over a mile at 2, later Eclipse winner at 4, has already had plenty of success from first two crops, including Group winning juveniles Berkshire (Chesham and Royal Lodge) and Purr Along. On early evidence, his appear markedly better on a sound surface.

POETS VIEW B c

Yeats — Casual Glance
Hardly bred to be precocious, but four
time Ascot Gold Cup winning sire Yeats'
first 2yo winner came courtesy of
stablemate Montaly and Poets View could
follow his lead, being out of a Listedplaced daughter of the excellent Kingsclere
Stud broodmare Spurned, who has bred
six black-type performers, five of the
successful at 2 and three of those placed
in Listed/Group company as juveniles.

GALEOTTI Ch c

Paco Boy Bella — Lambada
Fetched 50,000gns at Tattersalls in
October andbred to be useful, being a
half-brother to Group 3 Queen's Vase
runner-up Yankee Doodle, a 6f 2yo winner
(later Listed-placed) and three other
winners. Dam a winner at 3 and from
exceptional family, being a half-sister to
1991 European Champion older horse
Stagecraft, six other winners and several
subsequently smart broodmares, including

dams of Alkaadhem, Caspar Netscher, Poet and the grandam of Zanetto. First-season sire Paco Boy won twice in minor company at 2 and went on to win three times at the top level. His yearlings were well-received, making as much as 190,000Euro and he will be a familiar sire in the years to come, having covered 370 mares in his first three seasons.

MR QUICKSILVER Gr c

Dansili – Last Second A 300,000gns purchase from Book 1 last October, Mr Quicksilver is a half-brother to eight winners including Aussie Rules (Group 3 winner at 2, later won French 2,000 Guineas), 2yo Group 1 fourth Intrigued and Group 3 May Hill runner-up Approach. Dam won the Group 3 Weld Stakes at 2/Group 2 Nassau at 3, from top-class family of fillies, including the dams of four Group 1 winners. Top-class sire's progeny progress very well, but he does get top-class 2yos from late summer onwards, including Group 1 juvenile winners Passage Of Time and Zoffany.

SCOTTISH B c Teofilo – Zeiting

A 170,000Euro purchase at Goffs, he is the ninth foal of Listed-winning 2yo Zeiting and is a full brother to the high-class Royal Empire, winner of the Group 3 Geoffrey Freer in 2013. His half-brothers include three further black-type performers, including dual Listed/Group 3-placed juvenile Bikini Babe and 14-time winner twice in Group 1 company, has had over 40 juvenile winners, including Dewhurst winner Parish Hall.

HIGH ADMIRAL Ch c

New Approach – Wosaita Another book 1 purchase, High Admiral fetched 160,000gns as a yearling and is a half-brother to six winners, including Chesham winner Whazzat (successful on both starts at 2) and 7f 2yo winner Whazzis (later successful over a mile in Listed/Group 3company). Dam placed over 12f at 3 and is a half-sister to the French Oaks winner Rafha, herself an outstanding broodmare whose progeny including Group 1 Sprint Cup winner Invincible Spirit. Top-class sire New Approach is the only one in a century to sire the winners of the 2,000 Guineas (Dawn Approach) and Oaks (Talent) in his first crop, the former also a dual Group 1-winning juvenile. Majority of progeny win over 7-9f.

HIT LIST Ch c

Makfi — Kassiopeia
The fourth foal of a 1m4f 3yo winner,
Hit List is a half-brother to former
stablemate Arabian Star, a winner over
7f at 2 and later successful in the Silver
Cambridgeshire, as well as a 6f winner at
3. Dam's six winning siblings include one
juvenile winner. First-season sire Makfi, a
top-class dual Group 1-winning miler and
son of Dubawi, raced just once at 2 but
has been well-supported and is one to
watch this year. ■

Kingsclere Racing Club 2014

Combat Zone. Sire, unbeaten in five starts

at 2 (his only season to race), including

he Club started 2014 with a first ever runner in Dubai, with the high-class Intransigent running three times at the Carnival in January and February.

Though he was unable to land a blow, it was a very exciting venture and he has now returned home, with the Wokingham at Royal Ascot in June his main target this season.

The Club is fully subscribed this year and once again boasts a strong team of horses. Rawaki progressed again last year and he will contest some of the big staying handicaps this term, while the seven three year olds include the potentially well-handicapped Spectator (a full brother to Group 1 winner Side Glance), as well as exciting unraced prospects Cape Victoria, a daughter of former KRC stalwart Victoria Montoya, and Jonny Rae, named after Club member and longtime Kingsclere owner Jonny Rae Smith, who celebrated her 90th birthday last year!

Our five two year olds are all cantering and they look a really nice bunch, including a son of four-time Ascot Gold Cup winner Yeats out of the Listed-placed Casual Glance, a half-brother to Jonny Rae and the second foal of Victoria Montoya, a daughter of Derby winner Sir Percy.

We start our busy Social Diary with a party at Park House Stables on Cheltenham Gold Cup day, when we will welcome several new members to the Club. Alongside the regular gallops



FIRST STEPS for the POUR MOI/CASUAL GLANCE

mornings, there are events throughout the year and we all look forward to another enjoyable and successful year's racing.

The KRC is fully subscribed. However, we are now accepting applications to join the waiting list for KRC 2015. If you are interested in hearing more about the KRC, please contact Nathaniel Barnett on 07890 672435, or by email, krc@kingsclere.com.



s with any athlete nutrition is vitally important to the racehorse. With a large number of feed manufacturers available to trainers, each providing their own brand of feed, it is important to choose one that suits your training regime. For the past five seasons Spillers horse feed had provided just that to all the equine inmates at Park House. We have found numerous benefits in feeding their carefully designed products to the horses that are in a full training / racing programme; combined

with the Spillers lay off cubes, we have developed a nutritional programme that compliments the level of daily exercise that is required for a fit and healthy racehorse.

In addition to their hard feed, the forage that they receive plays a huge part in their digestion as Kay Scriven, from Spillers explains in the article below.

'A Focus on the Forage Factor'

by Kay Scriven

The racehorse is a supreme athlete and for decades trainers have been striving to discover the ultimate 'winning formula'. Whilst diet alone will never hold the key to success, anything that has the potential to impact on the horse's health has the potential at least in part, to affect performance. For racehorses, forage should account for 50% of the total diet and consequently, deserves equal consideration when it comes to formulating their diets'.

Although breeding and training has enabled us to create a finely tuned athlete, the horse's digestive system has not adapted in line with his significant change in lifestyle and consequently, still relies heavily on fibre. Fibre intake is essential for gut function/ health and the absorption of nutrients. Although we may not consider it, fibre also contributes to the horse's energy intake – a slice of hay (2kg) can easily provide the same amount of digestible energy as a scoop of racing mix, if not more! Feeding forage also fulfils the horse's physiological and psychological need to chew. Saliva acts as buffer for stomach acid but unlike humans, horses can only produce saliva when they chew, which is one of the reasons that high starch and low forage intakes have been associated with gastric ulcers.

Latest Research: Some researchers are currently investigating whether it is possible to train and race Standardbreds on forage only diets and to date, have had some very encouraging results

Practical Assessment

Whilst they offer no guarantees in terms of nutritional value, some of the traditional methods of assessing forage still provide sound advice.

Hay

• Should be sweet smelling – disregard any that smells musty or mouldy along with any bales that with visible signs of mould



- May vary in colour from a pale yellowy-green through to bright green although greener hay is often perceived as being higher in protein, you can't be sure of this without having it analysed
- Should not be damp or warm to the touch, if it is it may not have been dried properly and may be at more risk of going mouldy

Haylage

- Should smell sweet and often slightly fermented but not too acidic like silage
- Should be well wrapped (in at least 6 layers of plastic for farmer grown haylage) – any holes in the plastic will allow air to enter the bale and start the growth of moulds and yeasts
- Should not be obviously contaminated by soil this can increase the risk of botulism.

Typical values for hay and haylage (Dry matter)

Nutrient	Meadow hay	Seed hay	Haylage
Dry matter %	85-90	85-90	55-75
Digestible energy MJ/kg	8-10	5-8	8-11
Crude protein %	8-10	4-7	7-12
Ash%	5-8	5-8	5-8
NDF%	50-65	50-65	55-65
ADF%	31-40	35-40	32-38
WSC%	5-25	5-20	5-20
рН			5-6.5

Fact: haylage is *not* automatically higher in digestible energy or protein than hay! In fact, you need to feed more haylage than hay to account for the higher moisture content

Forage Analysis

Forage analysis is the only way to accurately assess the nutritional value of both hay and haylage. This considered it may be a useful tool when it comes to choosing your forage supply or managing horses prone to clinical conditions such as colic or tying-up. Many feed companies offer a forage analysis service, which should include interpretation of the results by a nutritionist. Samples are analysed either by wet chemistry or near infra-red spectroscopy (NIR), with common tests including:

- Dry matter (DM) the material remaining after the water has been removed
- Crude protein
- Digestible energy (calories)
- Neutral Detergent Fibre (NDF) an indicator of the total fibre content
- Acid Detergent Fibre (ADF) an indication of how digestible the fibre is. An ADF figure above 40% presents an increased risk of impaction colic and therefore should not be fed
- pH an indication of how acidic the haylage is and how much fermentation has occurred
- Ash- gives an indication of the mineral content

Why is dry matter important?

For every kilogram of forage you feed to the horse a certain percentage is just water, i.e. at 80% DM, 1kg of haylage equates to only 800g of forage. Consequently, accounting the moisture content is essential when it comes to calculating how much haylage to feed. On average, hay contains 85-90% DM and therefore the water content is generally 'ignored' when calculating feeding rates. However, due to the higher moisture content, you need to feed approximately 1.3-1.5 times more haylage than hay (by weight) in order to provide enough fibre. Feeding less haylage than hay (or replacing on a weight for weight base) will significantly reduce fibre intake, increasing the risk of colic and tying-up, particularly for horses on already restricted rations. The DM content is also essential if you wish

to have several samples analysed in order to compare nutritional value. As nutrients are diluted in water, analysis must be made on a DM basis (without the water) in order to compare samples on a like for like.

More specialist analysis

- Water Soluble Carbohydrate (WSC) the level of sugar plus fructan (stored sugar) in your forage. This may be of particular relevance for horses prone to conditions such as tying-up and gastric ulcers
- Moulds and yeasts Poor harvest or storage conditions may result in increased growth of moulds and yeasts. You may wish to consider this analysis if you are concerned about the hygienic quality of your forage

Supporting Respiratory Health

All hay and haylage contains a degree of tiny (5 micrometres or less in diameter) airborne dust particles, mould spores and yeasts which collectively, are referred to as 'respirable particles' and once inhaled, can lead to conditions such recurrent airway obstruct (RAO). Suitable soaking of hay causes the majority of these particles to swell so that they are ingested rather than inhaled. Consequently, hay should be fed directly after soaking as once it has dried, the spores may become airborne again. However recent research has shown that whilst soaking hay for only 10 minutes reduces respirable dust particles, steaming also reduces mould, bacteria and yeast counts, thus making it the is most effective option in improving hygienic quality.

Soaking to reduce WSC

Steaming does not significantly reduce WSC and therefore soaking hay for 12-16 hours (or a maximum of 6 hours in hot weather) may be beneficial for horses prone to ulcers or tying-up

Making Changes

Microbes in the hindgut (which are responsible for the digestion of fibre) adapt to the diet they receive and therefore any sudden changes, including forage changes in forage, may lead to colic or tying-up. Ideally, aim to replace 1kg of 'old forage' for 1kg of 'new forage' every other day. Provided that it has been properly dried and baled, new hay can be fed straight away.

Huntswood APPRENTICESHIP SPONSORSHIP DEAL

e are delighted to announce that Huntswood will sponsor our exciting team of apprentice jockeys for the 2014 season. Huntswood are a firm based in Reading and founded by Kingsclere owner, David Brownlow. They specialise in providing services for managed resource, consulting, training and recruitment to the financial services industry.

David has long been a keen and loyal supporter of Park House apprentices and provided a young William Buick with some of his earliest big race rides aboard the likes of Hatton Flight and Prince Siegfried.

It is well known that Kingsclere has enjoyed a fine history in producing

top class future jockeys and our current crop of apprentices are a hugely promising group.

Thomas Brown was runner up in the apprentice title last year having led the series for much of the season. He continues this term as a 3 lb claimer and is one of the most experienced apprentices on the circuit.

Oisin Murphy made a huge impact in a very short space of time and between June 1st 2013 and February of this year, he has ridden a total of 53 winners, 13 of which were achieved during a period riding in Australia. A short priced favourite for this years Apprentice Championship, Oisin is already making waves.

Daniel Muscat has ridden 23 winners in just two



full seasons riding as a Park House apprentice. A strong but stylish five pound claimer, Dan has been riding winners during a winter stint in Dubai and is sure to have a busy and successful season this year.

John Willets has ridden one winner and reached the podium on a couple of occasions from just a limited amount of opportunities to date. A natural lightweight, John's ability to claim seven pounds from the bottom weights in any handicap will be to his enormous advantage.

Rob Hornby has already ridden two winners in his short time holding a riding license and he has shown all the signs that there will be many more in the future.

Whilst Kieran Shoemark, from a good racing family, has yet to break his maiden, he has impressed many judges already in his short time holding an apprentice license.

Jack Garrity is also bred to be a good jockey, son of Russ Garrity, and so far he looks to be every bit as good as his Dad!

The sponsorship agreement with Huntswood will not only benefit these riders directly but there will also be a financial contribution to the apprentices of the future. As well as giving the apprentices some funds to support their lifestyle, we will be using some of Huntswood's generous sponsorship to build a legacy that will improve the training facilities for Kingsclere apprentices in the years to come.

GOLF DAY REMINDER

We hope that many of you will be able to join us for the Kingsclere Golf Day that will take place at Sandford Springs Golf Club, Kingsclere on Tuesday 9th September. ■



DAY IN THE LIFE OF BRYAN COVENTRY

'DOWNSMAN and GALLOP MAN'

2 003 was a tough year for most farmers and land owners with foot and mouth disease spread across the country. Not many positives can be said of that year however it was that May that Bryan joined the Park House team as the gallop man for our top gallops.

Eleven years on Bryan continues to work his wonders on the 220 acres of grass gallops on the Downs as well as managing and looking after the new all weather gallop installed last summer.

No two days are the same, it all depends on the time of year, the weather, what gallop the trainer wants to use and also what Uncle William needs him for! (He isn't employed by him but he lives over on the farm and Uncle Will can't live without Bryan's help!)

A typical day in the Summer would start at 7am, first of all Bryan would have a good look around all the sheep. There are 150 sheep on the place, during the winter they graze on the gallops which is brilliant for repairing the damaged turf from the horses and in the summer they live out in the paddocks.



On a work morning, Wednesday and Saturdays, the gates are all opened, the gallops are checked for any over night damage from bunnies or quad bike joy riders. Then the important job of seeing the horses over the busy road and up to the top with the trainer. If it is an All Weather day, the gallop master work starts at 5.30 ensuring the perfect surface for 8.30 when the horses arrive.

All done up there by 9.15 and back home for breakfast and then the mowing begins. With 220 acres of grass that each and every blade has to be mown every week, this task takes up most of the rest of the day. He also covers Eric Arbuckle, the other gallop man when he is on holiday and helps around the place however he can.

During the Autumn months, the hedge cutting takes over and early spring, the lambing or calving dominates. Uncle William has 30 Red Poll cattle on the farm, all well named, currently with a Clare, Emma and a Chris. Plus the



12 pigs, again suitably named, Lady Emma and Sophie, plus their off spring.

Bryan's passion is looking after the 40 primitive breed of sheep that he has on his door step. He is a highly regarded judge and enjoys taking them to the shows, about ten a year. The most successful so far has been in 2010, with a Reserve Champion at the Royal Norfolk but in the same year was Champion of the Day at the New Forest.

Bryan is also involved in helping with the shoot run by John Hastings Bass on the farm, they shoot five times a year, putting down 500 birds and many of you will have shared the same form of transport as the guns from those days. The green beaters truck doubles up as Owner transport to the Downs in the summer.

In addition to all this, two drag hunts, a team chase, a hunter trial and a fun ride, none of which would be possible without Bryan's hard work and dedication to keeping the downs in such fine order.

Come the evening, all the livestock are checked, the gates all locked up and Bryan returns to his house on the farm for tea with Serena and no doubt one of his grand children who help Bryan whenever they can, any school holidays, half terms or weekends. He is training them exceptionally well, and who knows, one of them might take over from Bryan in 2040, we hope he doesn't retire before then!



LONDON MARATHON



The prospect of running in the London marathon had never crossed my mind prior to December 2013.

In fact the thought of putting drawing pins in my pants was more appealing than running 26 miles in a month let alone on the same day.

So when it was announced at the Qatar Yearling Parade that Sheikh Fahad al Thani was

planning on running in this years London marathon and that any trainer wishing to receive a yearling allocation in 2014 were invited to join him; my heart sank to new depths.

Running has never really been on my agenda unless on the odd occasion there was some kind of ball involved, so the road to fitness has been long and hard.

With a little under five weeks to go until the big event, I was relieved to complete the Reading Half Marathon in what was a semi reasonable time so I just have to find the energy and legs to do that twice in the same day!

We will be running in aid of Racing Welfare and anyone wishing to sponsor me would be very welcome at http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AndrewBalding I will be running as part of the Qatar racing team, which includes Sheikh Fahad, David Redvers, Richard Hannon Jnr, Robert Cowell, Charlie Hills, David Simcock and Olly Stevens.

I will be hoping to write a full and detailed report on the pain of The London Marathon in the next edition of the Kingsclere Quarter!! ■

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Sandford Springs played host to our purposely-delayed Christmas party in early January, we had a great turn out and everyone looked fantastic! It was all going remarkably well until some of the girls couldn't resist some radical moves on the dancefloor and Sophie ended up in hospital with a broken wrist! Happily she is on the mend and we have a few photos from the evening to share.





THE 2014 12 TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

The competition will start on April 10th and run until the last day of the grass flat season which is November 8th. Last year was dominated by entrants from outside the yard.

The rules remain the same.

Please make sure you fill in the list of substitutes. The list of horses in training is correct at the time of going to press but changes happen daily and we will make a substitution if we know that one of your selections is no longer in training at the time of the competition's closing. Late entries are accepted but no horse that has run after April 10th is eligible and here again the list of substitutes is used. The half way order will be published in the Summer Quarter and more frequent updates on the web site.

THE RULES

Each list must include at least **FIVE two-year-olds**. All runners from **April 10th until November 8th** count for scoring while they are trained at Kingsclere, this means **all flat, jumping, all-weather and foreign runners**.

Entries are £10.00 each and you may submit as many lists as you like. **Please put your name on each list.**

The pool will be divided 55% to the winner, 25% to the second, 15% to the third and 5% to the fourth. The person finishing last will get their £10 back. Last year's pool was £2080.

Scoring is as follows:-

12 POINTS TO THE WINNER OF A GROUP OR LISTED RACE

10 POINTS FOR ANY OTHER WINNER

8 POINTS FOR THE SECOND IN A GROUP OR LISTED RACE

6 POINTS FOR ANY OTHER SECOND

5 POINTS FOR THE THIRD IN A GROUP OR LISTED RACE

4 POINTS FOR ANY OTHER THIRD

1 POINT TO A FOURTH WHERE THERE IS PRIZE MONEY

Cheques made payable to:-

Emma Balding and return to her at Park House, Kingsclere, Newbury, Berks. RG20 5PY

LATE ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN BUT MUST NOT INCLUDE ANYTHING THAT HAS RUN AFTER APRIL 10th

Reserves will be used in this case

1	TWO YEAR OLDS
2	8
3	9
4	10
5	11
6	12
7	
	RESERVES
NAME:	1
ADDRESS:	2
	3
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