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"Do you have polos?"

Front cover: *Berkshire Beauty* winning at Southwell under Osin Murphy

Back cover: *First lot on the Lochsong* on a frosty winter morning

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INTRODUCTION

With the mornings finally brightening and the need for fewer layers to leave the house and brave the elements, the welcome feel of Spring has arrived! The anticipation of the new Flat season also accompanies the lighter mornings, bringing with it an increase in activity out on the gallops.

It is somewhat of a disappointment that for the first time in four years we do not have any likely classic contenders, but this does not stop everyone at Park House being excited for our prospects elsewhere in 2016. Elm Park is a genuinely high class horse for the new season and the likes of Scotland, Absolutely So and Tullius are also older horses that are proven at Group level. Blond Me and Scottish were both Group placed as three year olds following fairly uninspiring two year old careers and they both remain in training. Their achievements last season certainly encourage one to think that there may well be some less obvious talent to emerge amongst the three year olds and, as long as we can keep horses and humans healthy, we are sure to have an exciting and successful year on the racecourse.

Whilst it is still early days for the two year olds, I have been impressed by what I have seen of our juvenile colts so far. The springtime is always an opportunity to dream about what might lie ahead and our team, both human and equine, seem to be ready for the challenge! ■



Maddy on CONTANGO

THE SEASON AHEAD

Andrew Balding

OLDER HORSES

Having flown the flag for Park House in recent years with a brace of Group 2 wins and many other commendable performances, the eight year old **Tullius** shows no signs of slowing down, his work at home looking as good as ever. He began this year's campaign in the Winter Derby at Lingfield, where he faced a stiff task under a 5lb penalty for his most recent Group 2 win. Despite having won at the track as a two year old, the conditions did not really play to his strengths and he ran well enough to finish fifth. His next target is the Group 3 Prix Exbury at Saint-Cloud on 20th March, where he should get the softer turf surface he prefers. He should continue to give us and his owners, Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds, plenty of good days this year.

Here Comes When is a very high-class horse when conditions are in his favour, as shown when winning two Group 2 contests in the autumn of 2014. He ran some good races in defeat last year, notably when runner-up in the Bet365 Mile at Sandown Park and fourth in the Group 1 Sussex Stakes, but was unable to get his head in front and we took the decision to give him a breathing operation



SCOTLAND enjoying some winter sunshine

over the winter. Hopefully that will see him improve this term and things will be easier without the Group 2 penalty he carried for the first half of last year. He could start off in the Listed Royal Windsor Stakes in May, and all being well he will return to the top table for some of the major mile races in the summer.

Scotland was one of several of our leading performers to suffer a setback last summer. This was hugely frustrating as he had run a fine race to finish sixth from a poor draw in the Gold Cup, staying on strongly in the closing stages to suggest he has the makings of a real Cup contender this year. Thankfully, he is back on the go at home and we



MERRY ME will seek winning black type this term

will look to give him one run before returning to Ascot in June, though a decision on where that will be has yet to be made. He is a tremendously exciting prospect and could be a Melbourne Cup horse in the fullness of time.

Absolutely So was limited to just two outings in 2015, finishing third in the Group 3 John of Gaunt at Haydock before making the most of a return to Listed level to take the Cathedral Stakes at Salisbury in June. His subsequent setback was another midsummer blow, but he too looks as well as ever at present and hopefully he can make up for lost time this season, with the John Of Gaunt in May looking a logical starting point once again.

We have again looked to qualify several horses for the AW Championship Finals at Lingfield Park on Good Friday. The much-improved **Man Of Harlech** could take his chance in the 1m2f Middle Distance contest, having won over the course and distance in good style in November, a deserved win following his fine fourth in the Cambridgeshire on his previous outing. He also has the Lincoln as an option and

has the potential to make his mark in a Heritage Handicap and at Listed level in the months ahead.

Intransigent ran an excellent race in defeat from a poor draw in the Sprint Final last year and, having reached the frame in three of five outings in good company over the winter, he will take his chance in the race once again. He has had a busy autumn/winter campaign, so will then have a little break before returning in the late summer. A fourth tilt at the Listed Queensferry Stakes at Chester in August is a possibility, a race in which he has finished first and second in recent seasons.

Secret Hint is a smart mare on her day and ran several good races in defeat last term. A beautifully-bred daughter of Oasis Dream, the priority this season is to get some black type, which we will seek after she takes up her engagement in the Fillies and Mares' contest on Good Friday.



ELBERETH has blossomed further over the winter

Merry Me already has black type to her name, having finished runner-up in Listed and Group 2 company in the second half of last season. She is going to be covered by Iffraaj and hopefully will be racing in foal, with the aim being to find an opening at Listed level, as she too is a well-bred mare for whom having winning black-type would be a huge plus.

Mymatechris was transformed by a wind operation in 2014 that saw him win three times in handicap company on the All-Weather before showing further improvement to give us a first success at the AW Championships last year. Two subsequent outings on turf saw him fail to give his running, but I am hopeful that a good break and a second breathing operation can see him return to his best. We'll wait for some fast ground on turf with him, so he is unlikely to be out before mid-May, but he could be one for a big handicap on turf this summer.

Passover enjoyed a memorable campaign in 2015, his four wins culminating in a wide-margin success in what had looked a competitive and classy handicap on very soft ground at Newbury in October. Having returned from a

career-threatening illness last term off a mark of 57, things will be considerably harder for him off his new rating of 97! He has, however, blossomed over the winter and it would be lovely if there is more to come from him. The Suffolk Handicap at Newmarket on 2000 Guineas day could be his first assignment and, looking further ahead, the Wolferton at the Royal Meeting could suit.

Another with a very progressive profile is **Elbereth**, whose win at Epsom on Oaks Day last June under Edward Greatrex was followed by a short-head defeat at the Shergar Cup. A very good third in Listed company at Yarmouth then earned the daughter of Mount Nelson some valuable black type. Having shown her liking for the idiosyncrasies of Epsom, she could return there for her seasonal reappearance in the City and Suburban Handicap in April. She has done very well over the winter and longer-term is another for whom we will look to get some winning black type.

Nabatean suffered a setback last summer that saw him miss the remainder of the campaign. This was a real shame as it followed a very promising start to the season with a win on his return before finishing second to the high-class Clever Cookie in Listed company at York. He has been doing plenty of work on the treadmill and, all being well, will be ready to make his eagerly-awaited return to the racecourse in June. With just eight runs to date, he remains a very unexposed stayer and there could be plenty more to come.

Montaly was another talented young stayer to sustain an injury that curtailed his campaign in 2015, fracturing a hind cannon bone that could have signalled the end of his career. I am very relieved to report that he has made a good recovery and, though we will have to take things steadily, he could reappear in June.

Having run some very good races in defeat last summer, **Melvin The Grate's** form became a little patchy towards the end of the year and he wasn't working as well as he can. Following a couple of runs on the All-Weather, we



HAINES records his fifth All-Weather victory, at Kempton in January

decided to give him a break last month and I'm sure that will do him the world of good. He will be back in early May and looks capable of winning a big handicap this year.

Another who may wait for the turf is **Communicator**, who disappointed us at Lingfield Park last time. He retains his ability at home and will be suited by a return to further on the grass, for which he finds himself on a potentially nice mark.

Haines rattled up a four-timer on the All-Weather last term but followed that with a couple of below-par efforts on turf. He has returned to form this winter, winning in very good style at Kempton Park in January and finishing runner-up in a good handicap on his latest outing off a career-high mark of 80. Having progressed to the tune of 34lbs since joining the yard, he remains capable of better still, and there is no reason why he should be any less effective on turf in the months ahead.

At the age of nine, **Dungannon** remains an enthusiastic performer at home and a smart sprinter on the racecourse, winning his 11th race at Southwell on New Year's Day. We will keep going with him and he fully deserves to get his head in front again this season.



DUNGANNON returns to winning ways at Southwell on New Year's Day

The 2013 Ayr Gold Cup winner **Highland Colori** is closing in on the veteran stage himself and the eight year old came close to his first win in a couple of years when just denied at Southwell in December. Following a short break, he will return to that course in March and, looking further ahead, races like the Bunbury Cup will be on his agenda this term.

A lightly-raced five year old, **Priors Brook** ran very well in two races last summer, finishing second to a big improver on his reappearance before justifying favouritism at Chepstow under Liam Keniry. He was unable to show the same form in three starts last backend, but has had a nice break since and remains capable of further progress on turf this year.

Pearl Spectre returned from a layoff with three runs on the All-Weather over the winter and, though he ran fairly well at Chelmsford in January, it certainly wasn't at the level one would expect after seeing his work at home. He has had a short break since and hopefully things will click for him on turf, as he is a horse with a lot of natural ability. **Smiling Stranger** is on the long road back after a tendon injury. He is a talented horse and, though it will take time to get him back on the racecourse, I hope he can make up for lost time as I have long thought him capable of winning a nice handicap.

Old favourite **Breakheart** has been the perfect schoolmaster in recent seasons and he is now down to a mark off which he can win. Hopefully he can provide one of our exciting young apprentices with a debut winner in the coming weeks.

FOUR YEAR OLDS

Though things went against him on his big day last June, Racing Post Trophy winner **Elm Park** ran three excellent races either side of that. His third in the Dante last May looks particularly strong form now, coming behind the exceptional Golden Horn and his only slightly less exceptional stablemate Jack Hobbs. Elm Park's Listed win in the Fortune Stakes at Sandown Park in September was followed by a very bold bid in the Queen Elizabeth II at Ascot on Champions Day and, given how well he has done physically over the winter, there is every reason to believe he could challenge for the top honours this season.

We will look to start him off in the Group 2 Bet365 Mile at Sandown Park on 22nd April, after which the Lockinge would be a possibility. We could try 1m2f at some stage too, but there is a whole array of races for him and we will just get him started and take things from there. He has already achieved a great deal, but I am hopeful that he is only now set to reach his peak and he could be set for a tremendously exciting campaign.

Scottish made great strides last year, following his Newbury win in May with seconds in the King George V at Royal Ascot and in the Group 3 Gordon Stakes at Glorious Goodwood, where he found only the subsequent Secretariat Stakes and Hong Kong Vase winner Highland Reel too good. His win in the Listed Doonside Cup under David Probert on his final start of the year further highlighted his progressive profile, and I am very excited about his prospects this year. We will probably start him off in the Huxley Stakes at Chester in May, though there is a chance he could go for the Earl Of Sefton at Newmarket's Craven meeting if he comes to hand earlier. Wherever he starts off, he is horse we hold in the highest regard and I hope he can prove capable of contesting some of the major summer prizes.

Sandown Listed winner **Blond Me** went close to winning the Group 3 Atalanta Stakes at the same course last August and followed that with another second to the high-class American filly Sentiero Italia in the Grade 2 Sands Point Stakes at Belmont. A high-class filly, we haven't quite



BALLYNANTY heads to the All-Weather Championships

finalised plans for her, but she could possibly start off in the Listed Conqueror Stakes at Goodwood or the Group 2 Dahlia Stakes at Newmarket on Guineas weekend, before a crack at the Duke Of Cambridge at Royal Ascot.

The Duke Of Edinburgh at the Royal meeting is the target for Lord Blyth's **Duretto**, who won two 1m4f contests at Ascot in the second half of last season, on the second occasion getting up in the final stride under David Probert to force a dead-heat in a valuable contest. He ran a very good race in defeat on his final outing in the Old Rowley Cup at Newmarket and, off a mark of 92, he is a really exciting horse for all the major 1m4f handicaps this season.

We have always thought plenty of **Ballynanty** and, following a stuttering start to his career, he has made great strides on the All-Weather in recent months, most recently finishing an unlucky-in-running second to last year's AW Championships Marathon runner-up Anglophile. That race is Ballynanty's next target, with the Chester Cup very much a possibility too, and there could be plenty more to come from him.

Havisham is out of a half-sister to the St Leger winner Kingston Hill and, despite remaining a maiden, he is a smart young stayer in the making. Fifth in the Queen's Vase last June, he ran two further good races in defeat before disappointing on his final couple of outings. Gelded since, his recent work has been very good and he will start off in a maiden in March as we work towards a possible tilt at the Ascot Stakes.

Rocky Rider was another to run very well at the Royal meeting in 2015, finishing a fine fifth in the King George V despite not getting the clearest of runs. The subsequent setback that he suffered was a big blow, but I am delighted to have him back cantering and hopefully he will be ready to return in June.

I am confident we didn't see the best of **Victoria Pollard** last season, as following her very promising debut win at Newbury, things didn't really go her way in two subsequent runs in Listed company. Third on her handicap

debut last August, a setback kept her off the course for the remainder of the season, but she looks better than ever now and she could prove a useful filly this term.

Heartless was also third on her handicap debut when last seen in August, since when she has done very well physically. Closely related to Irish Derby winner Treasure Beach, she goes on any ground and is another who looks set for a good year. I hope she could prove good enough to pick up some black type.

Dance Of Fire has bounced back to form this winter, winning a Class 2 handicap at Chelmsford in February under Cathy Gannon. We have always thought a lot of him and hopefully he can win a nice handicap this term. This also applies to **High Admiral**, winner of a good maiden at Newbury last July. He has been gelded over the winter and is a good prospect for fast ground contests over the summer.



DANCE OF FIRE bounces back to form at Chelmsford

Following a couple of starts in handicap company, **Countermand** made the most of what looked a very good opportunity when hosing up in a 1m4f maiden on the fibresand at Southwell in November. Although he was unable to supplement that success in two subsequent outings, he has had a break since and is up to winning more races. **Brandon Castle**, progressive last year and a winner at Ffos Las in September, showed signs that a busy spell had caught up with him on his latest couple of starts. He has been freshened up since and could win a nice handicap this term granted give in the ground.

Chelmsford winner **Scarlet Minstrel** has kept his form very well over the winter, but has been creeping up the handicap without winning in recent starts. However, he stays well and there could be further progression on turf this term. That is also the case with **Hit List**, a son of Makfi who won on his most recent start, at Salisbury in October, and **Royal Normandy**, a dual turf winner over seven furlongs in 2015 who added to his tally when dropped back to six furlongs at Kempton Park in December.

Cool Strutter is a gorgeous-looking horse and is now down to a mark off which he really should be winning races, perhaps over further. **Man Look** is in a similar position, having lost a bit of confidence last year. He is a decent horse when things are right. **Doctor Bong** was another whose form rather tailed off last year, but he is back moving well and is on a handy mark.

Guiding Light has suffered a setback that will mean he won't be out until June, but the three-time winner at Chepstow will hopefully taste further success this summer.

Opera Lad has had a nice break since his last run in September. Immature last year, there could well be more to come from him over a trip this year.

Berkshire Beauty gained a deserved first success at Southwell in January and has now been retired to stud, whilst **Cape Spirit** remains a maiden but has always shown ability in her work and looks well-treated for her return.

Rose Above is a well-bred filly from a family we know very well. She has always worked well at home and I was delighted to see her translate this to the racecourse with an easy win at Kempton over 12 furlongs in the first week of March. She then followed up impressively over 2 miles at Lingfield. **Hala Madrid** will be racing in foal this term as she is visiting Sixties Icon this spring. She is a tough, consistent filly who can win more races before she retires to the paddocks.

THREE YEAR OLDS

Though there is perhaps no standout Classic pretender amongst the three year olds at this stage of the year, we look to have real strength in depth amongst them and, as a group, they have wintered particularly well. It would be no surprise to see one or more develop into high-class performers in the months ahead.

Ormito showed a very good level of form last year, winning his maiden by seven lengths at the second time of asking under Oisin Murphy, and going on to finish fourth



ORMITO was an easy winner of his maiden last year

in the Zetland Stakes at Newmarket in October. Too keen to do himself justice in Group 1 company in France on his final start of 2015, he has done well physically and we are looking to start him off at the Greenham meeting, before hopefully going on to a Derby Trial from there.

We didn't have the clearest of runs with **Sunflower** last term, but she was nevertheless able to make a winning debut at Windsor under David Probert and she ran a very good race on just her second start when sixth in the Group 1 Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket in September. She has an awful lot of speed and I would be disappointed if she cannot pick up some good black type this year.

Make Fast may not be very big but she has a wonderful attitude both in her work and on the racecourse. She followed a debut win at Ffos Las last September with a close second in the Listed Radley Stakes at Newbury the following month. Unseasonably fast ground prevented her from justifying favouritism in Listed company in Italy on her final outing, but she is capable of making her mark at that level this term.



KINGSTON KURRAJONG looks stronger than ever

I was delighted with the progress made by **Kingston Kurrajong** last autumn and the Chester maiden winner was unfortunate to bump into a very progressive rival when runner-up at Epsom on his final start in September, with the winner going on to Listed success next time. A big, strong individual, he looks to have progressed and will start off in a nice handicap in the spring.

Another to have done well last autumn was **Zoffanys Pride**, who stepped up markedly on his debut run when running away with a maiden over the extended mile at Nottingham on very heavy ground. He is a smart prospect for handicaps this year, particularly on soft ground, and looks open to plenty of improvement.

I was delighted to see **Dream Of Summer** off the mark at the fifth attempt in a mile handicap at Lingfield Park in November under Oisin Murphy, making all the running for a very comfortable success. That form was franked by the

third and fifth winning next time and I am confident he can defy the rise in the weights next time. He looks a very nice three year old handicapper in the making.

Summer Chorus shed her maiden tag at the second time of asking in a maiden over the minimum trip at Lingfield in November and followed up in a handicap over a furlong further under Jim Crowley in January. She has been given a break since her last run at the track the following month and looks the type to progress on turf when she returns in the summer.

Dancing Star made all to win a decent maiden over six furlongs at Windsor in August, but was unable to handle the track when disappointing at Chester on her only subsequent start. As a result Jeff Smith's daughter of Aqlaam looks a well-handicapped filly off an opening mark of 75.

This Is For You was another to disappoint at Chester on his final start of 2015, but he was over the top by then and had previously won his maiden in good style under Ed Greatrex before finishing runner-up in a competitive nursery on the Roodeye. He has been gelded since and looks a likely improver for that, as does **Dark Shot**, who was



Chepstow winner THIS IS FOR YOU

beaten by the narrowest of margins in maiden company at Chester and failed to give his running on the All-Weather at Lingfield Park in November. Out of the Wokingham winner Dark Missile, he is bred to progress this year and looks capable of developing into a useful sprinter.

I was disappointed that **Ian Fleming** finished last season a maiden, but he twice finished second and the son of Makfi is bred to come into his own this term. Rated 78, he will start off in a maiden but is a very nice prospect for handicaps later on. **Bernie's Boy** had, through no fault of his own, finished runner-up on five of his seven career starts before finally getting his head in front at Kempton this month. He fully deserved that win, and a return to turf could help him add to his tally.

We have always liked Mick and Janice Mariscotti's **Real Dominion** at home and he ran well in defeat on three



BROROCCO has matured physically and mentally

occasions in the second half of last season. Rated 79, the son of Cape Blanco will start off in a 1m2f maiden this spring. **Brorocco** finds himself on the same mark after his three runs, the middle of which came in the Group 3 Solario Stakes at Sandown Park in August. He was mentally too immature to do himself justice that day and ran well to finish fourth at Nottingham on his next start. He should come into his own this year and he will start off in a maiden at Windsor in April.

Nodachi ran a good race to finish second on his second start at Bath in October and the son of Rip Van Winkle, out of a half-sister to a Group 1 winner, has done well over the winter. He will need middle distances this year and could make up into a useful performer over a trip. This also applies to **Charmy**, a daughter of Yeats who showed a good level of form last term despite racing keenly on more than one occasion. She needs to learn to settle, but has plenty of potential.

Lorelina made a winning debut at odds of 25-1 at Epsom in last July, but unfortunately she clipped heels and came down on her next start at Salisbury and she failed to fire on two subsequent outings. She is on holiday with Claire Bonner but will be back with us shortly.

Viscount Barfield showed ability on both starts despite having a few niggling physical issues over the course of last year. Thankfully he is much improved now, his work has been good and he should make up into a useful handicapper later this season. **Wynford** will go handicapping off a mark of 73 following three runs over a mile in the second half of last season. He is a big, strong

sort who will get further in time and is likely to start off at the end of May.

Able Jack showed a very good level of ability in defeat last year, finishing fourth in what has proved to be a very strong Newmarket maiden in August and midfield in a sales race there in October. He will get a mile and is a bright prospect, as is Rex and Wendy Gorrell's **Loaded**, who has improved for being gelded and can step up markedly on the form of his sole run to date at Newbury.

Following three consecutive placed efforts in maiden company, I am pleased with a mark of 73 for **Make Music**, the daughter of Acclamation looking a likely improver this summer. **Calliope** is another progressive type who has done very well for her break and is a well-bred filly.

Pickapocket has improved with racing and, following a third in a mile nursery on the All-Weather on his final outing in 2015 he finished runner-up in a Lingfield maiden in January. He fully deserves to get his head in front, as does **Mystic Blaze**, who has twice finished runner-up over the winter but has the ability to win his maiden before progressing in handicaps.

Sir Pass I Am was very green on his only run at Sandown Park in September, but kept on in taking fashion in the closing stages. He has been gelded and his sire Passing Glance's progeny really progress with age. Twice-raced **Verne Castle** has also been gelded and, having shown up well in his work at home, he is another



The bonny PICKAPOCKET has improved with racing

who should be improving on the form of his two runs to date.

Rehearse was another to be betrayed by inexperience on his racecourse bow last autumn, but the Highclere Thoroughbred Racing-owned son of Big Bad Bob has done very well over the winter and will leave that debut form behind this year. Similar comments apply to The Queen's



NODACHI (nearside) and MOLTEN GOLD brighten up a gloomy February morning

New Approach colt **Molten Gold**, who was a raw model when down the field on his Newmarket debut last October but has developed physically and should do well over middle-distances this year.

Le Tissier was a little weak and light at two, but he still showed plenty on his only run at Salisbury and the son of Sir Percy, out of a half-sister to Norse Dancer, has done very well and looks set for a good year. **Rock Opera**, a half-sister to multiple Listed winner Opera Gal, is a big, scopey filly and ran a nice race on her only start at Newbury in October. She looks destined for better things this year. David Brownlow's **Lord Aslan** was very green on his only start on the All-Weather at Kempton Park, but he looks sure to improve with time and distance.



ROCK OPERA may head for a maiden at the Greenham meeting

Jim and Fitri Hay's **Lady Blanco** learnt plenty from her debut at Kempton Park in October, staying on in the closing stages. She has blossomed into a nice filly and should be much more competitive next time. **Lady Perignon** finished in midfield on her only outing, a competitive maiden at Glorious Goodwood. She suffered a setback after that run and, though she has made a full recovery, she won't be on the track until late spring at the earliest. We have always thought a lot of her and if she can get back to the form of her work at home last year, she will be an exciting filly to follow.

Another to suffer a setback after Goodwood was **Bingo George**, who had previously looked progressive in six furlong maidens in midsummer. Thankfully, he is now back in full work and hopefully he will be ready to make his reappearance in March.

There are few better bred fillies in training than **Great And Small**, and the close relation to Fame And Glory showed promise on her only run at Kempton Park in December. She works well and looks sure to win races. Another blueblood filly who showed ability on her Kempton debut is **Deep Dream**, a half-sister to Prix Jean Prat winner Havana Gold. She is also a lovely prospect.

French Legend showed little in three starts in the autumn, but the daughter of Pour Moi looks sure to improve and I am confident she is capable of winning off her opening mark, as is **Bluff Crag**, who in contrast showed plenty in his three runs in maidens and, having been gelded, looks another that is likely to progress.



BLUFF CRAG looks to have progressed over the winter

Both Sides ran well on his debut at Sandown Park in June but failed to give his running at Chester six weeks later. I am confident that the well-bred son of Lawman will be winning races this year, as should **White Poppy**, who stayed on in the closing stages on both occasions over seven furlongs last year. The Qatar Racing-owned filly, a daughter of Frozen Power, could improve further for a step up to a mile. Another filly to look forward to is **Moon Over Mobay**, who improved on her debut run when fifth at Kempton Park in November and will progress further over a trip in the coming months.

The Graduate was disappointing in two starts last autumn, but he looks a likely improver once upped in trip this term, whilst I hope we can find the key to **Montague Way**, who has ability but is a headstrong sort and has not been the easiest to train.

Showdaisy has been very disappointing in three starts this winter, but she will start off on a very low mark as a result and has always shown ability at home. **Emperor Napoleon** was another to disappoint last year on his only start, but he should not be judged harshly on that and we have always thought a bit of him. **Excellent Alibi** unfortunately suffered a setback after his sole start at Newmarket in August, but he is back from his layoff and is doing faster work now. A half-brother to Delegator, he has time on his side.

Another on a fair mark is new arrival **Hairdryer**, who showed a fair level of form in four starts for his previous yard last year. He goes well and looks capable of making his mark with a rating of 71.

Fort Jefferson improved with each of three starts in maidens in the autumn, culminating with a sixth over seven furlongs at Newmarket. Allotted a mark of 61, he is at the right end of the handicap and should be winning races. Fellow Kingsclere Racing Club three year old **Lord Huntingdon** has been campaigned on the All-Weather this winter and took well to the Fibresand when shedding his maiden over a mile at Southwell.

We also have a host of unraced three year olds that will be starting off this spring and there are some very exciting prospects amongst them.

We had hoped to start **Paris Bound** off last autumn, as the half-brother to Side Glance had shown himself to be a very useful prospect in his work at home. A setback prevented us from getting a run into him but he is back in full work and, all being well, will be ready to start off in mid-April. By Champs Elysees, a sire who enjoyed a very good year in 2015, he could have an exciting campaign over middle distances this year.

Alhajjaj is a three parts brother to Group 2 winner Strawberrydaiquiri and has shown plenty of ability at home, but has had a setback and so will need further time. **Predetermined** is a half-brother to two very useful sprinters and has shown a lot of speed in his work at home. He has been gelded and will be ready to start off in a maiden in the coming weeks.

Three Loves is a half-sister to Tashaar, a very useful middle-distance performer last year, and she is a lovely, scopey filly we have always liked. All being well, she will be out in April and could be useful.

Atalante is a daughter of Cape Cross and half-sister to French 2,000 Guineas winner Landseer. Weak and immature last year, she has worked very nicely since returning from her winter break and will start off in a spring maiden, as will **Brief Visit**, who was big and backward at two but is a well-bred daughter of a Listed winner and has a bright future.

Vanishing Point was another that was too weak to make his debut at two, but he has done well and this half-brother to three black-type performers, including Irish



Kennet Valley's **SIGNAL HILL** has come on leaps and bounds

2,000 Guineas runner-up France, looks a progressive type. **Touchdown Banwell** is a fine, big sort who has benefitted from gelding and a patient approach. He will be ready to go at the beginning of the turf season though he may start off on the All-Weather before switching to the grass.

Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds enjoyed plenty of success last year with **Bishop's Leap**, who was a weak, backward type at two but went on to win three times last year prior to being sold. They have a similar type this year in **Signal Hill**, who has a nice pedigree and is a good prospect for the summer.

Iberica Road and **Isaak** were both very immature last year, but they have been gelded and have strengthened up nicely over the winter, as has **Fleeting Glimpse**, Mildmay Racing's daughter of Passing Glance out of five-time winner Perfect Act.

Swashbuckle is a really big, long-striding individual and he won't be rushed as he looks a real stayer in the making. Another who will need time is **Mr Andros**, who was raw and weak last year, but this brother to three winners has the potential to develop into a nice horse in time. A major colic operation has meant a long road back for **Shongololo**, but the son of Manduro is a nice type and will hopefully make up for lost time when he makes his debut this summer.

Caccini and **Diamond Kut** are new arrivals to the yard. Both unraced, they have very nice middle-distance pedigrees and are excellent additions to the team.

We never found out too much about **Gone Girl** at two, but she is back bigger and stronger now, as is **Faction**, a son of Champs Elysees who struggled last year but looks a different horse now. Both should be out in early May.

The diminutive **Wensara Dream** has always shown plenty of speed at home but her racecourse debut has unfortunately been delayed by a couple of setbacks. She will be one for the latter half of the season. **St Mary's** was weak and backward last year but has done well over the winter and her sire Siyouni has made a very good start to his career at stud. ■



New recruit **HAIRDRYER** is on a handy-looking mark

LIST OF HORSES FOR THE 2016 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

OLDER HORSES

ABSOLUTELY SO 6 B g	The Smith Family
Acclamation Week End	
BREAKHEART 9 B g	
Sakhee Exorcet	IA Balding
COMMUNICATOR 8 B g	
Motivator Goodie Twosues	Lady Davis
DUNGANNON 9 B g	
Monsieur Bond May Light	Dr E Harris
ELBERETH 5 B m	
Mount Nelson Masandra	D Taylor
HAINES 5 Ch g	
Shirocco Spring Dream	Bow River Racing
HERE COMES WHEN 5 B g	
Danehill Dancer Quad's Melody	Mrs F Hay
HIGHLAND COLORI 8 B g	
Le Vie Dei Colori Emma's Star	E Sutherland
INTRANSIGENT 7 B g	
Trans Island Mara River	KRC
MAN OF HARLECH 5 B g	
Mansili Ffestiniog	Elite Racing Club
MELVIN THE GRATE 6 B g	
Danehill Dancer Hawala	Fromthestables.com
MERRY ME 5 B m	
Invincible Spirit Thought is Free	Mrs F Hay
MONTALY 5 B g	
Yeats Le Badie	Farleigh Racing
MYMATECHRIS 5 B g	
High Chaparral Splendeur	DE Brownlow
NABATEAN 5 B g	
Rock of Gibraltar Landinium	Lord Blyth
PASSOVER 5 B g	
Passing Glance Floriana	KRC
PEARL SPECTRE 5 Ch g	
Street Cry Dark Sky	Pearl Bloodstock Ltd
PRIORS BROOK 5 B g	
Champs Elysees Dyanita	Mrs L Alexander
SCOTLAND 5 B g	
Monsun Sqillo	Mrs F Hay
SECRET HINT 5 B m	
Oasis Dream Teeky	J Drew/DH Caslon
SMILING STRANGER 5 Br g	
Nayef Carraigoona	N M Watts
STORM FORCE TEN 5 B g	
Shirocco Stravinsky Dance	R Waley-Cohen
TULLIUS 8 Ch g	
Le Vie Dei Colori Whipped Queen	Kennet Valley T/breds

FOUR YEAR OLDS

BALLYNANTY Gr c	
Yeats Reina Blanca	R Wilmot-Smith
BLOND ME Ch f	
Tamayuz Holda	Mrs Barbara Keller
BRANDON CASTLE B g	
Dylan Thomas Chelsey Jane	RPB Michaelson/Dr E Harris
BREATHLESS B g	
Royal Applause Ada River	IA Balding

CAPE SPIRIT B f

Cape Cross Fearless Spirit	Living Legend Racing P/ship
COOL STRUTTER B g	
Kodiac Cassava	A Gemmell
COUNTERMAND B g	
Authorized Answered Prayer	Gough/Wilmot-Smith/Gahly
DANCE OF FIRE B g	
Norse Dancer Strictly Dancing	JC Smith
DOCTOR BONG B g	
Sleeping Indian Vax Rapide	Pink Star Racing
DURETTO Ch g	
Manduro Landinium	Lord Blyth
ELM PARK B c	
Phoenix Reach Lady Brora	Qatar Racing Ltd
GUIDING LIGHT B g	
Acclamation Venus Rising	Thurloe T/breds XXXIV
HALA MADRID Ch f	
Nayef Ermine	NM Watts
HAVISHAM B g	
Mount Nelson Ile Deserte	DE Brownlow
HEARTLESS Ch f	
New Approach Honorine	Qatar Racing Ltd
HIGH ADMIRAL Ch g	
New Approach Wosaita	DE Brownlow
HIT LIST Ch g	
Makfi Kassiopeia	Another Bottle Racing
MAN LOOK B g	
Nayef Charlecote	C Buckley
OPERA LAD B g	
Teofilo Opera Glass	JC Smith
ROCKY RIDER B c	
Galileo Blue Symphony	Qatar Racing Ltd
ROSE ABOVE B f	
Yeats Sabah	Sir R Buckley & G Oury
ROYAL NORMANDY B g	
Royal Applause Border Minstrel	M Payton
SCARLET MINSTREL B g	
Sir Percy Sweet Mandolin	JC JR & SR Hitchins
SCOTTISH B g	
Teofilo Zeiting	Mrs F Hay
VICTORIA POLLARD B f	
Sir Percy Victoria Montoya	KRC

THREE YEAR OLDS

ABLE JACK B g	
Iffraaj Solva	Happy Valley Racing & Breeding
ALHAJJAJ Gr c	
Cacique Strawberry Morn	Salem Rashid
ATALANTE B f	
Cape Cross Sabria	WR Swinburn
BERNIE'S BOY B c	
Lilbourne Lad Stoney Cove	B McGuire/KTS
BINGO GEORGE B g	
Holy Roman Emperor Kalleidoscope	The Smith Family
BLUFF CRAG B g	
Canford Cliffs Camp Riverside	James/Michaelson/Greenwood

BOTH SIDES B g		
Lawman Pearl Dance	G Strawbridge	
BRIEF VISIT B f		
Fastnet Rock Brevity	Cliveden Stud	
BROROCO B g		
Shirocco Lady Brora	KRC	
CACCINI B c		
Authorized Key Change	JD Clague	
CALLIOPE B f		
Poet's Voice Costa Brava	Thurloe T/breds XXXVI	
CHARMY B f		
Yeats Saturday Girl	R Wilmot Smith	
DANCING STAR B f		
Aqlaam Strictly Dancing	JC Smith	
DARK SHOT Br g		
Acclamation Dark Missile	JC Smith	
DEEP DREAM B f		
Dream Ahead Jessica's Dream	Qatar Racing Ltd	
DIAMOND KUT Gr g		
Rock Of Gibraltar Diamond Line	J Jarvis	
DREAM OF SUMMER B c		
Canford Cliffs Danehills Dream	Happy Valley R/ing & B/ding	
EMPEROR NAPOLEON B c		
Champs Elysees Amarullah	The Napoleon Partnership	
EXCELLENT ALIBI Ch c		
Exceed And Excel Indian Love Bird	Salem Rashid	
FACTION B g		
Champs Elysees Belladerra	Qatar Racing Ltd & AM Balding	
FLEETING GLIMPSE B f		
Passing Glance Perfect Act	Mildmay Racing & DH Caslon	
FORT JEFFERSON Br g		
Passing Glance Florida Heart	KRC	
FRENCH LEGEND B f		
Pour Moi Fast Flow	JC Smith	
GONE GIRL B f		
Arcano Siren's Gift	JC Smith	
GREAT AND SMALL B f		
Galileo Gryada	Coln Valley Stud	
HAIRDRYER B c		
Motivator Londonnetdotcom	Sir A Ferguson, Done, Mason	
IAN FLEMING B g		
Makfi High Cross	Chelsea Thoroughbreds	
IBERICA ROAD B g		
Quality Road Field Of Clover	Mucho Men Racing P/ship	
ISAAK B g		
Dalghar Ela's Giant	N Botica/R Gorell	
KINGSTON KURRAJONG B c		
Authorized Kingston Acacia	R Hains	
LADY BLANCO Br f		
Cape Blanco War Clan	Mrs F Hay	
LADY PERIGNON B f		
Poet's Voice Amallna	Mrs F Hay	
LE TISSIER Ch g		
Sir Percy Incarnation	Mrs LE Ramsden/R Morecombe	
LOADED B g		
Kodiac Fikrah	R Gorell	
LORD ASLAN B c		
Thewayyouare Lunar Lustre	DE Brownlow	
LORD HUNTINGDON B g		
Lord Of England Marajuaana	KRC	
LORELINA B f		
Passing Glance Diktalina	T Wixted & A Anderson	
MAKE FAST B f		
Makfi Raymi Coya	H M The Queen	
MAKE MUSIC B f		
Acclamation Come What May	Lady Emma Balding	
MOLTEN GOLD B c		
New Approach Flash Of Gold	H M The Queen	
MONTAGUE WAY B g		
Rock Of Gibraltar Shanghai Lily	M & V Slade/J Karter/KTS	
MOON OVER MOBAY B f		
Archipenko Slew The Moon	Miss K Rausing	
MR ANDROS B g		
Phoenix Reach Chocolada	Winterbeck Manor Stud	
MYSTIC BLAZE Ch c		
Arcano Star Approval	Sheikh JD Al Maktoum	
NODACHI B c		
Rip Van Winkle Jabroot	Mrs F Hay	
ORMITO B c		
Mamool Ormita	Mrs LE Ramsden/R Morecombe	
PARIS BOUND B c		
Champs Elysees Averami	KRC	
PICKAPOCKET B c		
Fast Company Ann's Annie	Mrs S Roy & NM Watts	
PREDETERMINED B g		
Lope de Vega Queen Bodicea	Mrs F Hay	
REAL DOMINION B c		
Cape Blanco Real Doll	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
REHEARSE B c		
Big Bad Bob And Again	Highclere T/bred Racing	
ROCK OPERA B f		
Fastnet Rock Opera Glass	JC Smith	
SHONGOLOLO B g		
Manduro Nipping	M & V Slade/KTS	
SHOWDAISY Ch f		
Showcasing Darling Daisy	Mrs P Scott-Dunn	
SIGHT SEA B f		
Passing Glance Seaflower Reef	KRC	
SIGNAL HILL B g		
Rock Of Gibraltar Izzy Lou	Kenet Valley Thoroughbreds	
SIR PASS I AM B g		
Passing Glance Orbital Orchid	Mrs JS Newton	
ST MARY'S B f		
Siyouni Once Over	KRC	
SUMMER CHORUS B f		
Exceed And Excel Soviet Terms	Sheikh JD Al Maktoum	
SUNFLOWER Ch f		
Dutch Art Swan Wings	Coln Valley Stud	
SWASHBUCKLE B c		
Dashing Blade Inhibition	KRC	
THE GRADUATE Gr c		
Mastercraftsman Ballyvarra	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
THIS IS FOR YOU B g		
Paco Boy Waypoint	Persaud & Partners	
THREE LOVES B f		
Duke Of Marmalade Three Moons	Happy Valley R/ing & B/ding	
TOUCHDOWN BANWELL B g		
Fairbanks Friendly Thunder	LL Register	
VANISHING POINT B c		
Pivotal Hyperspectra	Castle Down Racing	
VERNE CASTLE Ch g		
Sakhee's Secret Lochangel	JC Smith	
VISCOUNT BARFIELD B c		
Raven's Pass Madonna Dell'orto	DE Brownlow	
WENSARA DREAM B f		
Lilbourne Lad Emerald Fire	M & V Slade	
WHITE POPPY B f		
Frozen Power Symbol Of Peace	Qatar Racing Ltd	
WYNFORD Ch g		
Dylan Thomas Wishing Chair	IA Balding & P Fox	
ZOFFANYS PRIDE B c		
Zoffany Lioness	Axom LXII	
TWO YEAR OLDS		
ANCIENT FOE B c		
Shamardal Pearl Dance	G Strawbridge	
APPRECIATING B f		
New Approach Star Value	H M The Queen	
BERKSHIRE BOY B c		
Elzaam Circuit City	Berkshire Parts & Panels	

BOHEMIAN FLAME B c		
Zoffany Red Japonica	Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds II	
CHARTBUSTER B c		
Mastercraftsman Gift Dancer	Owners Group 015	
COLD SHOULDER B g		
Passing Glance Averami	KRC	
CONTANGO Ch c		
Casamento Call Later	Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds XII	
COUNT SIMON B c		
Rip Van Winkle Wedding Cake	P Fox/A Balding	
DROCHAID Ch c		
Mastercraftsman Avon Lady	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
EASTERN B f		
Shamardal Thought Is Free	Mrs F Hay	
FAIR COP B f		
Exceed and Excel Speed Cop	JC Smith	
FARLEIGH MAC Ch c		
Equiano Le Badie	Farleigh Racing	
GALACTIC PRINCE Ch c		
Dubawi Opera Gal	JC Smith	
GENETICS B c		
Manduro Garmerita	DJT	
GEORGIO B c		
Approve Gillenia	J Dwyer & A Balding	
HIDDEN STASH B c		
Sakhee's Secret Marajuana	KRC	
HIDDEN STEPS B f		
Footstepsinthesand Hidden Valley	KRC	
HIGHLAND PASS B f		
Passing Glance Lady Brora	KRC	
HORSEPLAY B f		
Cape Cross Mischief Making	Cliveden Stud	
HOT LICK B g		
Phoenix Reach Sweet Mandolin	JC JR & SR Hitchins	
INTIMATE ART Ch c		
Dutch Art Intimacy	Thurloe T/Breds XXXIX	
INVESTIGATION Gr c		
Rip Van Winkle Syann	M & V Slade/KTS	
JOSH THE PLOD B c		
Arcano Dune Breeze	P Fox/A M Balding	
KINGSTON MALALEUCA B g		
Dream Ahead Kingston Acacia	R Hains	
KINGSTON TASMANIA B c		
Kheleyf Derartu	R Hains	
KNOW THE TRUTH B f		
Lawman Snow Key	G Strawbridge	
LEONTES Ch c		
Paco Boy Robema	DE Brownlow	
LOOK MY WAY B c		
Pour Moi Casual Glance	KRC	
MAGIC PASS Ch c		
Raven's Pass Magic America	G Strawbridge	
MAKKADANGDANG Ch g		
Mastercraftsman Penny Cross	P Fox/A Balding	
MANOLITO DE MADRID B c		
Soldier Hollow Molly Maxima	NM Watts	
MAX ZORIN B c		
Cape Cross My	Chelsea Thoroughbreds	
MEYANDI Ch c		
Mount Nelson Susi Wong	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
MUCHO APPLAUSE B c		
Acclamation Pediment	Transatlantic Racing	
MUNSTEAD STAR Ch f		
Sir Percy Royal Patron	Sir Gordon Brunton	
NATIVE PROSPECT Ch c		
Bated Breath Jakarta Jade	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
NIGHT LAW B f		
Lawman Night Carnation	G Strawbridge	
OPERA QUEEN B f		
Nathaniel Opera Glass	JC Smith	
ORSINO B c		
Galileo Birmanie	DE Brownlow	
OVERHOLT B g		
Shirocco Inhibition	KRC	
PERFECT ANGEL Br f		
Dark Angel The Hermitage	Mildmay Racing & DH Caslon	
POET'S VANITY B f		
Poet's Voice Vanity	ME Wates	
QUEEN MOON B f		
Lawman Movie Queen	LL Register	
ROSIE BRIAR Ch f		
Mayson Lighted Way	J Hobby	
SIMMOON B c		
Sixties Icon Astragal	Lord Blyth	
STAG PARTY B c		
Thewayyouare Betrothed	Living Legend Racing P/ship	
TORCELLO Ch c		
Born To Sea Islandagore	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
WAKING Ch f		
Rip Van Winkle Sabah	Sir R Buckley & G Oury	
WINE LIST Ch c		
Champs Elysees Masandra	Another Bottle Racing	
Xxx Ch c		
Lope De Vega Let It Be Me	Qatar Racing Ltd	
Xxx B c		
Teofilo Pellinore	Qatar Racing Ltd	
Xxx B c		
Deep Impact Rumba Boogie	Qatar Racing Ltd	
Xxx B c		
Frankel Honorine	Qatar Racing Ltd	
Xxx B c		
Born To Sea Three Days In May	Qatar Racing Ltd	
Xxx B c		
Casamento Rohlindi	Qatar Racing Ltd	
Xxx B f		
Camacho Passata	Sheikh JD Al Maktoum	
Xxx Br f		
Kyllachy Life Rely	Sheikh JD Al Maktoum	
Xxx B c		
Lilbourne Lad Make Amends	Sheikh JD Al Maktoum	
Xxx B c		
Mount Nelson Carsulae	Sheikh JD Al Maktoum	
Xxx Ch c		
Rio de la Plata Cosabawn	DE Brownlow	
Xxx B f		
Street Cry Satulagi	Mrs F Hay	
Xxx Ch c		
Cape Blanco Nimue	Mrs F Hay	
Xxx Gr f		
Makfi Mintly Fresh	J Haseler	



12 TO FOLLOW 2-y-o POINTERS

By Tessa Hetherington

As ever, the task of predicting which of our crop of youngsters will be early bloomers is both fun and fiendishly difficult, as they have only just begun to do anything approaching fast work. I have picked out the following on the basis of pedigree and physical appearance. Good luck!

BERKSHIRE BOY B c
Elzaam – Circuit City



Bought for 50,000gns from Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling sale, the dam of this racy colt won over 10f in France at three, and is a half-sister to Listed winners Kart Star and Karmifira (a winner at two). She has produced three winners from six foals of racing age, including Flash Ram, a winner at two in France. First season sire Elzaam was a good two year old, placing in the Coventry, the July Stakes and the Horris Hill before going on to win a Listed event over 6f at three and placing fourth in the Golden Jubilee.

BOHEMIAN FLAME B c

Zoffany – Red Japonica
Bought by the Kennet Valley team at Goffs for €45,000, this athletic colt is the sixth foal from an unraced Daylami mare with an excellent pedigree, being a daughter of champion two year old Red Camellia and a half-sister to Fillies' Mile heroine Red Bloom. She has produced two winners, including the decent sprinter Kinglami. Zoffany won five of his first six starts as a two year old, including the Group 1 Phoenix Stakes, and was unlucky to bump into Frankel as a three year old miler. As a first-season sire last year he was a revelation, bagging the championship with the assistance of a trio of Royal Ascot wins, courtesy of Illuminate (Albany Stakes), Washington DC (Windsor Castle) and Waterloo Bridge (Chesham). He is also the sire of Royal Lodge winner Foundation, a serious contender for Classic honours this year.

DROCHAID Ch c

Mastercraftsman – Avon Lady
Bought by Mick and Janice Mariscotti from Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, this scopey colt is the second foal from a mare who won at two (over 8f



in October) and went on to record three further wins at 7f to 8.5f on turf and the All-Weather before finishing fourth in a Listed race over a mile at Lingfield. She has produced one previous foal, who had one run as a two year old last year. The family goes back to Listed winner Santa Isobel, the dam of Park House favourite Whiplash Willie. Mastercraftsman was a dual Group 1 winner at two (over 6-7f at the Curragh) and went on to be a top class miler, taking the Irish 2000 Guineas and the St James Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot. He has made an excellent start at stud, with his first three crops having included French Derby and Irish Champion Stakes victor The Grey Gatsby, Racing Post Trophy and St Leger winner Kingston Hill, and the smart mare Amazing Maria, a Group 3 winner at two who bagged the Duke Of Cambridge, the Falmouth and the Prix Rothschild last year.

FAIR COP B f
Exceed and Excel – Speed Cop



Bred by her owner Jeff Smith, Fair Cop hails from an excellent family with strong Kingsclere roots. All four of her half-siblings were trained by Andrew, with Top Cop, Desert Law and Desert Command all good sprint handicappers (the first two winning as juveniles). Her dam, a 5f specialist, was a Listed winner and Group placed at two for Ian, and won a Class 2 off 95 at three for Andrew. Seven of her siblings were trained at Park House, as was her dam, demoted Nunthorpe winner Blue Siren, and five of her siblings. Exceed and Excel won six Group races in Australia at two and three and has proven an excellent sire of

two year olds, sprinters and milers in both Northern and Southern hemispheres, his progeny including QEII winner Excelebration, Breeders Cup Juvenile Turf winner Outstrip and Nunthorpe heroine Margot Did.

FARLEIGH MAC Ch c
Equiano – Le Badie



Bred by his owner Sir Charles Hobhouse, this strong, balanced colt is the third foal of Le Badie, a winner in Italy including at two. She is a half-sister to Lady Angharad, who won at Listed level as a two year old, and to the dam of the classy Barefoot Lady. Le Badie's two previous foals, Montaly and Farletti, are both winners for Park House, Montaly winning over 8.5f at two before going on to excel over longer trips. In contrast to Montaly's sire Yeats, Equiano is proving to be a good source of juvenile winners. Himself a winner at two in Spain, Equiano went on to be a top-class sprinter and a rare dual winner of the King's Stand at Royal Ascot. His first two crops have included the black type two year olds Strath Burn, Dark Reckoning, Fly On The Night and Waipu Cove.

HIDDEN STASH B c

Sahkee's Secret – Marajuana
The dam of this Kingsclere homebred won over 5f at debut at two, was placed over 7f at three, and is a half-sister to Intransigent and Border Music, both Listed winners for the Kingsclere Racing Club over 6-7f. She has produced four previous foals, including multiple winner Tartan Trip (7-8f, placed as two year old). Sakhee's Secret won at two (6f) and took the July Cup at three. He is a solid sire of speed and, whilst he has not produced any superstars, he can get juvenile winners. This colt is a butty, active type who may be an earlier runner.

KINGSTON TASMANIA B c

Kheleyf – Derartu
Bred by his owner Richard Hains, this colt is the 8th foal from his dam, who won twice in Australia over 7-8f. She has produced two winners from five runners in the UK, namely Kingston Eucalypt, who won twice in Germany as a five year old, and Kingston Acacia, a dual winner over 7f who went

on to produce Kingston Kurrajong, a Park House winning two year old last year. From a family full of speed, Kheleyf is a half-brother to Champion 2yo Filly Bint Allayl. He won twice at two and was second in the Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot, before winning the Group 3 Jersey Stakes over 7f at the same course as a three year old. He has proven a solid sire of 2yos and sprinters, and this youngster looks a compact, racy type.

LEONTES Ch c

Paco Boy – Robema

A 33,000 guineas purchase at Tattersalls in November, this is the fifth foal from a three-time winner over 7.5f to 8f, a half-sister to the classy Lucky Chappy (Listed winner at two in Italy and fourth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, Grade 1 placed at three over 10f). She has only produced one runner to date, Atlantic Sun, but he beat talented Kingsclere inmate Ormito when winning his maiden at Ffos Las as a two year old and begins his three year old campaign with a very respectable opening mark of 91. Top miler Paco Boy has made an excellent start at stud, including with juvenile Group winners Beacon (Group 2 Flying Childers), Smaih (Group 3 Horris Hill) and Galileo Gold (Group 2 Vintage Stakes). This compact, racy colt has looked precocious in his work to date.

MAGIC PASS Ch c

Raven's Pass – Magic America

Homebred by his owner George Strawbridge, this colt's dam won over 5f on her debut at two (in May), and was placed in two 6f Group 1s (Prix Morny and Cheveley Park) before winning the Group 3 Prix Miesque over 7f. A Listed winner at three, she was sold for 625,000 as a broodmare prospect and has produced three runners to date. The latter two are still unexposed but the first, Sara Lucille, was Group 3 placed over 7f at two. Raven's Pass was very good at two, winning the Group 3 Solario Stakes and finishing third in the Dewhurst. He progressed into a top-class three year old, suffering narrow defeats in the St James' Palace, the Prix Jean Prat and the Sussex Stakes before taking the Celebration Mile, Queen Elizabeth II and the Breeders' Cup Classic. He is a good sire, particularly of two year olds, with Group winning juveniles Steeler, Richard Pankhurst and Malabar amongst his progeny.

MUCHO APPLAUSE B c

Acclamation – Pediment

Bought at Goffs for €100,000, this long-striding colt is out of a winner over 11f at three (placed at two) who is a half-sister to Listed winners Portal (10f, dam of Gp 3 placed Windshear) and Ice Palace (10f), and to the dam of Group 2 winners Dimension and Spacious (7-8f). She has produced one previous winner, in Italy. Acclamation is an excellent source of speed and precocity. Winner of a Doncaster Sales race and Listed

placed at two, as a four year old he won the Group 2 Diadem Stakes over 6f and was placed in the Nunthorpe and Prix de l'Abbaye. He has produced a host of good horses, including Group winning two year olds Harbour Watch, Lilbourne Lad and Dark Angel.

NIGHT LAW B f

Lawman – Night Carnation

Another George Strawbridge homebred, this is the first foal from Park House speedster Night Carnation, who won and was Listed placed at two over 6f, took the Group 3 Coral Charge at three and completed her racing career with a close second in the Grade 1 Nearctic Stakes at Woodbine. Lawman won at two and was top-class as a three year old over 8f to 10f in France. A successful sire, he gets two year olds from midsummer onwards, with his progeny including Just The Judge (winner of the Group 2 Nassau at two, Irish 1,000 Guineas at three and Grade 1 E.P. Taylor at four), Law Enforcement (Group 1 winner in Italy at two), U.S. Law (Group 3 winner and Group 1 placed at two) and last year's Racing Post Trophy winner Marcel.

UNNAMED B f

Camacho – Passata



Bought for 50,000 guineas at Tattersalls in November, this filly was the second most expensive Camacho yearling sold last year. A winning two year old who went on to Listed success as a three year old sprinter, Camacho is a half to Gimcrack winner and exciting young sire Showcasing, and is himself a solid source of two year olds, some precocious. His progeny includes Group winning two year olds Green Door and My Catch and the Listed winning two year olds Winning Express and Arctic Feeling (the latter bred on the same cross as this filly). This is the ninth foal from an unraced daughter of Polar Falcon who has produced a German Champion two year old in Pomellato and, whilst this filly was a late foal (18 May), she has the physique and attitude to be an earlier sort.

UNNAMED Ch c

Cape Blanco – Nimue

This solid and straightforward colt is the second foal from Nimue, a half-sister to US Grade 2 winner Go Rockin Robin, who was also a winner and Stakes placed at two over a mile. Nimue ran at two and



was sufficiently highly regarded to run in the Group 2 Lowther Stakes (although ultimately not up to that challenge). She went on to win twice as an older horse over 7f. Now standing in Japan after three seasons in Kentucky, Cape Blanco won the Group 2 Futurity Stakes at Fairyhouse at two and progressed into a fantastic middle-distance performer, winning the Irish Derby and Irish Champion Stakes before picking up a trio of US Grade 1s. He made a reasonable start at stud with his first two year olds last year.

UNNAMED Ch c

Lope de Vega – Let It Be Me



Bought for 145,000gns from Book 1 of Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, this impressive Qatar Racing Ltd colt is the first foal from an American-bred mare. She did not show much on the racecourse but is a half sister to Chesham-winning two year old Zaidan (later Group 1 placed in Hong Kong). The granddam was a winner over 8f and Listed placed over 7f and is a half sister to triple Group 3 winner Ramooz (also a four-time winner and Listed placed at two). Lope de Vega was a good two year old, winning twice and finishing fourth in the Group 1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere. He went on to be a top class three year old, winning the French 2000 Guineas and French Derby, and has quickly established himself as an excellent young sire. Champion first-season sire in 2014, his first two crops have included Dewhurst winner Belardo, Group 3 winning juvenile Blue de Vega, Irish 2000 Guineas runner-up Endless Drama and the exciting filly Very Special, a dual Group 2 winner in Dubai already this year.

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Street Cry – Satulagi

This easy-moving filly was bred by her owners Jim and Fitri Hay, who also raced



her dam. As a two year old, Satulagi won the Listed Winkfield Stakes before going on to place in the Group 3 Sweet Solera and the Group 1 Fillies' Mile. She is a half-sister to a two year old Grade 3 winner in the US and has produced four previous foals. Two are multiple winners, the best being Teolagi, who won at a modest level at two before placing in two Class 2 handicaps on

the All-Weather as a three year old. Street Cry himself won at two, before going on to win the Dubai World Cup and the US Grade 1 Stephen Foster Handicap as a four year old. Although he raced on dirt, Street Cry had a turf pedigree and has proven to be an exceptional sire of dirt and turf horses, including superstars such as American Horse of the Year Zenyatta, Breeders Cup Juvenile and Kentucky Derby winner Street Sense and Melbourne Cup winner Shocking. Although he stood only in the US and Australia, he has had significant success in the UK, including with Dante winner and Derby third Carlton House and Fillies' Mile winning two year old Lyric Of Light.

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Teofilo – Pellinore
Purchased for 160,000gns by the Qatar Racing team from Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling sale,

this colt is the fourth foal from a full-sister to 2,000 Guineas winner and sire Footstepsinthesand (a Group 3 winner at two). She is also a half-sister to Pedro The Great (Group 1 winning juvenile), Belle d'Or (Listed winner), and to the dam of Power (juvenile Group 1 and Irish 2,000 Guineas winner) and Curvy (Ribblesdale and Grade 1 E.P. Taylor winner last year). She has produced one previous winner, over 7f on the All-Weather as a two year old. Teofilo was unbeaten as a two year old, picking up two Group 1s in Ireland in the process, but did not race on at three due to injury. A fine sire of middle distance and staying horses who progress well, he is nonetheless capable of getting good juveniles, his progeny including Group winning two year olds Parish Hall, Trading Leather and Havana Gold. ■

Kingsclere Racing Club 2016

Following another successful year in 2015, during which the Club had eight winners and over £100,000 in prize-money, we are looking forward to an exciting 2016 both on and off the racecourse.

The busy Social Diary has a new look to it this year. Our launch day takes place at Park House on Cheltenham Gold Cup day, and there are exciting events to look forward to, including a hospitality box at Windsor and an End of Season dinner over the Hennessy weekend in November. There will also be numerous gallop mornings throughout the season to see the 17-strong team in action.

While Intransigent is once again our flagbearer, there is a youthful look to the group, with some very exciting and unexposed prospects amongst the eight three year olds, notably the thrice-raced Brorocco and the unraced Paris Bound, for whom we have high aspirations this year. Meanwhile, our six two year olds have now been named by Club members and include a full brother to Side Glance and a half-sister to Elm Park.

We have already had one winner so far this year, and look forward to our first big raceday of the season at Lingfield Park on Good Friday, where Intransigent will bid to improve on last year's fourth in the AW Sprint Championship Final. With what looks one of the strongest teams of horses we have had since the



Club's inception in 2008, there should be plenty for members to cheer in the months ahead!

The KRC is fully subscribed for 2016, but there may be opportunities for 2017. If you are interested in hearing more about the KRC, please contact Nathaniel Barnett on 07890 672435, or by email, krc@kingsclere.com.

MY TOP TEN...*Races I Would Like To Win*

Andrew Balding

In a new feature for the Kingsclere Magazine we will be asking people for their top ten – whether it be horses, racecourses, jockeys, restaurants or sporting heroes, we will try and cover all angles!

To kick off the new series we have asked the trainer himself to name the ten races he would most like to win – his answers seem to suggest that wherever it is in the world, a horse that stays middle distances is a horse worth having...

10. The Sword Dancer Handicap

Grade One – 12 furlongs – Saratoga

Although I am not a huge fan of American racing, mainly due to the attritional nature of dirt racing and the allowance of race day medications that are alien to all other racing nations, they do have a truly unique and iconic racing experience in Saratoga racecourse. Won last year by Andre Fabre's Flintshire, the Sword Dancer is a race run on the lush turf of the Mellon course and represents a great opportunity for European trained horses.

9. The Irish Champion Stakes

Group One – 10 furlongs – Leopardstown

A race that has gathered lustre over recent years due to its ideal timing in the racing calendar to attract the very best horses of all ages and sexes, the Irish Champion Stakes has become an early autumn classic and has provided some memorable battles between the top racehorses of the last two decades. It would be a welcome addition to anyone's CV, horse or human!



8. The Eclipse Stakes

Group One – 10 furlongs – Sandown

The Eclipse traditionally provides the first clash of the generations and its roll of honour is like a 'Who's Who' of equine talent. Sandown is one of the very best racecourses in England and the spectacle created in the first weekend in July when the Eclipse Stakes is run is always one to cherish.



7. The Grand National

Grade One – 4.5 miles – Aintree

It is still one of the highlights of my training career to have been involved with a National runner, when Gunner Welburn finished fourth in 2003. Whilst the National is probably more to do with horse and jockey than trainer it is still a race that would provide a memorable tick on a trainer's career record.

6. The King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II Stakes

Group One – 12 furlongs – Ascot

Royal Palace, Park Top, Nijinsky, Mill Reef, Brigadier Gerard, Dahlia, Grundy, The Minstrel, Troy, Shergar, Time Charter, Dancing Brave, Reference Point, Nashwan, Generous, Lammtarra, Swain, Daylami, Montjeu, Galileo, Harbinger, and many many more great names to come... It is a special race won by special horses.

5. The Japan Cup

Group One – 12 furlongs – Tokyo

I have never sensed an atmosphere at a racecourse like the one prior to the running of the 2004 Japan Cup in Tokyo. The media build-up was unparalleled and the extraordinary noise generated by the 100,000 plus crowd for the entire running of the great race is something that will live in my memory for as long as I have one! The Japanese deserve great credit for what they have achieved in developing a thoroughbred industry which is fast becoming the envy of the world, and the Japan Cup was one of the original international races that attracted the very best horses from all over the world.



4. The Ascot Gold Cup

Group One – 2.5 miles – Royal Ascot

Royal Ascot is and always will be the finest and most awe-inspiring race meeting that the world has to offer and its traditional showpiece the Gold Cup is a race anyone would love to win. Having said that any race at Royal Ascot would do – they are all fairly special!



3. The Melbourne Cup

Group One – 2 miles – Flemington

The race that stops a nation is fast becoming the race that stops the world. Melbourne's Spring Carnival is one of the greatest racing experiences anywhere in the world and its highlight is a must win for anyone with ambitions in the sport of horseracing. There has yet to be an English trained winner of the race and it would be the greatest feather in the cap of any trainer who can achieve it.

2. The Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe

Group One – 12 furlongs – Longchamp

The Arc is a race that would surely feature in the 'Top Ten' of anyone involved in horseracing. It is the ultimate end-of-season classic that seems to attract the best of the best of all ages, sexes and countries of origin. Longchamp provides the perfect backdrop for a race of this magnitude, with the Bois de Boulogne in all its autumnal glory and the fabulous expanse of the home straight offering a totally unique spectacle.



1. The Derby

Group One – 12 furlongs – Epsom

What can I say – there is only one top choice and no racing career could be complete without victory in this, the greatest thoroughbred contest. As Federico Tesio said, 'The thoroughbred exists because its selection has depended, not on experts, technicians or zoologists, but on a piece of wood: the winning post of the Epsom Derby. If you base your criteria on anything else, you will get something else, not the Thoroughbred.'

The history, the venue, the atmosphere, the prize money, the stallion value – it would truly be a life-changing experience, and we will all have to keep trying until it is done! ■



Huntswood founder David Brownlow with All-Weather Marathon champion MYMATECHRIS

The Reading-based specialist resourcing and consultancy firm Huntswood has played an increasingly important role at Park House in recent years, sponsoring the apprentice jockeys for the past two years and also taking on the overall sponsorship of the yard last year. With the firm's founder David Brownlow generously agreeing to continue this involvement in 2016, we thought it was time that we learnt a little more about Huntswood and its links with Kingsclere.

What does Huntswood do?

Huntswood is the UK's leading specialist resourcing and consultancy firm in the areas of governance, compliance and complaints. Huntswood's ambition is to enhance the reputation of its clients with their customers, people and regulators.

It does this by helping firms:

- Quickly and effectively react to regulatory issues, with high quality, swift intervention
- Develop and embed appropriate systems, controls and processes to ensure robust governance and oversight
- Better manage ongoing regulation

Huntswood's core capabilities encompass business assurance, regulatory services, complaints, past business review and remediation, financial crime risk, recruitment, and culture and people development.

What sectors does Huntswood cover?

Huntswood operates across a broad range of areas within financial services: retail banking, building societies, general

insurance, life and pensions, consumer credit, and wealth and asset management. It also works with clients in a number of other regulated industries.

How long has Huntswood been around?

Huntswood was founded in 1996 by David Brownlow and Philip Eaton. It started life as a financial services recruitment company, but management consultancy was added to its repertoire in 2002 and led to rapid growth of the business. From 2006 onwards the company became increasingly involved in the area of regulatory compliance, and in 2015 the firm was re-branded to reflect its evolved identity.

How big is Huntswood?

Huntswood has around 250 direct employees in its head office, but also has over 6,000 specialists placed on projects across the country.

Where is Huntswood based?

Huntswood's head office is in Reading, but it has a number of regional offices around the UK.

How successful is Huntswood?

Huntswood is an extremely successful company which has experienced significant growth over the past 20 years. It has ranked in the Sunday Times Fast Track 100 for fastest growing sales on several occasions, and has also twice been listed in the Sunday Times Top 100 Small Companies to Work For. Huntswood's founder, David Brownlow, received the Ernst and Young Award for Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year in 2005 and was named Best Chief Executive at industry awards in 2013.

Who owns Huntswood?

Huntswood is owned by its founder David Brownlow and a number of his colleagues.

What is Huntswood's link to Kingsclere?

Huntswood's founder and owner David Brownlow has long been interested in horseracing, and has owned horses in training at Park House since 2006. His first horse was Hatton Flight who, despite an inauspicious start (his opening mark after three runs as a two year old was 58), went on to win nine races, including the Great Metropolitan Handicap at Epsom and the big 1m4f handicap at Newmarket on 1,000 Guineas day. Since then David has had at least one horse in training with Andrew each season. These have included Top Lock, placed in the German Derby, the King Edward VII at Royal Ascot and the Great Voltigeur, Stargaze, placed in the Group 2 Richmond Stakes at Goodwood, and Mymatechris,

winner of the All-Weather Championships marathon last year. David currently has eight horses at Park House.

Huntswood's Chief Operating Officer Phil Fox has recently joined the Park House ownership ranks with three two year olds now in training, whilst the Chair of Huntswood's Board of Directors, Angela Lane, is a member of the Kingsclere Racing Club.

What does Huntswood's sponsorship involve?

Huntswood's sponsorship of the yard assists with the provision of staff uniforms and other equipment (such as riding helmets and body protectors), racing and exercise tack, and individual grooming kits for each Park House horse. These are all essential aspects of the safe and efficient running of the yard. Our staff uniforms and the three horseboxes all carry the Huntswood logo in recognition of this hugely important contribution to the operation.

Huntswood's sponsorship of the Kingsclere apprentices involves the provision of financial and material support to the young riders building their careers as jockeys from Park House. In addition to direct support of Kingsclere's apprentices, Huntswood's sponsorship of the Academy also includes funding to improve the facilities at Park House for developing these potential stars of the saddle. The Huntswood apprentices wear the company's logo on their racing breeches and also whilst riding out at Park House and other training yards. ■



A DAY IN THE LIFE – Michelle Hayward

Michelle Hayward is an Equine Sports Massage and Laser Therapist and has been treating horses at Park House for 12 years. Having grown up in Cheltenham overlooking the racecourse, she had an interest in racing from childhood and recalls listening to Desert Orchid win the Gold Cup on the radio on the bus home from school. A keen rider, she began riding out for trainers as a teenager and worked in racing for several years after completing a degree in Animal Physiology. After a stint working for a horse safari company in Botswana, she gained a diploma in Human Anatomy, Physiology and Massage before gaining her diploma in Equine Anatomy, Physiology and Massage under the tutelage of legendary equine physiotherapist Mary Bromiley. She has been working in Equine Sports Massage for around 14 years now and more recently added Laser Therapy to her repertoire.

We grabbed five minutes with Michelle during one of her regular visits to find out what an 'average' day holds for her.

My day starts at around 6am when I get myself and my 3 year old daughter Ella up and organised for the day and we attend to my most demanding equine client, Ella's pony Bilbo Baggins. Once I have dropped Ella off at pre-school, I head to my first yard. Although Equine Sports Massage can benefit all types of horses, most of my workload involves the treatment of racehorses, and I cover seven big racing yards on a regular basis with other smaller yards and individual clients fitted in around these. It helps having worked in racing because I have an understanding of the demands being placed on horses at different stages of their training, and can tailor my treatment and advice to the yard's training methods and the plans for the particular horse.

I usually come to Park House on Tuesdays and will arrive between 9:00 and 9:30, which is a good time to catch Andrew and Chris at breakfast and find out which horses I am to treat that day. The reasons for me seeing a horse are varied – I may see horses due to run soon, or horses which have been moving poorly, and I have a number of 'regulars' that I see very frequently – including my favourite Tullius, who is a real character. Much of my work is maintenance – like any athletes, horses can get sore and stiff from the repetitive use of their muscles, and I work to release tension, remove lactic acid, and free everything up. Flat horses in particular are still growing whilst they are training and this can lead to muscular issues, whilst others can be pre-disposed to soreness or tension in a particular area

because of the way they are put together, or because they are compensating for an injury. Sometimes massage can pick up a problem before it manifests itself physically in the horse's action, although the site of any soreness may not be where the primary cause is located – horses work on diagonals so, for example, a structural weakness in the left hind might lead to tension and soreness in the right shoulder, because the horse is over-working those muscles to pull itself forward rather than using the hind leg to propel itself from behind.

I usually work on my own – most horses respond well to massage so can be tied up and will stand quietly. Occasionally I will need someone to hold a nervous young horse or a grumpy filly! On rare occasions a horse dislikes the manipulation of massage so much it is not worth persisting with them, as they get too tense and worked up – Victoria Montoya (Kingsclere-bred Listed winner and now successful broodmare) was one example. Laser therapy can be a useful strategy in these cases as the laser can have a similar effect to massage without the physical contact that the horse dislikes. The laser can also be used on wounds, lumps and bumps, and sore shins.

After I have finished at Park House I will report back to Chris or Andrew and discuss the horses I have seen and any future treatment they may need. Massage is just one tool in keeping horses happy and well, and so it's important to work as a team with the trainer and also the vet, farrier, chiropractor etc. On my way home from Kingsclere I will probably stop at one of the Lambourn yards I cover and treat a few horses. The advantage of being able to work on my own is that the big yards are generally happy for me to come and go when I can fit them in during the week, so my schedule is quite flexible depending on which horses I need to see.

I pick Ella up at about 4pm but if I am very busy, as in the middle of the Flat season, she may come with me whilst I treat the last few horses or I can drop her off at my Mum's for an hour or two before heading back to sort out Bilbo Baggins!

I don't get a great deal of free time but I try to ride out whenever I can, and last year competed in a charity race at York, which was a great experience. I follow the racing as much as I can and it is great to see horses I have worked on go on to win big races. As well as Tullius and other Park House stars I also regularly treat Many Clouds at Oliver Sherwood's yard – he is a lovely horse and to see him win last year's Grand National was a real thrill. ■



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Park House Christmas Party was held (as ever) in January, at the Sandford Springs Golf Club. In addition to the usual eating, drinking and dancing, this year the festivities included a quiz and the inaugural Park House Best Dressed

competition, judged (very happily) by the Guv'nor and won (very deservedly) by Imogen Carter. Strangely enough no lads made it onto the shortlist, but perhaps a change of judge will rectify that next year... ■



NEW FACES

This year Park House owners can expect to see a few new faces at the racecourse. We are delighted that Simon Humphries has joined the team as one of our key travelling staff. Formerly with Olly Stevens, Simon brings a wealth of experience and has already settled in well.

Simon may soon be legging up some other new

faces in the paddock, as our two new apprentices, Will Cox and Josh Bryan, are not far off their first rides under rules. Both the nephews of trainers, former pony racing champions and stylish and effective riders, they have excellent credentials as young jockeys. ■



Simon Humphries



Will Cox



Josh Bryan

GOLF DAY: DATE FOR DIARY

The annual Park House Golf Day will be held on **FRIDAY 9th SEPTEMBER**, with brunch at 11am followed by a shot gun start from noon. Further details will follow in the summer magazine, but please save the date if you want to take part. ■

