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*Skies are Blue*

Front cover: *Tinian and He who Dares*

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## ADVANCE ON 2001

If there can't be optimism, even bullishness, in March before the reality starts, then there is no hope. We have the largest number of horses to go to war with than ever before and have managed to keep and acquire a wonderful support team of staff.

With the division of yards there will be more attention to detail and hopefully a healthy rivalry enabling us to hit new records for the team as a whole. Within the infrastructure there are at least eight apprentices/amateurs deserving of rides and well capable of doing themselves justice. John Matthias is back with us and will be invaluable advising and teaching them. He will raise the standard of work riding and his horsemanship is a top class example to follow.

Our small band of five jumpers have kept us in touch with the difficulties and heartbreaks of the winter game. Amazingly from such a small pool we are hopeful that Logician, Brandon Court and Grey Shot may all run at the Cheltenham Festival (foot and mouth permitting) and our other hurdler Duchamp has the opportunity to reach the winners' circle this year.

When the serious stuff begins we hopefully have the ammunition required and with luck and a healthy number of horses on our side we can compete seriously. Kieren Fallon appears to be edging his way back to fitness and we certainly welcome him back when available. We have a lovely bunch of two year olds, although as soon as I intimate that anything might be early it seems to ensure that it doesn't run until at least three! Three new owners have beautifully bred youngsters and we welcome Andrew Christou with his Holistic Racing, Tim Rootes and Obby Waller and Jonathan Miller who teams up with a past Kingsclere friend Duffey Rathbone.

This issue of the Quarter is rather swamped by the Twelve to Follow Competition, but we genuinely face the 2001 flat season with high hopes and the resolution to come out fighting. We are only going to run three issues this year as the autumn one proves quite difficult with sales, evenings and Sundays but there will be no fatigue if the winners are rolling in.

Up with the curtain and let the play begin.



*Brandon Court*

# MARSHALL JENNEY

**The tragic and premature death of Marshall Jenney last November has robbed us all at Kingsclere of one our truest friends and racing in general of one of its most flamboyant characters.**

I first met Marshall at Saratoga in 1978 when his infectious enthusiasm as the consignor and breeder of Mrs Penny convinced me, as much as her lovely temperament and long easy stride, that the chestnut daughter of Great Nephew should be bought to go to Kingsclere. Any disappointment that Marshall may have felt at the relatively low price was never shown, and no breeder could ever have enjoyed the success of one of his “children” more than he did.

Together with her lucky owner, Eric Kronfeld, Marshall was scarcely ever absent from any of her great triumphs across Europe. From her first win in the Cherry Hinton at Newmarket, especially at Chantilly for an unforgettably exciting win in the Prix de Diane under a typical power drive from Lester Piggott and through to her final Group 1 win in the Prix Vermeille at Longchamp under the more subtle guidance of John Matthias. Marshall was there alongside Eric Kronfeld to celebrate the great victories of a magnificent filly and he enjoyed them as much as if he still owned her.

He revelled in the many group successes that Silver Fling and Selkirk brought for Kingsclere and his great friend and neighbour George Strawbridge who owned them. These two had been raised, like so many other good performers such as Turgeon and Tikannen and his own River Mist, Mrs Jenney and Flamenco at his beloved Derry Meeting Farm. He also bred Danzig of course who was to become America’s most successful stallion. This very special place grew from almost nothing to one of the most successful nurseries for good horses in North America. If ever Marshall sold a yearling well at Saratoga that money was immediately used to buy another vital paddock or to build another barn. He never stopped spending to improve the facilities at Derry Meeting.

Spending money in fact was one of Marshall’s delights and no one that I know every enjoyed it more. He

acquired his own airplane and learnt to fly it himself and one particular flight back from Saratoga to the farm which included an unscheduled detour almost over the White House remains in the memory! A coach

and team of horses driven by the master of Derry Meeting himself was a more recent hobby, but the beautiful paintings that adorn the walls of their home bear testament to his good taste and will be for Bettina a lasting tribute to his generosity.

Emma and I fondly remember one particular visit from Marshall and his father when we were remarking about the dilapidated state of Marshall’s shoes. “I am afraid that must be his only economy” said Mr Jenney senior with a twinkle.

No one ever demonstrated better than Marshall that life should be lived to the full. His admiration for pretty girls, his enjoyment of good food and wine – which may at times have seemed excessive to us lesser mortals –

his many trips to all parts of Europe were all typical. But they never concealed his love and concern for his friends and especially his family. To be in his company was usually hilarious and always immensely pleasurable.

At Cheltenham last year he and Bettina were especially thrilled to be introduced to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and I am quite sure that wonderful lady did not fail to notice either his charm or his passion for racing.

Marshall’s many friends in both America and England have enjoyed the lovely services in his memory and the gatherings afterwards which were as he would have wanted – joyous. It is wonderful news that Bettina will continue to run Derry Meeting with the help of her daughter Lindsey and the superb staff that Marshall assembled there. It will ensure that we do not forget what he created and perfected in his all too short but remarkably full life. ■

IAB



*Marshall Jenney*

# THE AUSTRALIAN CHALLENGE

by AB

**Rain, snow, sleet and more rain – not an ideal climate for any animal, let alone one who is used to wearing sunglasses and Bermuda shorts from November through to March.**

But such is the nature of the challenge that star Australian chaser Logician faces, the Cheltenham fences are not the only obstacles to be thrown in his way if he is going to achieve the impossible at this year's Festival. Over 10,000 miles from his own home in Melbourne, Logician has been lodging at Kingsclere since he arrived from Australia via America, in mid December.

His trainer, Tony Noonan spent some time at Kingsclere during last summer and was actually here when the news came through that Logician had won his first chase start in Oz. Tony had an idea in the back of his mind from then on, that this may be a horse capable of mounting a serious challenge in the top steeplechases around the world. Logician then ran away with one of Australia's most prestigious jump races when he won the A.V. Hiskons Chase at Moonee Valley on only his second chase start and plans were made for a round the world trip, starting with a tilt at the Breeders Cup Chase in America.

Unfortunately for Logician the track was riding very fast in the States and Tony felt it unfair to risk him on the very firm ground, so he was scratched on the morning of the race.

The next stage of his trip was to England with a view to having a crack at the Cheltenham Gold Cup on the 15th March.

Logician arrived at Kingsclere on the 20th December along with his big feet and big ears and it wasn't long before he had endeared himself to everyone here with his gentle nature.

Tony Noonan is a very accomplished trainer, having started ten years ago, with only one horse, he now has charge of almost 150 at his yard in Mornington just south of Melbourne. Logician is testament to his talents, as at the age of ten, he is at the top of his form and very sound for a horse who has won or been placed in over half of his 57 starts.



*Logician and Dwayne Pettit*

Modern technology has enabled Tony to have constant input with Logician's training, digital images sent via e-mail have given the trainer a first hand picture of the horses condition. A constant relay of faxes, phone calls and video tapes between Kingsclere and Melbourne have kept us all busy and it is strange at times to imagine that when Logician is being put to bed at night, his mates at home are on their way out to morning exercise.

Logician made his U.K. debut in the Scilly Isles Novice Chase at Sandown on February 4th. Probably just short of peak fitness, we were all concerned that he may be in need of the race which was run on ground far softer than he would ever have had to encounter in Australia. The opposition was top class as well and included the brilliant novice Best Mate and the very useful Crocadee.

Having jumped a total of over twenty fences both at home and at Toby's schooling ground without making a single mistake, it was a heart stopping moment when his first steeplechase fence to be jumped in public, was met at full tilt, halfway down the apron of the fence. Logician had



*At Ascot with Barry Fenton*

learnt his first serious lesson about the English obstacles, almost at the cost of ending up on the floor. Barry Fenton performed a minor miracle to keep the partnership in tact, although any realistic chance they had in the race itself had disappeared and a clear round became the major objective of the day.

Logician's jumping was then neat and accurate until he once again came back into contention at the Railway fences, when another serious error again cost him lengths and stalled his progress.

Best Mate may well have been passing the winning post when Logician popped the last fence, but there was no doubt that he had run a race full of promise as he stayed on up the Sandown hill to finish fourth.

An intensive schooling session at Yogi Breisner's yard near Bracknell, showed us all what a fantastic jump Logician had in him and that his errors at Sandown were due almost entirely to the novelty of the whole experience.

A £15,000 added novice chase at Ascot a fortnight later was his next target and although not as competitive as the Scilly Isles, Logician was set to give 8lbs to the very useful Mr. Percy and 4lbs to improving Bright November. A faultless display of jump-

ing saw Logician bang in contention turning for home, upsides Mr. Percy and Bright November, before slightly fluffing the last fence and losing valuable momentum in the process.

On reflection third place, beaten a little over two lengths by two useful sorts whilst trying to give weight away all round was not a bad performance at all. However, it was disappointing that the dream of Gold Cup glory seemed more remote after such a solid performance than it had before the race.

It is, however, asking a huge amount to take a horse miles away from home, to train and race him in weather and on ground the like of which he has never experienced before and expect him to perform to the best of his ability.

As a result Tony has opted to run in the Cathcart Chase instead of the Gold Cup. He should not be ignored at any cost as he is a horse with tremendous natural ability and the longer he is given to acclimatize in this country, the greater chance he has to perform to his very best.

It has been a great experience for everyone at Kingsclere to be associated with such a truly sporting challenge and I hope that everyone at Cheltenham gives Logician, his owners and his trainer, the support they deserve. ■



MILL REEF  
YARD



ORMONDE  
YARD



SELKIRK  
YARD

FLYING FOX  
YARD

# THE 2001 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

**This is an annual challenge open to all owners, workers and supporters, some feel that it is merely another way of extracting a £5 donation to the yard. An update on the competition will be published in the next Kingsclere Quarter but early leaders do usually run out of stamina! Last years winner scooped over £500 so it is quite a significant pool.**

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

## THE RULES

Each list must include at least FIVE two-year-olds and scoring starts on the first day of the flat season, March 22nd until December 1st (inclusive). During that time all flat, jumping, all-weather and foreign runners will count whilst trained at Kingsclere.

Entries are £5.00 each and you may submit as many lists as you like.

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 £5 back.

## LIST OF HORSES

### OLDER HORSES

<b>BORDER ARROW</b>	<i>R. Michaelson/W. Said</i>
6 ch g Selkirk (USA) Nibbs Point (IRE)	
<b>BRANDON COURT (IRE)</b>	<i>Tunnel Vision</i>
10 b g Law Society (USA) Dance Date (IRE)	
<b>CELTIC EXIT (FR)</b>	<i>Action Bloodstock</i>
7 b g Exit To Nowhere (USA) Amour Celtique (IRE)	
<b>CHERRY BRANDY</b>	<i>H.M. Queen Elizabeth</i>
6 ch g Elmaamul (USA) Brand	
<b>DASHING BLUE</b>	<i>Mrs D. Allen</i>
7 ch g Dashing Blade Blubella	
<b>EASTER OGIL (IRE)</b>	<i>Westenders</i>
6 ch g Pips Pride Piney Pass	
<b>GREY SHOT</b>	<i>R. Hitchins</i>
9 gr g Sharrood (USA) Optaria	
<b>HALMAHERA (IRE)</b>	<i>R. Hitchins</i>
6 b g Petardia Champagne Girl	
<b>JAYANNPEE</b>	<i>I.A.B</i>
10 ch g Doulab Amina	
<b>MOOR LANE</b>	<i>R. Michaelson/I.A.B</i>
9 b g Primitive Rising Navos	
<b>PALAWAN</b>	<i>R. Hitchins</i>
6 br g Polar Falcon (USA) Krameria	
<b>PANTAR (IRE)</b>	<i>R. Hitchins</i>
7 b g Shirley Heights Spring Daffodil	
<b>PAPUA</b>	<i>R. Hitchins</i>
7 ch g Green Dancer (USA) Fairy Tern	

<b>RADA'S DAUGHTER</b>	<i>Mrs R. Plummer &amp; Partners</i>
5 br m Robellino (USA) Drama School	
<b>ROKEBY BOWL</b>	<i>Kingsclere Stud</i>
9 b g Salse (USA) Rose Bowl (USA)	
<b>SARANGANI</b>	<i>R. Hitchins</i>
5 b g Polish Precedent (USA) Height of Folly	
<b>SCORNED (GER)</b>	<i>Kingsclere Stud</i>
6 b g Selkirk (USA) Spurned (USA)	
<b>TAMING</b>	<i>Oakview Racing</i>
5 ch g Lycius (USA) Black Fighter (USA)	
<b>TARAWAN</b>	<i>R. Hitchins</i>
5 ch g Nashwan (USA) Soluce	

### FOUR YEAR OLDS

<b>BOLD RAIDER</b>	<i>Farleigh Court Racing P/ship</i>
b g Rudimentary (USA) Spanish Heart	
<b>BRISBANE ROAD (IRE)</b>	<i>Lord Lloyd Webber</i>
b g Blues Traveller Eva Fay (IRE)	
<b>DISTANT PROSPECT</b>	<i>The RaeSmiths &amp; Pauline Gale</i>
b g Namaqualand (USA) Ukraine's Affair (USA)	
<b>DUCHAMP (USA)</b>	<i>R. Hitchins</i>
b g Pine Bluff (USA) Higher Learning (USA)	
<b>EI EMEL (USA)</b>	<i>R. Sargent</i>
b g Green Dancer (USA) Moivouloirtoi (USA)	
<b>ELLWAY HEIGHTS</b>	<i>Ellway Racing</i>
b g Shirley Heights Amina	

**FREE RIDER** *J.C. Smith*  
 b c Inchinor Forever Roses  
**KINGSCLERE** *M. Charlton/R. Sargent/I.A.B*  
 b g Fairy King (USA) Spurned (USA)  
**MASTER GEORGE** *D.R. Watson/D. Lofts*  
 b g Mtoto Topwinder (USA)  
**MISTER SUPERB** *G. Weston*  
 ch c Superlative Kiveton Komet  
**NICOBAR** *R. Hitchins*  
 b c Indian Ridge Duchess of Alba  
**PALUA** *R. Hitchins*  
 b g Sri Pekan (USA) Reticent Bride (IRE)  
**RISKY REEF** *Park House Partnership*  
 ch g Risk Me (FR) Pas de Reef  
**ROBELLANDO** *Mrs R. Plummer & Partners*  
 b g Robellino Drama School  
**SCOTTISH SPICE** *J.C. Smith*  
 b f Selkirk (USA) Dilwara (IRE)

### THREE YEAR OLDS

**ANNATTO (USA)** *G. Strawbridge*  
 b f Mister Baileys Miss Rossi (IRE)  
**ANSHAN SQUAW** *Dr J.A.E. Hobby*  
 b f Anshan Natchez Trace  
**BOURGAINVILLE** *R. Hitchins*  
 b c Pivotal Petonica (IRE)  
**BRANDON WIZZARD (IRE)** *R. Michaelson/D. Myers/M. Caine*  
 b c Tagula (IRE) Topmost (IRE)  
**DETACHING (IRE)** *N. Harris/D. Caslon/I.A.B*  
 b f Thatching David's Star  
**DRAMA PREMIERE** *Mrs R. Plummer & Partners*  
 br f Emarati (USA) Dramatic Mood  
**DUMARAN (IRE)** *R. Hitchins*  
 b c Be My Chief Pine Needle  
**FROZEN (IRE)** *Park House Partnership*  
 b g Tagula (IRE) Ukraine's Affair (USA)  
**FUTUNA (IRE)** *R. Hitchins*  
 b f Tagula (IRE) Pleasant Outlook (USA)  
**GIFT OF SPEED** *J.C. Smith*  
 ch g Cadeaux Genereux Lochsong  
**GURU** *Dr J.A.E. Hobby/I.A.B*  
 b g Slip Anchor Ower (IRE)  
**HAMATARA (IRE)** *R. Hitchins*  
 ch g Tagula (IRE) Arctic Poppy (USA)  
**HE WHO DARES** *Mrs G. Daffey/R. Clarke*  
 b c Distinctly North Sea Clover (IRE)  
**HIGHLAND SHOT** *J.C. Smith*  
 b f Selkirk (USA) Optaria  
**KALUGA (IRE)** *Robinski B/stock Ltd & M. Rabone*  
 ch f Tagula (IRE) Another Baileys  
**KEEP THE PEACE (IRE)** *Miss A.V. Hill*  
 b g Petardia Eiras Mood  
**LISIANSKI (IRE)** *R. Hitchins*  
 b g Fairy King (USA) Tough Lady

**LOCHSPRITE** *J.C. Smith*  
 ch f So Factual Lochspring  
**MANICANI (IRE)** *R. Hitchins*  
 ch c Tagula (IRE) Pluvia (IRE)  
**MIDNIGHT ARROW** *R. Michaelson/W. Said*  
 b f Robellino (USA) Princess Oberon (IRE)  
**MONSIEUR LE BLANC (IRE)** *Kennet Valley T/breds*  
 b g Alzao (USA) Dedara  
**POLONAISE** *Mrs D. Allen*  
 b f Pivotal Vallauris  
**PRINCES THEATRE** *T. Burton/A. Pao*  
 b c Prince Sabo Frisson  
**RATIO** *Mrs John Davall/Robert Armstrong*  
 ch c Pivotal Owdbetts (IRE)  
**ROSELYN** *Mr & Mrs G. Middlebrook*  
 b f Efisio Ciboure  
**SANTA ISOBEL** *R. Hitchins*  
 ch f Nashwan (USA) Atlantic Record  
**SEIGNOSSE (IRE)** *Pink Hat Partnership*  
 b g College Chapel How Ya Been (IRE)  
**SILKEN WINGS** *C.H.F. Partnership*  
 b f Brief Truce (USA) Winged Victory (IRE)  
**SILLA (USA)** *G. Strawbridge*  
 br f Gone West (USA) Silver Fling  
**TAKAROA** *R. Hitchins*  
 b c Tagula (IRE) Mountain Harvest (FR)  
**TINAGA (IRE)** *R. Hitchins*  
 b g Tagula (IRE) Baby Caroline  
**TINIAN** *R. Hitchins*  
 b c Mtoto Housefull  
**TINY TIM (IRE)** *I.A.B*  
 b g Brief Truce Nonnita  
**TOTAL MAGIC** *N.H. Harris/D. Allport/A. Tuckerman*  
 ch c Pivotal Inherent Magic (IRE)  
**TRAVELLING BAND (IRE)** *Park House Partnership*  
 b g Blues Traveller (IRE) Kind of Cute  
**VELVET GLADE (USA)** *G. Strawbridge*  
 b f Kris S Vailmont  
**WILD WATER (FR)** *J.C. Smith*  
 b c Salse (USA) Dashing Water  
**ZILKHA** *Mr & Mrs A. Hogarth*  
 gr f Petong Peperonata

### TWO YEAR OLDS

**ACQUAINTANCE** *G. Strawbridge*  
 b c Selkirk (USA) Introducing  
**BAY OF DREAMS** *J.C. Smith*  
 ch c Salse Cantico  
**BLACK KITE (IRE)** *A. Tuckerman/A. Heaney*  
 br c Desert King (IRE) Snoozeandyoulose (IRE)  
**BORORA** *R. Hitchins*  
 gr c Shareef Dancer (USA) Bustling Nelly  
**BUFFOON** *D. Caslon/I.A.B*  
 ch c Bijou d'Inde Jelabna



# GUIDELINES FOR THE

**The annual headache of the Kingsclere Twelve to Follow Competition is upon us once more. Do you stay loyal to those horses who let you down so badly last year? Do you play safe with horses who are proven at the top level or take a chance on one of the more unexposed three year olds? Most importantly of all why should you pay any attention to the opinions of the trainer or assistant trainer, who after all, never win the competition anyway.**

**Here is a quick guide to the horses which may be a help or a hindrance to anyone brave enough to give it a go in 2001.**

## THE OLDER HORSES

Usually a safe bet if you pick one that will be running regularly in Group races as the bonus points earned in such races are crucial to the winning scores.

**BORDER ARROW** has been lightly raced in previous seasons, but still managed to earn 22 points last year. Recently gelded he will once again run at the top level.

**DASHING BLUE** has been a prolific scorer in past seasons but endured a dismal 2000. If back to his best he should not be left out of any list.

**HALMAHERA** was fourth leading scorer in 1999 with 45 points. His season last year was interrupted by injury but he remains highly capable in all but the very top flight.

**PANTAR** scored 29 points in 2000 and is guaranteed to run on a regular basis. At the age of seven it would be of little surprise to see him reach the peak of his ability this season.

**RADAS DAUGHTER** is a top notch stayer and with plans to race her in foal it could mean an end to frustrations caused by her coming in to season at inopportune moments.

**SARANGANI** is a dark horse. Unraced last term due to injury he is highly regarded at home. Possessing plenty of ability and bred to stay he is an interesting prospect.

**DISTANT PROSPECT** another stayer who went from strength to strength with a hat trick of wins last autumn. Could he still be ahead of the handicapper? If he is he is certain to pick up big points.

**KINGSCLERE** a total enigma last year. Ultra-talented but temperamental and due to race this year as a gelding. He too could be a leading points scorer.

**NICOBAR** brilliant on his day, particularly at Epsom, and second highest points scorer in 2000. If he improves from three to four he could make an impact at the very top level.

**FREE RIDER** has rock solid form with the QEII winner Observatory, he has wintered well and is another capable of making his presence felt in at least listed company.



*Distant Prospect*

Of the older handicappers **SCOTTISH SPICE** could be extremely well treated, to win a big one or run up a sequence. The same applies to **CELTIC EXIT**, an impressive Goodwood winner last year and to **TAMING** who is currently hurdling with Venetia Williams. **MASTER GEORGE** will be focussed on an autumn campaign but is capable of improvement and definitely one to watch. **BOLD RAIDER** and **RISKY REEF** have developed well physically since last year and should each enjoy a successful season.

Newcomers **PALUA** and **MISTER SUPERB** have proven their ability to win on the racecourse and could have busy campaigns. Last year's top scorer was MR STYLISH with 42 points, amazingly did not win until the autumn but was a regular runner and consistently placed in sprint handicaps. In a similar mould is **PALAWAN** who won three races last year and will once again do plenty of racing in 2001.

## THE THREE YEAR OLDS

This year's crop are particularly difficult to assess with no obvious superstar from last year but plenty of promise for progression in to this season. One or two are fairly handicapped and capable of scoring big points.

**VELVET GLADE** has tremendous ability and once her best trip is established she has the engine and physical scope to take on the best.

**SANTA ISOBEL** has also demonstrated her talent, being placed twice over distances well below her anticipated optimum.

**BOURGAINVILLE** won plenty of supporters in his two victories as a two year old and he also is not short of physical scope.

**TAKAROA** had a busy year, winning twice and being placed a number of times. He could be interesting in 2001.

**SILLA** won her races and was placed at listed level. The daughter of a Champion Sprinter she is not unlike her mother in many ways and could be one to include.

# 2001 TWELVE TO FOLLOW



*Takaroa*



*Velvet Glade*

**ANNATTO, MONSIEUR LE BLANC** and **SILKEN WINGS** all had useful placed form at two and are more than capable of paying their way this season. **HAMATARA** and **ROSELYN** are both tough customers and should be regular visitors to the course and hopefully consistent points scorers. **DRAMA PREMIERE, KEEP THE PEACE, ZILKAH** and **KALUGA** are all unexposed and granted a fair assessment from the handicapper should all score points.

The biggest problem with this year's competition is trying to assess the likes of **DUMARAN, MANICANI, PRINCES THEATRE, TINIAN, WILD WATER** and **SEIGNOSSE**. Either unraced or lightly raced all have their fans within the yard and it would be surprising if at least one of them didn't make an impact this year.

New arrivals **HE WHO DARES** (Vic Soane) and **RATIO** (Robert Armstrong) have shown promise in their brief time at Kingsclere and add to the selection nightmare.

## THE TWO YEAR OLDS

With at least five of your twelve horses having to be selected from the two year old list, it is fair to say that the competition

is as much luck as judgement. Historically the top points scorers have either been cheaper early types like **CARD GAMES, OGILIA** and **TRUMPINGTON** or the more classically bred horses whose class comes through at the latter stage of the season.

It is impossible to give any accurate guidance on the two year olds as the changes in them occur from day to day and a blindfold and pin is probably the suggested method of selection. It should be noted how successful Mr R Walk (R is for Random) each year.

However of the earlier types **CROP CIRCLE, EMERALD FIRE, FIREBREAK, GLOBAL PRINCESS, LADY DE BATHE, MISS MOORE, SANTA ANA, TIMBER LODGE, VANDERLIN** and **YALLA LARA** seem as forward as any.

Of the more backward types **BORORA, CLIPPERTON, COMTESSE NOIRE, DREAM GENIE, GOLDEN CHALICE, LANGANGA, LISSOME, NO TRESPASS, RENDOVA, RISOTTO, RIVER MASTER, SKIES ARE BLUE, THUNDERGOD,** and **TOP EXECUTIVE** have all shown promise that they may live up to their illustrious pedigrees. ■



*No Trespass & Pentecost*



*Jimmy Floyd River Master New Caladonia*



*Clipperton*

# NEW FACES

We have managed to assemble a strong team of both horses and staff at Kingsclere for the 2001 flat season. A few new faces both human and equine will be helping us try to hit new heights this year.



**SIMON BURGOYNE** (Middle) joins us as assistant trainer. The son of Lambourn trainer Paul, he has spent the last three years in Newmarket where he was a pupil assistant to Ed Dunlop. Simon is replacing **EMMA CANDY** who has landed a plum job as assistant to Gai Waterhouse in Sydney.

Coming the other way is **ALISON SADLER** (Top right) who joins the team at Kingsclere from her native Australia. Her father is also a trainer now working for the Maktoums in Dubai and Alison has coped really well so far considering she has been thrown in entirely at the deep end.

**LIAM KENIRY** (Top left) and **SIMON GOSWELL** (Bottom right) are two new additions to our hostel team. Liam's brother Barry is a top conditional jockey and rides a lot of our jumpers. Liam himself has ridden three winners in Ireland and is sure to make his mark as an apprentice in this country. Simon lives fairly locally and came

to us from the British Racing School in Newmarket. He too is a promising rider.

**TELMA BEZERRA** (Bottom left) known to one and all as Nellie, has had to endure the most miserable winter imaginable. Worse still if you are used to the sunny climes of Brazil. We have all tried to persuade Nellie that it doesn't rain every day and that she should give the summer a chance - we hope that's true!

On the horse side the retirement of Robert Armstrong has resulted in the promising looking **RATIO** joining the team. A good-looking son of Pivotal, he had apparently shown plenty of promise at Newmarket last year. Vic Soane who was sadly also forced to give up training has passed on the useful handicapper **MISTER SUPERB** and another promising sort in **HE WHO DARES** an unraced three year old son of Distinctly North. ■

# OWNER'S PROFILE

Audrey Hill first visited Kingsclere with a group from the Racegoers Club and subsequently asked Ian to buy a yearling. "Rodney" was bought at the October Sales and was not an immediate success although he was quite well sold to Italy. There has followed a series of forays at the sales including the pin hooking of some foals. Audrey is a wonderfully good sport but the emotional swings of the sales can't do her much good. She hates to sell and gets completely frustrated when she is outbid! She has now had twenty winners in all from six horses with Pay Homage winning eleven races. She is an intrepid traveller, rarely missing an outing.



Audrey with Pay Homage after the Wincanton Charity Race

*How did you first become involved in owning race-horses?*

Through the Racegoers Club I had a share in a hurdler called FOUR TENS. I saw all his races except one, when he won at Edinburgh. It was too far for me and my Mini and, of course, I did not know Mr Hitchins then! Then followed several years in an Owners' Group, all through the Racegoers Club.

*Best day's racing?*

PAY HOMAGE ran in a Group 3 race at Baden Baden. He finished in third place which more than paid the expenses of a little aeroplane with two pilots etc. it was a perfect day and quite an adventure. Moreover, I am certain Pay Homage enjoyed his week-end away as much as I did

*Worst day's racing?*

None so far just a few disappointments which all owners have and which balance the game. There is always the next race! Perhaps driving all the way to Catterick with Andrew to watch Kinsman who started as favourite, missed the break and ran appallingly. It was a long drive back.

*Your favourite racecourse and why?*

Goodwood. If lucky enough to have a runner, the owners' facilities are excellent and it is such a lovely area in which to stay when I go to the spring and summer meetings.

*Do you have any interests outside racing?*

I enjoy my garden enormously but it is getting harder every year! Otherwise the usual things, family, friends, food (cooked by someone else!) and drink. Everything connected with farming and country life.

*Do you have any racing heroes past or present?*

All the jockeys who have ridden a winner for me.

*What are your racing hopes and ambitions?*

To have another horse as good as Pay Homage or even better. A horse good enough to run in a decent race in France would be just fine.

*Biggest gripes about racing?*

Not all courses provide good enough facilities for owners and this includes some of the bigger courses for which there is no excuse. Also the continual cry over the paucity of prize money at the lower and middle levels. It should be possible to win three races in a year and cover the cost of training and this is frequently not the case.

*Funniest moment?*

Lunching with Andrew at Wolverhampton. He had driven me there in return for lunch. Having reconnoitred the area, he found what he thought was the only restaurant there. We were joined by Alice Plunkett, the Racing Channel presenter. After studying the somewhat limited menu we chose Chilli Con Carne which arrived in little plastic dishes with the chilli barely covering some extremely greasy chips. It was quite the nastiest meal any of us had seen and it turned out that there was another restaurant in the members! Simon Whitworth had seen us from the Weighing room and was extremely concerned that "Andrew had charged the lunch on Miss Hill's expenses" and pocketed the difference.

*Anything else?*

DORISSIO has just gone to stud and my fingers are crossed for her progeny. It will surely be my only chance to read on the racecard "owned and bred by....."

# SINGLED OUT



**JOHN MATTHIAS** probably needs no introduction. Stable jockey at Kingsclere in the late seventies and early eighties, he rode numerous winners for the yard, most notably on **MRS PENNY**, **GLINT OF GOLD**, **SILVER FLING** and **DASHING BLADE**. An excellent horse-

man John will be a huge asset to us on the gallops and should by now know a decent horse when he sits on one. He is very sweet on the chances of **VELVET GLADE**.

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Evergreen **REG CORFIELD** is Kingsclere's longest serving employee, having started here with Peter Hastings-Bass in 1957. During this time he has ridden all of the greats at home including **MILL REEF**, **SELKIRK** and **LOCH-SONG**, some of the younger lads reckon he may even have thrown his leg across

**ORMONDE!** A highly valued member of staff Reg is responsible for the haying of 110 horses every morning - so much for retirement! His horse to follow this season is **BORDER ARROW**, who he admits to being particularly fond of.

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**EMILY GRAHAM** is currently a student at Reading University, but as a keen point-to-point rider she has found time in her hectic student schedule to brave the hang-over and rides out regularly at Kingsclere. A Land Management degree would be a doddle compared to having to push Easter Ogil for seven

furlongs around Southwell. Although her riding debut for the yard resulted in a rather inauspicious last place, there are sure to be further opportunities this year. Emily's tip for the top is **PENTECOST** a Tagula two year old of Mr Hitchins's.



**RICHARD PHILLIPS**, known to one and all as "Chadwell" has been at Kingsclere since he left school. Now travelling head lad for Andrew's yard he is notoriously sharp when it comes to a deal. Whether it be a second hand car or shopping in Tescos there is always a hint of "Only Fools and Horses". Apart from being a

keen student of the form book Chad is also hoping to break in to the film industry at some stage - if it was to happen it is more likely to be behind the camera than in front of it. His horse to follow for the season is **PRINCES THEATRE**.

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**BENNIE STENDERUP** came to Kingsclere during last season. A graduate of Wye College's Equine course she is now a very useful rider and any thoughts we had of using her to help with the office work will have to wait until after third lot. Bennie is rather like a whirlwind, after morning exercise she rushes

off to do her own horse, then walks her dog and now has the added responsibility of having to be domestically reliable in 10 Winchester Road. Game for anything Bennie has however refused the part of Swedish Blonde in Chadwell's directorial debut - a very wise move. Her choice of **RIVER MASTER** as a horse to follow could also be quite shrewd. ■

# BITS AND BRIDLES

## ALTERNATIVE THERAPY

Other important deadlines to meet this year include the defence of the two five-a-side titles won by the team last year. The training and pursuit of fitness for these events does not exactly come out of any text book and is a pretty frenzied last minute affair. Having lost a couple of last year's squad the trials could be quite interesting and hopefully the events themselves not too costly in the way of injury. It will be a different matter having shown our ability and revealed the talent!



## NEW PARTNERSHIP



A new partnership has been launched this year called the Much Moore Partnership. This involves the multiple ownership of a two year old Tagula filly named Miss Moore after her namesake had helped in the purchase. She looks an early sort and hopefully the group will have fun and success with her.

## FOOT AND MOUTH

As this Quarter goes to print we are uncertain as to the continuation of racing, whatever decisions are made it can only be said that everyone within the industry has enormous sympathy with anyone whose stock is affected by foot and mouth. We can only be hugely grateful that horses cannot suffer from it and whatever inconveniences we may have to put up with as a result bear no relation to the devastation being suffered by many.

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Borora      Risky Reef      Hamatara		

Back cover: *We'll smile when it's warmer*

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