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Becky Long enjoys a quiet moment with VIVACIOUS WAY

Front cover: Storm Rash and GRAND PIANO
Back cover: TARTEN TRIP and BIG NOTE heading to the Gallops

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THE

The winter months can often be a hardship for those of us working in a flat racing yard. The dark mornings and the cold weather make the spring and summer seem an eternity away, and the rather mundane maintenance exercise does little to inspire you! This year however has been a little less challenging as it has been exciting to monitor the progress of what I believe to be the strongest yearling intake we have had in recent years.

Time will tell but the early signs suggest that we are lucky enough to have some lovely two year olds to complement what is certainly the best team of older horses and three year olds assembled at Kingsclere since the early eighties!

Side Glance remains in training for his fourth season at Kingsclere. The winner of two Listed races and a Group 3 last year, he appears to have developed physically once again and should play a hand in all the top mile races this summer. Races such as the Woodbine Mile in Canada should once again be on the agenda and if Frankel is to try his hoof at distances beyond a mile there could even be an opening for Side Glance at the top level in England.

Opera Gal was a winner at Listed level last year and she too has wintered well and should build on what she achieved in 2011. Ultra tough and consistent she seems ideally suited by a mile and a quarter, but if she can stay a mile and a half this season it will create even more opportunities for her.

Dreamspeed's career has been dogged by injuries, but when he has had his opportunities to race he has proved himself a very useful middle distance performer. He has completed his rehabilitation from a hind leg injury that prevented him running at all last season and he is back cantering and we would hope to have him back on the track to fulfil his considerable potential in early summer.

Chiberta King is somewhat of a Kingsclere veteran nowadays but his five year old season in 2011 saw him reach new heights with a Listed success at Sandown's Eclipse meeting. The Henry II Stakes at the same course will be his main objective and possibly another crack at the Goodwood Cup, a race in which he ran with great credit last year.

Kakatosi was placed at Listed level on a couple of occasions last year but disappointed on the polytrack this winter. A four time winner during his three year old career he retains plenty of ability and we are hoping that a recent breathing operation will see a return to his best form.

SEASON AHEAD

Andrew Balding



SIDE GLANCE (Tom Brown) who was a winner of a Group 3 and twice at Listed level in 2011

Highland Knight was one of last season's biggest improvers and he could be the type to make the transition from top class handicaps to Listed level. The Doncaster Mile is likely to be his first objective of the year.

Dungannon and **Decent Fella** both managed two wins apiece last year and are a pair of high class handicappers who should be capable of winning a big prize at some stage this summer.

Bernie The Bolt is a horse who is somewhat of a yard favourite at Kingsclere. He is not the most imposing physical specimen but his big white face and slightly impish nature has endeared him to everyone! He was a high class staying handicapper at three and four, but an injury limited him to just one outing last season. Happily a stint of pre-training on our high speed treadmill seems to have done him the power

of good and he should be contesting all of the stop staying handicaps in 2012.

Tappanappa has a bundle of ability if he chooses to use it! Lightly raced due to a number of physical setbacks the only thing now stopping him from becoming a really decent racehorse is him! The application of headgear should certainly help and it would not surprise anyone who has ridden or seen this horse work in recent months, if he wins a major race at some stage this season.

The lady in question is small in stature but a lot larger in natural ability! She has had to endure her fair share of injuries but returned from over a year off the track to win a Newmarket handicap in impressive fashion last year. She is a beautifully bred filly and gaining that all important black type, will be her primary objective, but she also has a very appealing handicap mark to work with in the first half of the season.

Tartan Trip and **Suffolk Punch** are both handicappers with ability better than their current ratings and both should be winning their share of races in 2012. The latter however, will not return into training until the autumn owing to an injury.

My Learned Friend and **Grand Piano** are old favourites who should find their ways to the winner's enclosure this year no doubt ridden by one of our promising group of apprentices!

Our team of four year olds is somewhat larger than in previous years but contains proven talent which I imagine will be the backbone of our 2012 flat campaign.

It is particularly exciting to have three high class race fillies stay in training for the coming season. **I Love Me** has proved herself to be competitive at Group level and has strengthened from three to four. Her fourth place in last year's Coronation Stakes at Ascot was even more admirable considering she sustained an injury that finished her season during the race. The Windsor Forest Stakes at Ascot will be her main objective in the first half of the season and then she could be the type to travel further afield in the autumn.

Laytime is still lightly raced and unexposed but judging by her impressive win in a listed race on her final start of her three year old season, she could be a high class performer this year. Her pedigree suggests that a mile and a quarter could be within her compass and if that is the case she is one of our brightest prospects for 2012.

Night Carnation has already won at Group 3 level and is a sprinter who could yet improve from three to four. She seems to relish soft ground and now that she is somewhere near full maturity, could handle the step up to six furlongs at some stage this term.

Desert Law is another sprinter who should step up on last year's achievements. He has always appeared to be high class at home and has shown it in flashes on the racecourse. He has however, had minor interruptions during his two and three year old seasons which affected his consistency and given a clear run at things we should see the best of him this time around.

Whiplash Willie enjoyed a fabulous season last year and his second place carrying a high weight in the Melrose Stakes at York was an excellent performance. Good ground or softer and a mile and a half or further seem to be the key and he should be a player in some of the top staying races over the coming seasons.

Twin Soul improved from a handicap mark of 72 to finish the season on a rating of 94 and a luckless fourth place in a Listed event at Lingfield on her final start suggested that the best is yet to come. Two miles should be within her range this season and she could be up to winning at Stakes level in 2012

Moment of Time achieved black type when third in a Newbury Listed race in June but remains a maiden in spite of some excellent placed efforts. She will race in foal to Makfi this season and a maiden win should be a formality before having another crack at Listed level.

Arabian Star joined us mid way through last season and impressed us all with his enthusiasm and tenacity when winning the Silver Cambridgeshire at Newmarket



STAGE ATTRACTION (Matti Penrice) a dual winner last season

in the autumn. He looks the type to compete in the big mile handicaps this year as too does **Tullius**, a horse who enjoyed plenty of success with his former trainer Peter Winkworth. He was transferred to Kingsclere on Peter's retirement and I hope we can carry on the good work for his owners, Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds.

Stage Attraction and **Sea Soldier** are similar types and both were successful at maiden level in 2011 and are capable of developing into decent handicappers this year.

Rawaki was a winner on his only start to date and as a half brother to Side Glance we hope he can continue on an upward curve and go onto better things.

Communicator is an exciting addition to the team for the coming season. He was successful for Michael Bell in a competitive York handicap in the early part of the last year, but rather lost his way after that. He has settled into his new environment well and hopefully a change of scenery will see him return to form as he has obvious talent.

Billy Buttons might still be a maiden, but he has come agonisingly close to winning on more than one occasion. He stays well and it would be a shock if he is not in the winner's enclosure sooner rather than later.

Black Cadillac has talent and hopefully a gelding operation might help him add to his victory at Bath last summer. The surgeon's knife may also have aided Sirius Superstar, who is already looking twice the horse he was at any stage last year. Placed in both a Newbury and Salisbury maiden, he has very few miles on the clock and could make up into a nice staying handicapper this season.

John Biscuit did not win last year but did manage to show some good placed form in spite of not having his preferred fast ground. He is scheduled to start his



COMMUNICATOR (Steph Higgins) a winner for Michael Bell at York last year

campaign a little later than some of the others in the hope of having a fresh horse for the summer. **Angelic Upstart** managed to win twice last winter but was not seen at his best when switched to the turf. This was probably due to a number of physical ailments rather than a dislike of the grass and we have attempted to address these in the off season. He looks a fairly handicapped horse and should have improved from three to four.

Gold Mine did little wrong in three starts last year, winning twice and finishing a fine third on his only other outing at Epsom. Sadly an injury ruled him out for the remainder of the season but with a clean bill of health he is sure to be adding to the score sheet.

Highland Colori joined us from Tom Dascombe's yard last summer for whom he had shown some useful form. However, he was badly jarred up and not fit to run subsequently, but has had a decent rest and looks to be moving freely once more.

Evan Sutherland who owns Highland Colori has also had to show great patience with **Megan's Motivator**, who has taken quite some time to mature. The winner of his only outing to date in a National Hunt Flat Race at Exeter, he is a gelding who seems to have plenty of potential for the future.

Perfect Mission's owners have had to have a fair amount of patience but were in part, rewarded by a successful winter campaign. He will return after a break in May and should be capable of winning on the grass this summer.

Astragal showed an alarming loss of form following a promising debut second at Epsom. This however, was probably the result of some aggressive stomach ulcers



SPIRITUAL STAR (Steve Woolley) one of our leading three year old prospects

that were detected too late to make a difference for her season. She is however, scheduled to return and can hopefully recapture the form she had showed at home and in her Epsom maiden.

Hidden Valley's win percentage may not be that spectacular, but she finally showed something of what we all thought she was, when winning over an extended two miles on her final start of last season. She appears to be at the right end of the handicap and should add to that success.

The Three Year Olds

As with previous years at Kingsclere the two year olds are always expected to improve into their three year old season and if that is once again the case, we have a particularly strong division amongst the classic generation.

Bonfire showed top class potential in both his starts last year and with any luck at all he would already be a

Group 1 winner. He has the potential to stay a mile and a half and we hope he could develop into a genuine Derby candidate.

Spiritual Star also has Classic aspirations but he is unlikely to stay further than a mile, and one of the Guineas trials this spring will hopefully be a springboard to bigger and better things. **Bana Wu** is still a maiden but a highly rated one at that, thanks to her excellent run in the Group 2 Rockfell Stakes. She is likely to start off in maiden company but will hopefully have the class to contest an Oaks trial after that.

Goldoni is an exciting horse who did well to win over seven furlongs at Glorious Goodwood and was a little unlucky not to go very close at Listed level subsequently.



BONFIRE (Leanne Masterton) ran a fine race to finish 3rd in Group 1, Criterium de Saint Cloud

He is a big strong horse with a bright future over middle distances.

Dandy is another who has wintered particularly well and again one who should find middle distances bringing out the best in him. He had the class to win a Newmarket maiden in spite of his immaturity and he is likely to return there to contest the Fielden Stakes this spring.

Big Note won twice last season and should be a useful type this spring over six or seven furlongs as too should **Top Cop** who is an imposing son of Acclamation who achieved more than was expected as a two year old. He is an exciting sprinting prospect for the summer as too is **Intransigent** who clocked an impressive time when winning at Lingfield last autumn.

Cherry Street is very much a stayer in the making and won his ten furlong maiden on the stiff Pontefract track in good style. He will be aimed at staying handicaps to begin with and has an exciting year ahead of him.

Caitlin and **Hallings Comet** were both placed in

ultra competitive Newbury maidens last autumn and both are bred to be suited by a step up in trip and have exciting careers ahead of them.

Open Water was a winner on his debut at Sandown before running a fine second in a tough Newmarket nursery. He has the physical scope to suggest he will make into an even better three year old.

Mysterious Man was placed in his two starts as a two year old and being by Manduro from the family of Ascot Gold Cup winner Enzeli this must be considered a bonus! He looks to be a nice stayer in the making.

Swan Song is the very last produce of the champion racemare Lochsong. She was unsurprisingly a late developer as a two year old, but showed distinct promise



DANDY (Karen Peippo) a Newmarket Maiden Winner

on her only start in the autumn when finishing second in a Newbury maiden. If she is like the other members of her illustrious family she should continue to improve with age and is an exciting prospect.

Restaurateur improved with each of his three starts last season and showed a good level of form when winning his final outing at Lingfield. He has physical scope and although he has undergone surgery to remove an old chip in a hind fetlock, he is scheduled to be back in full training in the spring and should enjoy a productive summer.

Bank Bonus is superbly named (by Motivator out of Small Fortune) and looks the type of horse who could give his owner some cheer in the Diamond Jubilee year! He was a little unlucky not to win his second start at Windsor having not really handled the tight turns before finishing with a rattle when the race was all but over. He could be a three year old to follow through the course of 2012.

Topanga Canyon and **Dollar Bill** both showed ability at home but did not appear to translate that to the racecourse. Both however, are bred to do better in time and will certainly appreciate middle distances and faster ground than they have encountered to date.

Expense Claim and **Hint of Mint** both had placed form last year and are well up to winning races this season and the same should apply to **Emperor Vespasian**, **Shot In The Dark** and **Backtrade**, who also had useful placed form in 2011.

Renegotiate and **Beau Duke** are horses that seem to have been fairly handicapped and are sure to find the winner's enclosure before too long.

Flaxen Flare was placed on both his starts as a



CHERRY STREET (Emily Melbourn) looks a smart staying prospect

two year old and put in a particularly good effort when second to a highly promising type at Yarmouth on his final outing pulling nicely clear of the third horse in the process. He looks like he could make up into a useful mile handicapper this summer.

Fine Resolve showed a liking for the soft going at Ffos Las in October and has run well below par on two subsequent outings on the all-weather. However, judged on his best form he should be up to winning his fair share when conditions suit.

Like Fine Resolve, **Benzanno** is a son of the recently deceased Refuse To Bend. He ran some good races in defeat last year and has had the benefit of a breathing operation that should aid his cause in 2012.

Northern Outlook and **Just When** are similar types and both found the ground quicker than ideal when making their debut at Newmarket in October. Northern Outlook showed vast improvement on his next start at Lingfield and I would imagine that both

colts could reach a decent level with the right conditions underfoot.

Cades Reef isn't the biggest horse in the world, but he did improve with each run last year and his final start at Sandown was a good enough performance to indicate that he could win a race or two as three year old. **Dance With Me** had a baptism of fire in his first two starts of his own career when contesting two very valuable sales races in the autumn. He showed improvement on his second start and has wintered well, so is expected to improve considerably on that effort this season.

Dutch Master and **Viscount Vert** both showed enough in three starts last year to indicate that they can win this term and the same could be said for **Amphora**



DOLLAR BILL (Simon Pearce) should improve for stepping up in distance this year

and **Miss Cap Estel** who have both qualified for handicaps, having shown some form in maiden races.

Underwritten and **Micquus** are certainly bred to achieve more than they have in two starts to date, but are both entitled to improve considerably from two to three. **Distant Love**, **Silver Samba** and **Queen's Star** are fillies who should be on the upward curve through the course of the summer, as all three will be well suited by middle distances.

Archina, **Autumn Fire** and **Auntie Mabel** will all benefit from the initial experience they gained in the autumn and **Profit Again** shaped with immense promise when finishing third on his debut this winter.

Sunny Bank and **Cape Crossing** may not have showed obvious promise on their only outings of 2011 but both had shaped with promise in their home work prior to their racecourse outings.

Sweet Liberta and **Stature** also showed potential on the gallops, but both need to channel their

enthusiasm and energy in the right direction if they are going to make their mark on the racecourse.

Whilst it is always our aim to get the horses in training at Park House some racecourse experience as a two year old, it is not always possible and for various reasons we have a number of three year olds who are yet to start.

In recent years we have enjoyed considerable success with horses that did not run as juveniles and the likes of Kalahari Gold, Top Lock and Set The Trend all developed into Pattern Race performers after making their racecourse debuts in their three year old season.

Roserrow (out of the Listed placed Nashwan mare Sabah) showed some ability in his homework last season and is already working nicely this year.



MINIMISE RISK (Lois Day) is a beautifully bred son of leading sire, Galileo

Omar Khayyam is a half brother to the St. Leger winner, Milan by the leading sire Pivotal and was very immature last year as was **Natasha Rostova** who is out of the Dahlia Stakes winner Putuna.

Price List is a quality looking filly by Red Ransom and a half sister to Her Majesty's very useful Chesham Stakes winner, Free Agent. She suffered a nasty bout of colic last year, but seems to have made a full recovery after her surgery. **Stirring Ballad** is another filly who unfortunately found herself in the operating theatre having sustained a fractured pastern last summer. She is a useful looking daughter of Compton Place and has just started faster work and is moving freely and with purpose at present.

Oceana Dreamer is a welcome addition to the team having joined us from recently retired Walter Swinburn. He is a son of the top sire Oasis Dream and belongs to Karl Fischer, a long standing owner at Kingsclere. He has already shown a good level of ability in his early work

and is a horse we are looking forward to this summer. The same is true of **Minimise Risk**, a beautifully bred son of the all conquering Galileo. This colt belongs to Dr. Jim and Mrs. Fitri Hay, who are new owners at Kingsclere, and he has already shown a good attitude and action in his early preparation.

Mariet was close to running last year before a bout of sore shins, but she had gone well in the work she had done and is more than capable of winning races.

Magma and **Carmer's Concerto** are two fillies by Singspiel who should come into their own this season. **Love Tatoo** is an Acclamation half sister to Dreamspeed and Dream Eater and was a late arrival to the yard, last year. A few minor niggles prevented her from making



RAHY'S PROMISE (Peter Williams) has developed physically over the Winter

the racecourse but she is potentially a nice filly as her pedigree suggests she should be!

Basingstoke and **Bypass** are nice prospects for the Kingsclere Racing Club, whilst **Vivacious Way** and **Sir Quintin** are two well bred horses who should do well granted a clean bill of health. **Rahy's Promise** and **Silver Crossing** are handsome physical specimens, but were too backward to show their true worth last year: better of both of them is expected in 2012.

Nickel Queen, **Perfect Response**, **Zamita** and **Top Show** were very immature as two year olds, but are returning into training as three year olds.

As I have already suggested we have a particularly exciting group of two year olds assembled at Park House for 2012. It is too early to try to predict how, when and where they might be headed, but the early signs suggest we have more than our fair share of nice horses amongst the group! ■

THE 2012 12 TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

With the production of this magazine a week earlier than previously, we are hoping to have a bumper number of entries, and therefore with a pool that exceeds £1600.00.

As you will see by the rules, we are going to change the dates that this competition runs; starting on the first day of the flat season at Doncaster on Saturday 31st March and finishing on the last day of the season, also at Doncaster on November 10th.

Please make sure you fill in the list of substitutes. The list of horses in training is correct at the time of going to press but changes happen daily and we will make a substitution if we know that one of your selections is no longer in training at the time of the competition's closing. Late entries are accepted but no horse that has run after March 31st is eligible and here again the list of substitutes is used. The half way order will be published in the Summer Quarter and more frequent updates on the web site.

THE RULES

Each list must include at least **FIVE two-year-olds**.

All runners from **March 31st until November 10th** count for scoring while they are trained at Kingsclere, this means **all flat, jumping, all-weather and foreign runners**.

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

The pool will be divided 55% to the winner, 25% to the second, 15% to the third and 5% to the fourth. The person finishing last will get their £10 back. Last year's pool was £1360.

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

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**LATE ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN BUT MUST NOT INCLUDE ANYTHING
THAT HAS RUN AFTER MARCH 31st
Reserves will be used in this case**

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TWO YEAR OLDS

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LIST OF HORSES FOR THE 2012 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

OLDER HORSES

ALLEZ LES ROUGES

5 B g Saffron Walden Louve Secrete

BERNIE THE BOLT

6 B g Milan Chaparral Lady

CHIBERTA KING

6 B g King's Best Glam Rock

DECENT FELLA

6 B g Marju Mac Melody

DREAMSPEED

5 B g Barathea Kapria

DUNGANNON

5 B g Monsieur Bond May Light

GRAND PIANO

5 B g Arakan Stately Princess

HIGHLAND KNIGHT

5 B g Night Shift Highland Shot

KAKATOSI

5 Br g Pastoral Pursuits Ladywell Blaise

MY LEARNED FRIEND

8 B g Marju Stately Princess

OPERA GAL

5 B m Galileo Opera Glass

SIDE GLANCE

5 B g Passing Glance Averami

SUFFOLK PUNCH

5 Ch g Barathea Lamanka Lass

TAPPANAPPA

5 B g High Chaparral Itsibitsi

TARTAN TRIP

5 B g Selkirk Marajuana

THELADYINQUESTION

5 B m Dubawi Whazzat

FOUR YEAR OLDS

ANGELIC UPSTART

B g Singspiel Rada

ARABIAN STAR

B g Green Desert Kassiopeia

ASTRAGAL

B f Shamardal Landinium

BILLY BUTTONS

Gr g Act One Dolce Thundera

BLACK CADILLAC

Br g Kheleyf Desert Design

COMMUNICATOR

B g Motivator Goodytwosues

DESERT LAW

B g Oasis Dream Speed Cop

GOLD MINE

B g Diktat Memsahib

HIDDEN VALLEY

B f Haafhd Spurned

HIGHLAND COLORI

B g Le Vie Dei Colori Emma's Star

I A Balding

B McGuire

Pink Hat Partnership

One Carat Syndicate

J C Smith

I G Burbidge

I A Balding

J C Smith

R Tillett

Dr E Harris

J C Smith

Pearl Bloodstock

M Evans

KRC

D H Caslon/Mildmay Racing

A Burdett

Mr & Mrs G A E Smith

Lord Blyth

Mr & Mrs W V Robins

N Botica

Lady Davis

J C Smith

Sir G Brunton

KRC

E Sutherland

I LOVE ME

B f Cape Cross Garanciere

JOHN BISCUIT

Ch g Hawk Wing Princess Magdalena

LAY TIME

B f Galileo Time Saved

MEGAN'S MOTIVATOR

Ch g Motivator Top Sauce

MOMENT OF TIME

B f Rainbow Quest Not Before Time

NIGHT CARNATION

Ch f Sleeping Indian Rimba

PERFECT MISSION

B g Bertolini Sharp Secret

RAWAKI

B g Phoenix Reach Averami

SEA SOLDIER

B g Red Ransom Placement

SIRIUS SUPERSTAR

B g Galileo Brightest

STAGE ATTRACTION

B g Royal Applause Mona Em

TULLIUS

Ch g Le Vie Dei Colori Whipped Queen

TWIN SOUL

B f Singspiel Kirk Wynd

WHIPLASH WILLIE

Ch c Phoenix Reach Santa Isobel

THREE YEAR OLDS

AMPHORA

B f Oasis Dream Carafe

ARCHINA

B f Arch Cross Your Fingers

AUNTIE MABEL

B f Tagula Vive La Chasse

AUTUMN FIRE

B f Avonbridge Brand

BACKTRADE

B g Holy Roman Emperor Braari

BANA WU

Ch f Shirocco My Way

BANK BONUS

B g Motivator Small Fortune

BASINGSTOKE

B g Elusive City Ryninch

BEAU DUKE

B g Bachelor Duke Xema

BENZANNO

B g Refuse To Bend Crossanza

BIG NOTE

B c Amadeus Wolf Double Vie

BONFIRE

Br c Manduro Night Frolic

BYPASS

Br f Passing Glance Florida Heart

N Botica

Dr P Brown

R Barnett

E Sutherland

R Barnett

G Strawbridge

Dr B Drew

KRC

Mrs M E Wates

J L C Pearce

Miss A V Hill

Kennet Valley T/breds

N Botica

JC & SR Hitchins

Highclere Thoroughbreds

Dr P Brown

KRC

H M The Queen

Birkdale Racing

G Russell

H M The Queen

KRC

The Ten Gallon P/ship

M & V Slade

N Botica

Highclere T/breds

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CADES REEF Mick & Janice Mariscotti
 B g Dalakhani Just Special
CAITLIN Mr & Mrs G A E Smith
 B f Dylan Thomas Kassiopeia
CAPE CROSSING Mildmay Racing/D H Caslon
 Br f Cape Cross Dame Hester
CARMEN'S CONCERTO I M Brown
 B f Singspiel Lady McNair
CHERRY STREET James/Michaelson/Greenwood
 B c Alhaarth Weqaar
DANCE WITH ME Gorell/Pausewang
 B g Danehill Dancer Perpetual Time
DANDY R Tillett
 B c Nayef Diacada
DISTANT LOVE L Register
 B f Halling Conference
DOLLAR BILL Mrs C Kyle
 Ch g Medicean Jardin
DUTCH MASTER A Brooke-Rankin
 Ch g Dutch Art Duena
EMPEROR VESPASIAN The Emperor Syndicate
 B g Royal Applause Flavian
EXPENSE CLAIM Another Bottle Racing
 B g Intikhab Indolente
FINE RESOLVE Lord Blyth
 B g Refuse To Bend Papillon de Bronze
FLAXEN FLARE Kennet Valley T/breds
 Ch g Windsor Knot Golden Angel
FORTROSE ACADEMY E Sutherland
 B g Iceman Auspicious
GOLDONI Mick & Janice Mariscotti
 Ch g Dylan Thomas Lasso
HALLINGS COMET Lord Blyth
 B c Halling Lanthium
HINT OF MINT Mrs J S Newton
 B g Passing Glance Juno Mint
INTRANSIGENT KRC
 B g Trans Island Mara River
JUST WHEN G Strawbridge
 B c Dalakhani Cape Grace
LOVE TATOO Can't Do Ten Stone P/ship
 B f Acclamation Kapria
MAGMA H Robinson
 B f Singspiel Rakata
MARIET Pollards Stables
 Ch f Dr Fong Medway
MICQUUS Shooting Star Racing
 B g High Chaparral My Potters
MINIMISE RISK Mrs F Hay
 B c Galileo Dararita
MISS CAP ESTEL J L C Pearce
 B f Hernando Miss Cap Ferrat
MYSTERIOUS MAN Gorell/Pausewang
 B c Manduro Edabiya
NATASHA ROSTOVA JC & SR Hitchins
 B f Beat Hollow Putuna
NICKEL QUEEN N Botica
 B f Mineshaft Chickasaw
NORTHERN OUTLOOK KRC
 B c Selkirk Casual Glance
OCEANA DREAMER CHF Partnership
 B c Oasis Dream Arbella
OMAR KHAYYAM J L C Pearce
 B c Pivotal Kithanga
OPEN WATER Thurlow T/breds XXV1
 B c Orpen So Stream
PARQUE ATLANTICO CHF Partnership
 Br g Piccolo Silken Dalliance

PERFECT RESPONSE Mildmay Racing
 B f Royal Applause Perfect Solution
PRICE LIST H M The Queen
 B f Red Ransom Film Script
PROFIT AGAIN Another Bottle Racing
 B c Tagula Baileys First
QUEEN'S STAR Sir Gordon Brunton
 Ch f With Approval Memsahib
RAHY'S PROMISE E Sutherland
 B g Rahy Promise Me This
RENEGOTIATE Birkdale Racing
 Ch g Trade Fair L'Extra Honor
RESTAURATEUR Brook Farm Bloodstock
 B c Excellent Art Velvet Appeal
ROCKY REEF KRC
 B g Danbird Leah's Pride
ROSERROW Sir Roger Buckley
 Ch c Beat Hollow Sabah
SHOT IN THE DARK J C Smith
 Ch g Dr Fong Highland Shot
SILVER CROSSING KRC
 B g Avonbridge Silver Purse
SILVER SAMBA BA Racing
 Gr f Dalakhani Fancy Dance
SIR QUINTIN Dr P Brown
 B g Dixie Union No Frills
SPIRITUAL STAR Thurlow XXIX
 B c Soviet Star Million Spirits
STATURE N Botica
 B g Montjeu Pesca
STIRRING BALLAD G Strawbridge
 Ch f Compton Place Balnaha
SUNNY BANK JC JR & SR Hitchins
 B c Notnowcato Sweet Mandolin
SWAN SONG J C Smith
 B f Green Desert Lochsong
SWEET LIBERTA Mick & Janice Mariscotti
 B f Cape Cross Hendrina
TAGLIETELLE KRC
 B g Tagula Averami
TOPANGA CANYON Mick & Janice Mariscotti
 B g Nayef Classical Dancer
TOP COP J C Smith
 B c Acclamation Speed Cop
TOP SHOW Sir Gordon Brunton
 B g Sakhee Rose Show
UNDERWRITTEN R Barnett
 B g Authorized Grain of Gold
VISCOUNT VERT M & V Slade
 Br g Kheylef Viscountess Brave
VIVACIOUS WAY Mrs J Chandris
 B f Holy Roman Emperor Dance Lively
ZAMITA Mrs R Lyons
 B f Zamindar Whitgift Rose
XXX N Botica
 B f Rock of Gibraltar Cherokee Stream

TWO YEAR OLDS
ABSOLUTELY SO Mr & Mrs G A E Smith
 B c Acclamation Weekend
BLUE TWISTER J C Smith
 Ch c Pivotal Blue Siren
BRICK RISING Brick Racing
 Ch c Phoenix Reach Comtesse Noire
BUONA FORTUNA Mick & Janice Mariscotti
 B f Oasis Dream Sadie Thompson
CASUAL FLAME KRC
 B f Phoenix Reach Casual Glance

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| CUISINE | Brook Farm Bloodstock | |
| B c Holy Roman Emperor | Samorra | |
| DAYLIGHT | Kennet Valley T/breds | |
| Ch c Firebreak | Dayville | |
| DESERT COMMAND | J C Smith | |
| B c Oasis Dream | Speed Cop | |
| DESERT DONKEY | G A D P/ship | |
| B c Acclamation | Honky Tonk Sally | |
| DOCTOR'S GIFT | D E Brownlow | |
| B c Motivator | Josie May | |
| FLORIDA BEAT | KRC | |
| Br g Passing Glance | Florida Heart | |
| FONSECA | Kennet Valley T/breds | |
| B f Red Clubs | Guajira | |
| HALLING'S TREASURE | D H Caslon/Mildmay Racing | |
| Ch c Halling | Perfect Treasure | |
| HAVANA BEAT | Mick & Janice Mariscotti | |
| B c Teofilo | Sweet Home Alabama | |
| HAVANA MOON | CHF Partnership | |
| B f Teofilo | Island Destiny | |
| HERE COMES WHEN | Mrs F Hay | |
| B c Danehill Dancer | Quad's Melody | |
| HOT SECRET | Hot To Trot Racing | |
| Br f Sakhee's Secret | Harryana | |
| IMPERIAL GLANCE | Mrs J S Newton | |
| B c Passing Glance | Juno Mint | |
| INTERNATIONAL LOVE | R Gorell | |
| Ch f Manduro | Marika | |
| KING MURO | P Brend/J Dwyer | |
| B c Halling | Ushindi | |
| LIGHT CATCHER | J C Smith | |
| Br f Sakhee | Exorcet | |
| LIZZIE TUDOR | Ms K Gough | |
| Ch f Tamayuz | Silca Destination | |
| MARTIAL ART | Mr & Mrs G A E Smith | |
| Ch c Compton Place | Brush Strokes | |
| MATACABRAS | James/Michaelson/Greenwood | |
| B c Shirocco | Special Touch | |
| MELVIN THE GRATE | Mrs F Hay | |
| B c Danehill Dancer | Hawala | |
| MISS MITIGATE | Birkdale Racing | |
| B f Sir Percy | Oblige | |
| MUSIKHANI | Mr & Mrs D Holmes | |
| B f Dalakhani | Musicanna | |
| NEAR TIME | R Barnett | |
| Ch f New Approach | Time Away | |
| NELLIE FORBUSH | J C & S R Hitchins | |
| B f Phoenix Reach | Santa Isobel | |
| NEW FFOREST | Elite Racing | |
| B f Oasis Dream | Ffestiniog | |
| NO SONG | R Barnett | |
| B f Zamindar | Pure Song | |
| NOT RIGG | Mrs F Hay | |
| B c Henrythenavigator | St Helens Shadow | |
| OASIS SPIRIT | G Strawbridge | |
| B f Oasis Dream | Fearless Spirit | |
| OPERATION CHARIOT | P Brend/J Dwyer | |
| B c Refuse To Bend | Dona Royale | |
| OVERSEEN | KRC | |
| B f Passing Glance | Sankaty Light | |
| PEARL BOUNTY | Pearl Bloodstock | |
| Ch c Bahamian Bounty | Roslea Lady | |
| PEARL CASTLE | Pearl Bloodstock | |
| B c Montjeu | Ghurra | |
| PITTER PATTTER | Coln Valley Stud | |
| B f Nayef | Pixie Ring | |
| POEM | R Wilmot-Smith | |
| Ch f Dylan Thomas | Almarai | |
| POWDER HOUND | G Strawbridge | |
| B c Lucarno | Balnaha | |
| PRAIRIE PRINCE | Thurloe T/breds | |
| B c High Chaparral | Palatine Dancer | |
| PURCELL | Highclere T/breds | |
| B c Acclamation | Lyca Ballerina | |
| RACE AND STATUS | Mr & Mrs G A E Smith | |
| B c Raven's Pass | Love Excelling | |
| REFECTORY | Brook Farm Bloodstock | |
| B c Danehill Dancer | Akuna Bay | |
| ROCKY RIDE | KRC | |
| B f Rock of Gibraltar | Sidecar | |
| ROYAL WHISPER | Mr & Mrs G A E Smith | |
| B f Royal Applause | Never A Doubt | |
| SIGNATURE DISH | Brook Farm Bloodstock | |
| B f Galileo | Magic Carpet | |
| SILKEN BEAUTY | C H F Partnership | |
| B f Piccolo | Silken Dalliance | |
| SOVIET ROCK | Mr & Mrs G A E Smith | |
| B c Rock of Gibraltar | Anna Karenina | |
| STORMING | CJJR Partnership | |
| B c Stormy Atlantic | French Lady | |
| SUBTLE DIFFERENCE | K Rausing | |
| B f Vita Rosa | Sulitelma | |
| TARARA | Catridge Stud | |
| B f Royal Applause | Anneliina | |
| THE WIZARD OF AUS | Pink Star Racing P/ship | |
| B c Aussie Rules | Dyness | |
| TOO DIFFICULT | Mrs F Hay | |
| Ch f Rock of Gibraltar | Etizaan | |
| TRANSLUSCENT | Emma Balding | |
| B c Trans Island | Little Miss Diva | |
| VAN PERCY | Mrs L Ramsden/R Morecombe | |
| B c Sir Percy | Enforce | |
| VICKSBURG | R Wilmot-Smith | |
| B f Cape Cross | Totality | |
| WALTER WHITE | G A D P/ship | |
| B c Dark Angel | Fun Time | |
| WINTER MUSIC | KRC | |
| B g Oratorio | Alpine Park | |
| YOU DA ONE | R Gorell | |
| Br c Footstepsinthesand | Shenkara | |
| ZANETTO | Mick & Janice Mariscotti | |
| B c Medicean | Play Bouzouki | |
| XXX | Dr P Brown | |
| Ch c Kyllachy | Reputable | |
| XXX | Dr P Brown | |
| B f Invincible Spirit | Scripture | |
| XXX | Dr P Brown | |
| B c Holy Roman Emperor | Blue Iris | |
| XXX | Dr P Brown | |
| B c Montjeu | No Frills | |
| XXX | J C, J R & S R Hitchins | |
| B f Beat Hollow | Sweet Mandolin | |
| XXX | The Cadagan P/ship | |
| Ch c Singspiel | Flamjica | |
| XXX | C Conway | |
| B c Kayf Tara | Spring Dream | |
| XXX | N Botica | |
| Ch c Lemon Drop Kid | Press Leak | |
| XXX | Racegoers Club | |
| B f High Chaparral | Congress | |

POINTERS FOR 2012

12 TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

Once again there was a very tight finish to the competition last year, with a dead-heat for first and just two points separating the first four home!

Side Glance was the leading points scorer with 47, with Opera Gal finishing runner-up for the second year in succession, with 37 points. Both are likely to be popular once again, as should Night Carnation, Whiplash Willie and Chiberta King, who finished 3rd, 4th and 5th respectively in 2011.

Selecting the two year olds can often prove difficult, so below are a few pointers to help you on your way to making this year's winning entry!

Absolutely So b c Acclamation – Week End (Selkirk)
Cost 230,000gns at Tattersalls in October. Out of an unraced daughter of the high-class 2yo Tarfshi, herself a half-sister to the Group 1 Cheveley Park winner Embassy and out of another Cheveley Park winner Pass The Peace, Absolutely So is likely to appear in the summer and she looks an exciting two year type for later in the season.

Buona Fortuna b f Oasis Dream – Sadie Thompson (King's Best)
A 35,000gns purchase at Tattersalls in November, Buona Fortuna is a half-sister to Daneking, winner of a 1m2f maiden at 2 last season. Both her dam (7f) and granddam (6f Listed) were juvenile winners and she has shown enough to suggest she can make an early impression.

Cuisine b c Holy Roman Emperor – Samorra (In The Wings)
April foal whose sales price leapt from 12,000gns as a foal to £42,000 last year. Out of a 6f 2yo debut winning half-sister to Group 1 Nassau winner Zahrat Dubai, Cuisine is by the exciting young sire Holy Roman Emperor, already a leading source of 2yos including last season's Weatherbys Super Sprint winner Charles The Great!

Daylight ch c Firebreak – Dayville (Dayjur)
A 70,000gns son of former Kingsclere star juvenile Firebreak, Daylight is a half-brother to five winners and to the Listed-placed juvenile Thought Is Free. His dam won over 6f at 2 and, though more of a midsummer type, he looks likely to make his mark this year.

Lizzie Tudor ch f Tamayuz – Silca Destination (Dubai Destination)
A 30,000gns Tattersalls purchase, Lizzie Tudor is the first foal of a 7/8f winning daughter of the top-class filly Golden Silca (dual Group 2 winner at 2), herself a half-sister to four black-type performers including the Group 1 Prix Morny winner Silca's Sister. Likely to come out in mid-season but has looked the part already at home.

Pearl Bounty ch c Bahamian Bounty – Roslea Lady (Alhaarth)
At 120,000gns the most expensive Bahamian Bounty yearling sold in Britain last year. A February foal, he is a half-brother to 6f 2yo winner Hoot, out of a maiden half-sister to two winning juveniles, including Gimcrack winner Conquest. Sire gets plenty of precocious 2yos, including last season's Redcar 2yo Trophy winner Bogart.

Royal Whisper b f Royal Applause – Never A Doubt (Night Shift)
January foal. Purchased for 260,000gns at Tattersalls in October, Royal Whisper is a full sister to Royal Confidence, a dual winner at 2 and placed 3rd in the Group 2 Rockfel Stakes. Out of a high-class, Group 2-winning juvenile, she is bred to be precocious and has been showing up very well at home.

Walter White b c Dark Angel – Fun Time (Fraam)
Dam a 7f winner at 2, half-sister to two winning sprinters and out of a multiple 5f winning half-sister (including at 2) to the high-class sprinter Acclamation. Sire, winner of the Middle Park, made a big impression with his first crop of 2yos last year and this £32,000 DBS purchase looks an exciting early type. ■



BANA WU (Kim Tierney) one of our most exciting 3 year old prospects

DR PHILIP J BROWN

OWNER PROFILE

Philip Brown has been an owner at Kingsclere for the past three seasons. He currently has seven horses in training at Park House.

Together with his wife Patricia, they set up the hugely successful PJB Publications, a publishing company that specialized in providing information to the healthcare and biomedical industries. The company was sold to Informa PLC in 2003, giving Philip the time to pursue his many and varied other businesses and interests.

Here he explains how he came to be involved in the sport of horseracing and how the application of science may help in the improving the selection procedure of yearlings.



Dr Brown pictured with his wife, Patricia

I became involved in horse racing more by accident than by design. Apart from watching the Derby at Tattenham Corner with my parents when we lived in Cheam in the 1950s, and, more recently, attending the occasional 'jolly' at Ascot and Goodwood, courtesy of my Bank or Stock Broker, I had no prior interest in racing. I am not a country person used to the hunt or indeed a gambler: I learned early on that I always loose. So there was no natural inclination to read the Racing Post or the racing pages in the daily newspapers.

I have to admit that when I was an apprentice pharmacist working in a very prestigious New Bond Street pharmacy, we had a big-time gambler on the staff who worked on the front counter. One day she asked me and the other apprentice whether we would place her bets for her as the bookmakers were becoming increasingly reluctant to deal with her. I leave you to imagine what my father said when I asked for his advice!

All that changed when my wife decided that she wanted to buy a racehorse and found a local bloodstock agent who took us to the Tattersalls Breeze-up sales in April 2006. She bought two horses and, on impulse, I bought one, who I called Navene. And so began our early lives as owner-mushrooms (kept in the dark and fed you know what!). We knew nothing about the game, nothing about the players, nothing about the pit falls, and were completely flummoxed by the huge range of opinions on tap, which were as varied and as conflicting as the number of people we spoke to.

Now, 6 years later, my wife has largely abandoned

horse racing, preferring show jumping instead. She has four horses which appear at many of the big shows and bring home the rosettes on a regular basis. She is no longer a mushroom, but rather a happy bunny! In contrast, I have stuck to the race horses and now have three three-year olds; four two-year olds, all with Andrew; two yearlings; one new foal with another on the way, and four mares. Committed? yes; mad, probably!

Looking back over the past 6 years, I can say without fear of contradiction that I have experienced most of the bad things that can happen to an owner, ranging from horses with serious injury to accidents and emergencies and deaths of mares and foals. Happily there have been a few compensations along the way. Whilst my horses have yet to win a Listed Race, they have won and been placed in mid-range races, and one, John Biscuit, which I bred, won on his first time out last year at Epsom, much to everyone's amazement including John Biscuit himself.

The compensation for all the suffering has come from a feeling (I emphasise no more than a feeling) that I am getting to grips with some of the variables in what is a very complex and complicated business. Mushroom days are over, and there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel which is not an oncoming train (I hope). Also the air definitely smells sweeter.

To what do I attribute this improvement? First, it couldn't get any worse. Second, I now have enough experience to be able to make up my own mind about what to do. Third, I have discovered science, which is home territory for me, as I am a qualified pharmacist with a Cambridge

PhD in organic chemistry. The science is genetics as applied by Stephen Harrison of Thoroughbred genetics, a one-time tutor of our much beloved trainer, Andrew.

I am well aware that at this time the cognoscenti of the racing community put little store by the DNA genetics (indeed, it has been described as a passing fad). However, I am of the opinion that it provides a very useful basis for many decisions about breeding, purchasing and assessing racehorse performance. Incidentally, those who think genetics is a fad will in the same breath accept that this science holds the key to understanding most of our diseases, the ageing process, and the production of crops and meat producing animals.

The problem with racehorses is that unlike other thoroughbred animals, their appearance gives little clue to whether they are true thoroughbreds or mongrels. We know a mongrel dog or cat when we see one, but not a mongrel racehorse. Stephen Harrison suggests that a large number of racehorses are in fact mongrels because owners have either not been aware of the genetic characteristics of their horses or because they have decided that the fundamental genetic findings of Gregor Mendel, the Austrian Augustinian Friar, do not apply when they breed racehorses!

So from breeding to buying I use the output from Thoroughbred Genetics to help my selection. So do I expect to breed or buy Group One winners? Answer No! But what I do expect is that the success rate of my horses on the racecourse will be better than a comparable set of horses which are not selected for their genetic characteristics.

Moving on. When Anna-Lisa asked me to write this monologue she kindly gave me a prompt sheet which to an extent has guided me thus far. Now what I will do is give short answers to the other questions on her list.

- * Best day's racing: John Biscuit's win at Epsom because it was so unexpected.
- * Worst day's racing: the first race, when Navenne came in last at Newmarket. I said to myself: "this is not how I expected it to be!"
- * My favourite race course and why: no idea, but if pushed I would select Epsom despite its hazards for fresh inexperienced horses, because it is so challenging.
- * Do I have interests outside racing? Answer: far too many to detail!
- * Do you have any racing heroes past or present? None, but I admire the trio who set up Coolmore. They were pioneers who, like it or not, have made a difference.
- * What are your racing hopes or ambitions: The same as any owner who has yet to have a significant success on the racecourse.
- * Biggest gripes about racing: First: owners are the lowest creatures on the food chain. Second the unwillingness of the 'powers that be' in racing to allow artificial insemination. These people are, in my opinion, Canutes who do not have the best interests of horses in mind. Hopefully our Australian friends 'down under' will demonstrate that the tide is coming in on this 'idée fixe' and that the Canutes will have to retreat up the beach.
- * Funniest moment: This has yet to happen.
- * Anything else: One lives in hope...!! ■



JOHN BISCUIT (Karen Peippo) was a winner on debut at Epsom and also provided his owner with a welcome Racing Post bonus

RETIREMENT

WILLIAM RONALD McWILLIAM by IAB

On May 15th Ronnie McWilliam retires and brings to an end a long and dedicated career in racing. Ronnie was born in 1947 and when scarcely out of school went to work as an apprentice jockey for Noel Robinson on the Scottish Borders. A few years later Ron moved on to Ken Oliver's distinguished yard near Hawick. There he looked after a horse called The Spaniard who had the distinction of winning twenty three races in all and amazingly nine on the trot in one season when ridden by Barry Brogan.

At Ken Oliver's he also looked after Moidores Token who was second to Red Alligator in the 1968 Grand National.

Ronnie married Ruth in 1968 – they had two boys David and Scott and moved as a family to Park House Stables in 1974. I can recall young David who is now in the army coming every Sunday with me in the horsebox when I went drag hunting and helping me out as my groom!

Ronnie thinks that the best horse he ever did here at Kingsclere was Fire of Life a homebred Nijinsky colt of Paul Mellon's who had won a big sales race as a two year old ridden by Tony Murray. The following season in 1985 he finished second in the Italian Derby in Rome ridden by Steve Cauthen. Sadly he subsequently fractured a knee and did not run again.

Since 1976 Ron has looked after pretty nearly every horse that Mr and Mrs Michael Wates have had with us at Park House. This happy



Ronnie pictured with OPERA GAL

arrangement started with their first horse here, a tough little grey filly called Elfinaria. As a two year old the trainer ran Elfinaria no less than twelve times including three times in one week. When ridden by Willie Carson she was beaten a short head twice in those three races. She did win a very important two year old race at Catterick and became

the Wates's foundation mare!

Ronnie did a very useful filly for H.M. The Queen called Harpstrings. Lester Piggott and Willie Carson between them won four good 7f-1m races on her. Island Mead and Pitiless Panther were useful two year old fillies that Ron did for the Wates's and the latter won the Kingsclere Stakes at Newbury – a very popular victory.

One occasion Caroline Wates remembers vividly was in 1982 when a little filly of theirs called Bounty Bay was running at Chester and there was a slight panic as the trainer failed to turn up. Saddled by W.R. McWilliam and M.E. Wates the filly duly won! Who needs a trainer?!

Lord Zenith and Sea Soldier are recent winners that Ronnie has done for Michael and Caroline and they will miss their Scottish groom very much. Whilst many of his words appear to be four letter ones luckily, perhaps, they are delivered in such a thick Scottish brogue that most of them are indistinguishable! All of us at Park House will also miss him and wish Ronnie and Ruth a long and happy retirement. ■

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE FARRIER

Eugene Cullen has been the farrier here at Kingsclere since May 1995. He was always passionate about racing, working in a small National Hunt yard in Ireland when he was 18 and just 7 stone, he then moved to John Dunlop in Arundel where he worked as stable lad before getting a couple of rides. Eugene then went on to work for Con Horgan, in Ireland. Here he rode four winners before realising he probably wasn't good enough to do this full time and changed profession.

Eugene works incredibly hard throughout the year, especially so come the summer months when we have all the horses in full work and plenty of runners. His daily routine varies day to day, depending on runners, injuries, time of year, etc. Below shows a typical day mid summer.

7.00am – In the yard and ready to act quickly should any horse have spread a plate, twisted a shoe or need attention prior to first lot.

7.20am – All runners that day will be checked in their box, ensuring that all plates are secure prior to the jog up in front of Andrew at 8.30.

8.30 – Often in situ with Andrew and Chris when jogging up of the days runners, yesterday's runners and any horses with suspected problems. Should there be a lameness problem, Eugene removes the shoe and will give the foot an inspection, checking for heat, pulse or inflammation of the joint. If this is a foot problem, this is relatively good news as a farrier appointment is considerably cheaper than a vet's! If this is not foot, the horse will be added to Simon Knapp's vet list.

On average, Eugene would shoe a horse every 4 weeks, however if they are being trained in aluminium plates rather than steel shoes, this is reduced to 3-4 weeks. Horses generally are trained in steel shoes and get aluminium plates put on during their racing period. The preference for aluminium is a simple weight issue, a steel shoe weighs approximately 6 oz more than an aluminium plate and they say (an old wives tale) 'An ounce on the foot is equal to a pound on the back'. The difference in cost is approximately £5, the aluminium being the more expensive.

The farrier is made aware of the future runners at 5 day entry stage and would anticipate to have the horse in their racing plates 3-4 days prior to the run (giving a couple of days for things to sort itself out should the shoeing cause any discomfort)

9.30 – Breakfast and continuous contact with the head lads as far as any problems go. As soon as a horse loses a shoe, Eugene is called and the replacement begins!



10.00 – 3.00 – Routine shoeing of all the horses, working through a list of horses that are due new shoes. Eugene keeps a diary of all the horses, their races and their shoeing dates and will ensure that the farrier work is kept up to speed with them all.

On average Eugene will shoe 5 or 6 horses a day, allowing an hour a set. In the season Frankie and Ted, two very competent farriers, come in to assist twice a week. Quite often, the Farrier needs assistance in holding the horses, especially the tricky ones whilst being shod. Even those horses that don't like being shod do get used to it and after a couple of times, they normally aren't bothered by the procedure.

Throughout the afternoon the shoeing continues. At this time of year, the two year olds are just getting their hind shoes on for the first time. The reason they haven't had them before is just to stop any serious injuries if they kick out and because at Kingsclere the horses aren't walking on many roads, the feet are at no risk of damage. Eugene likes to keep them off for as long as possible, giving the hoof plenty of time to grow.

4.00 – Back home for a cup of tea! Then time for the paper work...

This is a very physical job, the equipment is heavy and the position that Eugene has to hold himself whilst shoeing is far from comfortable. He does an exceptional job and he is a key member of the team, Eugene treats each horse as an individual and he has to be sure to shoe each horse for maximum comfort to ensure maximum performance!

Many congratulations must go to Eugene who just this month, has passed his ATF (APPROVED TRAINING FARRIER) exams. This means, as and when he has the time, he is now qualified to take on an apprentice. ■

Kingsclere Racing Club 2012

The Kingsclere Racing Club is now in its fifth year and has a really exciting team of young horses for the season ahead.

Consistent handicapper Tartan Trip is now into his fourth season and hopefully there is a nice race in him this year, while the four year old Hidden Valley showed much improved form on her final start of last season when winning at Bath and she is an exciting staying prospect. Side Glance's half-brother Rawaki (by Phoenix Reach) was a winner at Wolverhampton on his only start in 2011 and, having recovered well from an injury sustained during that race, he could yet develop into a high-class handicapper.

The rest of the Club's team has a very youthful look to it, with the impressive Lingfield maiden winner Intransigent set to follow a similar path to former KRC star Side Glance, with valuable early-season sprint handicaps at Newmarket and York on the agenda for him. He heads a group of eight three-year-olds, several of them still unraced but having shown plenty of promise on the gallops at home.

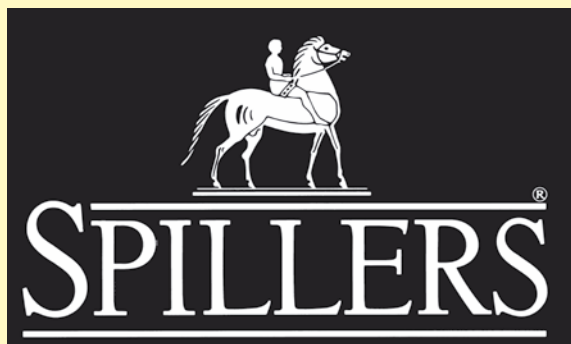
The Club has five two year olds in training; an Oratorio colt out of the useful juvenile sprinter Alpine Park, a Rock Of Gibraltar filly out of a half-sister to a US Grade 1 winner, a Phoenix Reach filly out of the Listed-placed Casual Glance and two by Passing Glance (a colt out of Florida Heart and a filly out of Sankaty Light), who has sired 11 winners for the Club!

We will once again launch the year with a parade of horses and lunch, on Cheltenham Gold Cup day at Park House, with events later in the season to include a summer evening picnic at the races, a Golf Day at Sandford Springs and the Breeders' Cup Night party at Park House in November. ■

There are still a couple of places in the Kingsclere Racing Club for this year. Please contact Lindy in the office if you are interested in receiving further information.

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STABLE STAFF



For the second year, we are very grateful to Spillers who are kindly sponsoring the 'Stable lad of the Month' award. This will run from April through to November and the prize is £100 and a bottle of champagne... well worth winning! This award is chosen by Chris Bonner (assistant trainer) and Nigel Walker (head lad). We must also thank Spillers for the sponsorship funds which have enabled all the staff to receive a uniform and then this year, all horses will be given their own grooming kit and box, beautifully branded with SPILLERS. ■

DATE FOR DIARY

The 2012 Park House Golf Day will be taking place at Sandford Springs Golf Club on Tuesday 11th September. Everyone is very welcome so please do put the date in the diary and more details will be in the Summer Magazine. ■



THE WELLINGTON ARMS



If anyone is coming down and looking for somewhere good to stay, we would like to recommend The Wellington Arms in Baughurst, 10 minutes from Park House Stables. This lovely, country pub has recently opened a couple of bedrooms and they are offering us a 'KINGSCLERE DINNER AND BED' rate of £160.00. They were voted No 14 in the Top 50 Gastropub Awards 2012

and Good Food Guide 2011, Best Pub Chef (Jason), plus there is a lovely quote from Giles Coren - "It was so good I could have stayed forever..." ■

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Once again, we held the yard Christmas Party in January at Sandford Springs Golf Club. The turn out was fantastic and the support from the jockeys was great to see too. We were very lucky to have a brilliant DJ which meant that the dance floor was full all night with Cazzy

definitely steeling the show. I think most people took advantage and enjoyed the 'free bar' but not Leanne; who took the title of "Travelling Head Girl" to a different league, when kindly agreeing to ferry everyone back in the horsebox! I'm not sure she will choose January as her 'DRY' month next year. ■



