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Nosey neighbours – four homebred yearling colts checking up on proceedings

Front cover: *LADY PERIGNON and BRIEF VISIT working on the Side Glance gallop*

Back cover: *Will Cox and Josh Bryan compare notes from first lot*

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INTRODUCTION

With the emergence of the hundreds of daffodils that line Kingsclere's famous avenues and the roar of the Cheltenham crowd at the start of the Supreme Novices' Hurdle, the sights and sounds are clear that another flat season will shortly be upon us.

With so many exciting horses to represent us this season there is little doubt that this is one of the most eagerly awaited campaigns for Park House in many years. Time will tell but I can only hope that I will be writing my introduction for the summer edition of the Kingsclere magazine with similar enthusiasm!

Away from matters confined to Kingsclere and its inhabitants it is also an important time for the racing industry as a whole. The recent acknowledgment that there is a staffing crisis within the industry has not happened before time. We can count ourselves lucky to have such a high number of skilled staff working at Park House, but there can be no room for complacency and we will continue to try and encourage young riders and grooms to start and hopefully continue to be employed in racing. Whilst the industry's failure to retain staff is partly due to pay levels there could be scope to help redress this with the opportunity that will soon be given to racecourses to control their own pool betting terminals. It is debatable how exactly this will work and how much extra revenue it might generate, but if it succeeds it will only have a positive effect on prize money which is an important element of the bonus pay of all stable staff.

All of this is ahead of us, as is the bulk of the 2017 racing season – I hope my optimism is not misplaced! ■



BALLYNANTY on holiday

THE SEASON AHEAD

Tessa Hetherington

With the trainer busy preparing his horses for the upcoming season, it has fallen to the Racing Manager to run through the team for 2017 – a time-consuming but happy task as we have some lovely prospects for the coming year.

OLDER HORSES

Spring is very much a time for looking forward and celebrating new life, but at Park House it is also a time to reflect on the achievements and service of some of our senior equine citizens. In the month he officially turned ten years old, **Dungannon** showed that he still knows how to win with a facile victory over the minimum trip at Southwell under apprentice Joshua Bryan. His win came just over a year after scoring over the same course and distance on New Year's Day in 2016 and, whilst this year's victory came in a seller rather than a handicap, he proved that he is still competitive in better races by following up with a close fourth in a Class 3 handicap at Southwell the following month and winning again there in a Class 4 in March. Hugely popular in the yard, Dungannon was bought back

in the post-seller auction, much to the relief of Nigel, who was tasked with doing the bidding and would have been lynched had he messed it up. Dungannon will continue to represent the yard over sprint trips this year.

Dungannon is not quite the oldest horse in the yard, that title going to fellow ten year old **Breakheart** who was born a few months earlier. Rated thirty one pounds below Dungannon and these days having his own ideas about the optimum amount of effort required on a racetrack, 'Breaky' is nonetheless equally loved at Park House. The perfect schoolmaster, he provided now-established jockeys Jack Garritty and Joey Haynes with their first winners and has given a host of other young apprentices their first rides, most recently current Kingsclere claimers William Cox, Michael Coles and Jason Watson. He almost provided Jason with a winning first ride, making eye-catching late headway to finish second over a mile at Kempton in February, and is on a very handy mark when things go his way.

Next in seniority come the star pair of nine year olds, **Tullius** and **Highland Colori**. Both by the late Le Vie Dei Colori and both bought as relatively inexpensive yearlings



DUNGANNON and Joshua Bryan have won twice already this year

by David Redvers, the duo have won 21 races and over £725,000 in prize money between them. Tullius recorded his eleventh win and seventh Stakes success in the Group 3 Diomed Stakes last June and has returned from his winter break looking fantastic and showing no sign of slowing down. He is likely to start out in the Doncaster Mile in April and may well head back to Epsom for another crack at the Diomed. Highland Colori bounced back to winning ways at York in October, his tenth career victory, and he should have plenty of opportunities in big handicaps over seven to eight furlongs this year.



INTRANSIGENT wins for the first time since November 2014

Another horse proving that age is just a number is the evergreen eight year old **Intransigent**, who came out on top in a thrilling finish to a Class 3 handicap over seven furlongs at Kempton in January. Racing handily but settling well in the hands of Rob Hornby, with whom he has forged an excellent partnership, Intransigent scythed through the opposition in the final furlong to win with plenty in hand. This was his first win in 27 starts and since November 2014, but those facts do not tell the whole story as in that period he was placed no less than nine times, three times at Listed level, and secured almost £50,000 in prize money. A marvellous servant to the Kingsclere Racing Club, he has already been placed twice since, including over a mile which increases his options.

Here Comes When has been competitive at the highest level for the past three seasons and deserved to get his head back in front for the first time in two years when winning a conditions race at Bath in September. Best over seven furlongs but effective over a mile, he wants cut in the ground and starts 2017 with no penalties and an attractive mark of 103. This opens up plenty of options for him, and he may start his campaign in a mile handicap back at Bath on Good Friday before heading to Chester's May meeting.

Fellow seven year old **Absolutely So** has had more than his fair share of set-backs but this does at least mean that he has few miles on the clock and his good runs in the Wokingham and Ayr Gold Cup last year show that he retains plenty of ability. Like Here Comes When he is probably best suited by seven furlongs but may well start the season over six, in the Listed Cammidge Trophy at Doncaster on Lincoln weekend. He should get his preferred softer ground there, and is in great form at home.

Montaly missed most of 2015 with an injury but last season picked up where he had left off with a good fifth in the Ascot Stakes at the Royal meeting, before being beaten a head in the Old Borough Cup at Haydock. He missed the Cesarewitch due to unsuitable ground and disappointed in the November Handicap, but he has done well for his winter break and will be aimed at the major staying handicaps this year. He too wants soft ground.

Haines returned early from his break in order to capitalise on his fondness for the All-Weather. He duly obliged by taking the Class 2 handicap over the extended two miles at Wolverhampton on his reappearance, a race in which he had finished runner-up last year. He is another horse who goes particularly well for Rob Hornby, and so it was fitting that his Wolverhampton win was Rob's 95th success in the saddle and saw him ride out his claim. Having arrived in the yard in 2014 with a handicap mark of 46, Haines is now on a career-high rating of 94. His main aim will be the Northumberland Plate on the tapeta at Newcastle, having been runner-up in the consolation race for that contest last year. He still has something of a point to prove on the grass but we hope that he can also be useful off his lower turf rating.

Fellow stayer **Ballynanty** is on something of a comeback trail having lost his way last year, but he has been gelded and enjoyed a long break in the paddocks over the winter. His preparation has gone well and he has



HAINES gives Rob Hornby his 95th winner when scoring at Wolverhampton

some excellent form on the All-Weather so is likely to start off on that surface. He is another who may well line up in the Northumberland Plate if all goes to plan.

One who ended last season on a high was **Duretto**, with his win in the Group 3 St Simon Stakes at Newbury proving that he is a highly progressive and exciting stayer. He is likely to commence this year's campaign in the Group 3 John Porter Stakes, run over the same course and distance. He will definitely stay one mile six furlongs, having been beaten a short head over just shy of that at Chester last season, we are hopeful that he will get further and develop into a Cup contender this summer, with the Yorkshire Cup a possible early target.

Scotland was meant to be a Cup contender last year but picked up an injury in the Ascot Gold Cup which ruled him out for the rest of the season. He is currently in pre-training and will hopefully be back this year as when fit and well he is a high-class horse. Another whose season ended after Ascot was **Man Of Harlech**, who like Scotland has heaps of ability. He too is in pre-training and we hope to have him back in the yard soon to contest the big turf handicaps over eight to ten furlongs. **Smiling Stranger** has recently returned to us having been kept off the track all last year with tendon trouble. The swimming pool and treadmill will be important training tools for him, but he is looking and moving well and we hope that Nick Watts' imposing Nayef gelding can reward his owner's considerable patience.

Elm Park is another who missed 2016 with a tendon issue, much to everyone's frustration as he is an exceptionally talented horse who had shown significant physical development from three to four. The Qatar Racing team at Longholes Stud have been expertly managing his rehabilitation and we hope that he will be back in the yard before long.

Priors Brook is a solid performer over middle distances who has provided his devoted owner-breeder Linda Alexander with a win in each of the last three seasons. He began 2017 with a respectable fourth at Lingfield in January and coped well with the fibresand at Southwell when runner up there on his latest start. He should go one better soon.



PRIORS BROOK has won in each of the last three seasons

We have some lovely older fillies in the yard, including Barbara Keller's talented **Blond Me**, who enhanced her CV considerably last year by taking the Group 2 Topkapi Trophy in Turkey. Life will be a little tougher for her this year with a Group 2 penalty for the early part of the season but she has returned from her winter holiday stronger than ever. She is likely to reappear in the Group 2 Middleton Stakes at York's Dante meeting. A good traveller, she and Leanne may well be packing their bags for foreign climes at some point during the year.



ELBERETH enjoying her winter break

Blond Me's travel and paddock buddy **Elbereth** also had an excellent season, her Listed win in the Nottinghamshire Oaks being supplemented by Group placings in Turkey and Italy. She is going well at home and we plan to take her to Ireland at the end of March for a run on the polytrack. Whilst significantly less glamorous than her previous foreign trips, a win there would qualify her for the very valuable Fillies and Mares race at the All-Weather Championships on Good Friday. Looking forward she has plenty of options including in handicaps, as there cannot be many Group 1 placed horses who are still only rated 100!

Secret Hint won at Chester and ran well at York last summer but our quest to get her some black type was thwarted by appalling conditions in Norway and a disappointing run at Newmarket which came at the end of a long season. She has returned from her winter break looking superb and with a bottom to rival that of her sire, Oasis Dream, and we are hopeful that we will succeed in enhancing her page this season. She has been covered by Ifraaj and will race in foal.

The maternity wing of Flying Fox yard is completed by two others who are being covered this Spring. **Cape Spirit** does not have the track record of Secret Hint but she is a well-bred and good-looking daughter of Cape Cross and has been a useful schoolmistress for the apprentices. She is in foal to the talented sprinter-miler Cable Bay, who is handily located just up the road at Highclere Stud.

Victoria Pollard is due to visit Cityscape, a high-class son of Selkirk who has his first runners this year, and we will aim to pick up another race or two with her before she retires to the paddocks. She seemed to stay well when upped to one mile seven furlongs on her last start which increases her options.

FOUR YEAR OLDS

Jeff Smith's hugely progressive filly **Dancing Star** was a marvellous flag-bearer for the yard last year, with victories at Salisbury, Goodwood and Newmarket preceding her fantastic win in the Stewards Cup at Glorious Goodwood. She has grown and strengthened impressively over the winter, she was almost unrecognisable when she stepped off the lorry on her return from Littleton Stud, and she will be aimed at all the big sprints this year. If she is ready her first engagement is likely to be the Listed Lansdown Stakes at Bath in April. This would be her first run over the minimum trip since her debut as a two year old, but she seems to have speed to burn and it will be instructive to see how she fares over five.

Another filly on the hunt for black type is **Great And Small**, although she will not be running over the minimum trip! She only had to beat three when winning her maiden over a mile and a half at Chester but proved that this was no fluke with a good second over a mile and five at Newmarket, before finishing fourth in the Listed Noel Murless Stakes at Ascot over a mile and six. Closely related to Ascot Gold Cup winner Fame And Glory, she has done well physically over the winter and looks set for a good season.

Summer Chorus was a star for us last year, winning three times including a brace of valuable Class 2 handicaps over six furlongs at Newmarket and placing on a further four occasions. Out of a half-sister to Lowther winner Best Terms, she will make a lovely broodmare one day. We may target some black type races with her this year, although handicaps will also be on the agenda given her attractive mark of 86.

A sprinter who already has black type on the board is **Verne Castle**, who stepped up markedly from his two Class 4 wins over five furlongs at Lingfield in February when finishing a very close third in the Listed Hever Stakes over the same course and distance. He broke his maiden in August when rated 67 and has proven hugely progressive since, winning a further four times and rising some 32 lbs in the handicap. Out of Lochangel, he is from a family who improve with time and there is no reason to suppose he has reached his limit yet, although it will be interesting to see if he can translate his achievements on the All-Weather to the turf.

Our squad of four year olds has recently been augmented by the addition of a further two black type performers in the shape of **Donjuan Triumphant** and **Cleonte**, acquired from the yards of Richard Fahey and Andre Fabre respectively for new owner Mr Srivaddhanaprabha, who also owns Leicester Football Club. Donjuan Triumphant

won the Rockingham Stakes and Group 2 Criterium de Maison-Lafitte over six furlongs at two. Last year he was placed in the Group 2 Sandy Lane at Haydock and the Group 1 Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville, also over six, before three good efforts over seven furlongs on the All-Weather before Christmas. He is a smart recruit with a serious engine and is likely to start out in the Listed Richard III Stakes at Leicester in April. Cleonte is a Listed winner and Group 3 placed over one mile seven furlongs in France. By Sir Percy out of a Beat Hollow mare, herself a half-sister to Group 1 winner Zambezi Sun, he is bred to stay even further and we hope he will be a contender for the Ascot Gold Cup in June.



DONJUAN TRIUMPHANT is a smart new recruit

Emperor Napoleon is a fine big horse whose form last year reads like a who's who of progressive stayers. He had a tendency to race a little keenly but has since been gelded which should help him in that regard. He has strengthened up significantly over the winter and is an exciting prospect for 2017. Another who has made eye-catching physical progress is **Brorocco**. He too is prone to take a keen hold but eventually began to settle better in his races last year and mixing ridden work with exercise on the treadmill has been helping to keep a lid on him at home. His two wins last year came over ten furlongs but towards the end of the season he suggested he could stay further. Being by Shirocco this would make sense and he looks destined for a good year in middle distance handicaps.

Swashbuckle won twice at Ffos Las over a mile and a half for the Kingsclere Racing Club and was then placed at York over an extended two miles. He is a huge horse and a relentless galloper and the trainer is keen to test him over further, probably in a Class 2 handicap over two miles two furlongs at Newbury's Greenham meeting. If he takes to that, he might be a horse for the Ascot Stakes at the Royal meeting.

Swashbuckle may be huge but he is more than matched in stature by Cliveden Stud's **Brief Visit**, who dwarfs all of the fillies and most of the colts and geldings in the string. She was impressive when winning on her handicap debut at Leicester in July, and although she then picked up an injury this did at least give her time to grow into her

sizeable frame. She is going better than ever at home and we are confident that she can continue her upward curve.

Lady Perignon is also lightly raced due to an injury as a juvenile but she has plenty of ability, as she showed when winning impressively at Ffos Las and when second to a progressive filly on her handicap debut at Sandown. Like Brief Visit she has plenty of substance and has done well over the winter. Her early season aim is a Class 2 Fillies' Handicap over the straight mile at Ascot.

St Mary's is a more slightly-built filly and did well to win her maiden at Thirsk, the form of which has since been franked by the second, who has won twice and is now rated 97. St Mary's went on to place in two handicaps, the latter a Class 2 over a mile and a half at Newmarket when four pounds out of the handicap. She has really strengthened up for her time in the paddock over the winter and is one for the notebooks this season.



ST MARY'S has strengthened up over the winter

Another improving filly is **Make Music**, who won two at Lingfield last year and has already repeated that feat this year, winning over seven furlongs in January and completing the double in March with a very game performance over six, off a career-high mark of 83. Her first win last year came on the turf course and she also ran well at Chester so it will be interesting to see what she can do on the grass over the summer. **Viscount Barfield** is something of a Chester specialist, having won twice at the track last year before running a close second in a Class 3 there off a career-high mark of 88. He is a horse that showed huge promise in his early work as a juvenile before being beset by niggles, so it was heartening to see him begin to fulfil that early promise last year. He has done exceptionally well following a gelding operation and some time out at grass and we are hopeful that he has not yet finished improving.

Lorelina was very consistent last year, winning at Chepstow and Epsom before placing twice at the latter track and finishing her season with a second at Newbury when stepping up to ten furlongs for the first time. The form of that has subsequently been well franked and, being by Passing Glance out of a mare who won over hurdles, there is every reason to think that she is likely to improve with

age and distance this year. She is certainly full of beans at home!

Another Passing Glance offspring who impressed at Newbury was **Fort Jefferson**. He hated the fibresand at Southwell on his reappearance in January and then picked up a minor injury, but he is now fully recovered and should pick up where he left off on the turf.

Dark Shot took a while to break his maiden but was never out of the first four last season and proved himself a handy sprinter. Like many of us he emerged from the festive season looking built more for comfort than speed, but his New Year fitness regime is taking effect and he will be a useful horse again this year. **Dream Of Summer** has come to hand more quickly and is likely to be out in early April. He was unlucky not to have won more last year but has benefitted from gelding and a winter break. **Able Jack**, who also runs in the colours of Happy Valley Racing and Breeding, is currently in pre-training but if he has shown similar physical progress he also has the scope to win again. **Casablanca**, a scopey daughter of Cape Blanco, is very consistent but took a while to get her head in front. She eventually boosted her paddock value with a win at Lingfield over a mile and a half in February, and will be put in foal this Spring.



HAIRDRYER has been busy over the winter months

Hairdryer shed his maiden tag at Chelmsford in November and has already run with credit three times this year, just coming out worse in a three-way scrap at Kempton on his first attempt at eleven furlongs. He has more improvement in him. **Nodachi** is a similarly impressive physical type but missed most of last year with an injury, having gone agonisingly close at Goodwood. He has been gelded and is currently in pre-training but if his troubles are behind him he can win races this year. Another who should not remain a maiden for long is **Sir Pass I Am**, who stays well and is bred to improve with time. He will be seen to best effect on soft ground.

Alhajjaj was unraced until this year but in February rewarded his owner Sheikh Juma's considerable patience with a maiden win at Wolverhampton on his third start. Another who was late to get started is Mildmay Stud's

Fleeting Glimpse, who made an encouraging debut at Kempton in October but failed to build on that. She has recently returned from a short break and will look to get a win under her belt soon as she goes well fresh. **Deep Dream** has had more than her fair share of issues but has the ability to win her maiden. She is a beautiful filly and impeccably bred, being a half-sister to Havana Gold, and so is destined for the breeding paddocks in any event, but it would be lovely to win with her if we can keep her sound. **Three Loves** is another filly who has had some soundness issues but she has always shown more at home than on the racecourse and we hope to get her back on track this year.

THREE YEAR OLDS

We were blessed with a bumper crop of two year olds last year but the star of the colts was undoubtedly Qatar Racing's **South Seas**, who was very impressive in winning the Group 3 Solario Stakes at Sandown. Things didn't really work out for him in the Dewhurst but he ended the season with an excellent run to be second in the Group 1 Criterium International at Saint-Cloud. The winner of that race, Thunder Snow, recently hosed up in the UAE 2000 Guineas at Meydan, and we will be seeking to secure a Guineas win with South Seas, whether that be in the UK, Ireland, or like his father, Lope de Vega, in France. A big colt, South Seas always promised to be a stronger and better horse at three. He has really grown into his frame, has been pleasing us in his early work, and is a tremendously exciting prospect for 2017.

If all goes to plan we will also have a contender for the fillies' Guineas honours this year in the Wates family's lovely **Poet's Vanity**. Like South Seas she won a Group 3 in taking fashion under Oisin Murphy, winning the Oh So



POET'S VANITY was one of last season's leading juvenile fillies

Sharp Stakes over seven furlongs at Newmarket in October. We think she will stay a mile – although her dam-side has plenty of speed she is by the top miler Poet's Voice and one of her half-siblings, by miler Clodovil, is a Listed winner over that trip. She also has wonderfully relaxed attitude to life, meaning that she settles well in her races and can conserve her energy. The English Guineas will be her aim but as she is a big burly filly we will try and give her a prep run first, with the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket being the most obvious option.

One filly who will definitely stick to sprint distances is **Rosie Briar**, being a little pocket rocket by July Cup winner Mayson and a half-sister to four winning sprinters. Already a Listed winner on just her third start last year, she is likely to start out in the Group 3 Pavilion Stakes at Ascot in early May. **Perfect Angel** is another speedy filly who did extremely well last year, securing black type with placed efforts in the Group 2 Mill Reef Stakes and Listed Rockingham Stakes. Winning a Stakes race this year should be well within her capabilities. All her races at two were over six furlongs and Andrew thinks that is probably her ideal trip, but we may start her off over seven in the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury's Greenham meeting.



BELLE MEADE will be aimed at Stakes races

We are fortunate to have been sent another quality filly in the shape of **Belle Meade**, who was bought from Richard Fahey's yard at the December sales by longstanding Park House supporter Dr Bridget Drew. A daughter of Roderic O'Connor and out of a half-sister to King's Stand winner Prohibit, she already has black type courtesy of a third in the Group 3 Firth of Clyde Stakes at Ayr, but we will aim to win a Stakes race with her this year. Although her dam-side is all speed she has the make and shape of a miler and it will be interesting to see what her optimum trip turns out to be.

We hope that we will also have a player in the top middle distance races for three year old fillies this year in the shape of **Horseplay**, who could scarcely have been more impressive when winning her maiden over a mile at Nottingham in October, streaking away by thirteen lengths. She is bred to get a mile and a half and may well stay further – by Cape Cross, her dam was a Listed winner over

one mile five furlongs and Group placed over two miles, and her full-brother Devilment was a very smart hurdler. We will look to run her in an Oaks Trial this Spring, probably the Pretty Polly at Newmarket. After that we will know much more, but she is a seriously exciting filly.

The Hays' Cape Blanco colt **Isomer** has some excellent form in the book, his second in the Chesham putting him within half a length of Churchill, a subsequent dual Group 1 winner and ante-post favourite for the Guineas. Unfortunately Isomer had a persistent niggle which kept him off the track for the latter part of the season and which required minor surgery early this year. He is unlikely to reappear on a racecourse until mid June, but he has returned from his break looking like a bull and if all goes to plan he will be a force to be reckoned with in the big middle distance races.

Bohemian Flame is a lovely horse who mixed it with the best as a juvenile, securing black type with a third in the Listed National Stakes at Sandown and running well in the Group 2 July Stakes at Newmarket. He had a few minor issues towards the end of the season and so was gelded and turned away, but has come back a bigger and stronger horse. He is beautifully bred, being by Zoffany and from the family of Red Camelia and Red Bloom, and should do well again this year.

War Of Succession is another for whom last season was curtailed due to a minor injury, but he has done extremely well physically for his time off and is impressing in his early work this Spring. The highest rated maiden in the yard, he should not hold that title for long. **Genetics** shed his maiden tag at Newbury in August and was out-working some of our best colts in the run-up to the Listed Zetland Stakes at Newmarket. He was very disappointing that day but we are confident that this was a blip, not least because the form of his maiden win has worked out extremely well. A big, rangy son of Manduro, anything he did at two was something of a bonus and hopefully we will see the best of him this year.

Leontes is far from big and rangy but what he lacks in stature he makes up for in power and courage. He improved throughout last year, winning twice, and has the makings of an exciting sprinter this year. A buzzy type, he has come to hand quickly and will probably start in handicap company. **Max Zorin** is another very handy horse who won well at Chester last season. We will judge from his Spring work how high to aim him this year, but the early signs are that gelding and turning him out has yielded further improvement.

Intimate Art won well over seven furlongs at Kempton in October and is a progressive type. He ought to stay a mile, being out of a half-sister to E.P.Taylor winner Folk Opera, and is a bonny little horse who is wonderfully straightforward.

Straightforward is not an adjective that can be applied to **Berkshire Boy**, who ran away with his maiden at Bath but had us all tearing our hair out with his antics in subsequent races. He has ability in spades and has been



INTIMATE ART could be a well handicapped 3 year old

much easier at home this year but the true test will be on the track – we can only hope that he spent his time in the paddock repenting his past indiscretions and resolving to mend his ways.

Mucho Applause is a fine strong horse and very much the type to improve from two to three. A son of Acclamation, he will appreciate cut in the ground and should waste little time in adding to his maiden Salisbury win. He is likely to start out in the Esher Cup at Sandown at the end of April. **He's A Lad** is a grand-son of Acclamation, being by Lilbourne Lad, and we are delighted to see him fulfil the promise he has always shown at home when running away with his Southwell maiden this month. Things had happened too quickly for him over seven furlongs at the



HE'S A LAD was an easy winner of his maiden race

track on his previous start, but a return to a mile was what he needed and he made short work of his rivals. We are looking forward to getting him back on the grass as he ran very encouragingly on his only turf start, his debut at Windsor.

Qatar Racing's **Naval Warfare** did sterling work as a lead horse for South Seas last year but is also useful on the track, winning his maiden in good style at Ayr and with some good form in defeat in his two previous starts. A solid, likeable colt, he is bred to be better at three and will be seen to best effect with cut in the ground. Sheikh Fahad has another handy colt in **Scorching Heat**, who won at Ffos Las in September before a good effort in a competitive handicap at Newbury. He looks to be on a good mark and should not be long in adding to his tally.

Drochaid did well for his owners Mick and Janice Mariscotti last year, winning at Haydock and picking up a Tattersalls Book 1 bonus in the process. He is bred to improve with age, has flourished over the winter and looks to be on a handy mark. He will not be the Mariscottis' first winner of the year, however, as **Native Prospect** has already got one on the board, winning his maiden easily at Southwell in February. He had run well in defeat last year, notably at York when second to the subsequent Racing Post Trophy fourth, and he is a broader, stronger specimen this year.

Another early three year old winner is **Atkinson Grimshaw**. He showed promise in his final start at two and has grown into a lovely horse physically despite his manners in the stable leaving a little to be desired! The manner of his win over nine and a half furlongs at Wolverhampton in February was impressive and he should improve further for stepping up in trip.

Lord Blyth's home-bred **Simoon** will also appreciate a step up in trip, having won his maiden over a mile at Kempton in November. This was the same maiden won by Duretto, also owned and bred by Lord Blyth and a half-brother to Simoon's dam, Astragal. Duretto has obviously gone on to much better things and hopefully Simoon will do likewise, as he has blossomed physically and is bred to be a better older horse. He will start off in handicaps and we will take it from there.

Farleigh Mac beat a subsequent Group 1 performer when winning the Toby Balding Memorial maiden at Salisbury but rather lost his way towards the end of the season. He has done well physically but needs to learn to settle and channel his obvious ability in an appropriate direction. **Galactic Prince** is also a bit of an enigma as he promised plenty when winning his maiden, also at Salisbury, but was rather disappointing thereafter. He has been gelded and this may well help him as he was a bit of a yob at the races last year. By Dubawi out of the Galileo mare Opera Gal, a three-time Listed winner, he is one of the best bred horses in the yard and his pedigree suggests he will improve over time. **Hidden Stash** was another who failed to build on his maiden win last year but, being related to Intransigent and Border Music, his

best days are likely to be ahead of him and he looks great this year.

We thought enough of **Hidden Steps** to run her in a Group race at two, having won her maiden on debut at Lingfield, but she was quite weak and leggy and in hindsight it was too much to ask of her at that stage. She has really bulked up for her holiday at the stud and is a lovely prospect for the Kingsclere Racing Club. Fellow KRC filly **Highland Pass** has not done as well physically for her break but she is quite highly strung and probably better off in the routine of life on the yard. She ran well in defeat last year, most notably when not beaten far by two Group class fillies in a conditions race at Newmarket, and should have little trouble in shedding her maiden tag.

Rely On Me is a much more relaxed filly and we were delighted with the manner of her win at Doncaster on the last day of the turf season. She loves nothing more than eating and has done really well over the winter. She is by Kyllachy but may well stay a mile given her dam-side and physical make-up. Either way she will want cut in the ground and is an exciting filly for her owner Sheikh Juma.



NATIVE PROSPECT has already won this year

Wine List ran well on his debut at Newbury, having given himself plenty to do with a very green start. A half-brother to Elbereth, he will probably wait for the turf but should win his maiden and go on to better things. **Itsakindamagic** also ran very encouragingly on his only start last year, finishing third in a maiden over the extended mile at Nottingham in October. It is too early to judge the form of that effort but I suspect it will turn out to have been a decent race. The son of Mount Nelson definitely has an engine but he is a bit of a hot-head – he is learning to relax at home and if he can do the same on the track he could be a very nice horse this year. **Passcode** was placed on her only start on the same day as Itsakindamagic, over seven furlongs at Newmarket. She has done well over the winter and looks a handy filly in the making. The same is true of **Munstead Star** and **Meccabah**, who were both green on their only starts last year but will have learnt plenty from the experience. Both are scopey fillies who go well at home. **Many Waters** had to wait until this year to make her debut but gave some encouragement when finishing

fourth over a mile at Lingfield. She has impressed her work riders and should not be long in getting her head in front.

Count Octave is bred in the purple, being by Frankel and closely related to Irish Derby winner Treasure Beach. He has the looks to match his page and is a lovely mover. We were pleased with his debut at Goodwood, where he was third over nine furlongs in what was probably a decent maiden. He has come on leaps and bounds over the winter and should shape up into a smart horse. **Meyandi** was a big, raw horse last year and has strengthened up over the winter. A half-brother to Buccellati, who was a handicapper at three but a Group horse at four to five, he should leave the form of his two runs to date well behind over time. **Magic Pass** is a much more compact model but has also required time. He is a quirky character who has taken a while to get the hang of things, but he is learning all the time now and shaped well for a long way on his debut at Wolverhampton in February. **Investigation** also has his quirks but he is gradually learning to relax and use his long stride to good effect. He has ability and is the type to progress with racing.

Already progressive is **Makkadangdang**, who improved with each of his three runs last year, finishing second at Chelmsford on his last start. He should waste little time in going one better. **Eolian** is a half-brother to four winners including Man Look, who won three for us last year. He was bought back by his breeder Chris Buckley at the October Horses In Training sale and this looks to have been a shrewd purchase. Gelded and given a break after the sales, his homework suggests he is on a very attractive mark.

Baywatch has been disappointing on the track but has shown more at home. Recently gelded, we hope that this can see him realise his potential as he is bred and built to be speedy. Speed is not one of **Look My Way's** strengths, but his future will lie in handicaps over a trip. **Cartavio** is a new arrival who showed some promise in his first two runs for us before disappointing at Kempton on his latest start. That was not his true form and he has now been gelded and will have a decent break.

Cold Shoulder is a full-brother to Group 1 winner Side Glance but looks nothing like him, and was terribly immature last year. Though still not a large horse he is now much stronger and may well be ready to run by early April. **Eastern** is another who shows little family resemblance. She is a half-sister to Group-placed mare Merry Me but a very different model, if they were the Williams sisters Merry Me would be Serena and Eastern would be Venus! She was a big, backward filly last year and is still a work in progress, but she is going the right way. Jeff Smith's **Fair Cop** is also from a family we know well, being out of Speed Cop who was trained by Ian and who has already produced three good winners for the yard. Fair Cop is a gorgeous filly who has heaps of ability but she is not the most robust and will need to stay sound if she is to realise her obvious potential. **Opera Queen** also has a familiar pedigree and is a half-sister to the good filly Opera Gal. By Nathaniel and with plenty of size and substance, she was

always going to take time but is coping well with fast work this year. **Ancient Foe** was bred by his owner George Strawbridge and is a full brother to his Born In Bombay, with whom we won the Britannia in 2014. He had a few issues last year but the penny has really dropped with him in recent weeks.

Orsino is an attractive son of Galileo but was very weak and gangly last year. He is a much more powerful horse this year and is a relentless galloper who should do well over a trip and with cut in the ground. The same is true of **Overholt**, a Kingsclere home-bred who is a half-brother to Swashbuckle, and **Missed**, home-bred by H.M. The Queen and from a lovely staying family. The latter joined the yard fairly recently together with **Brave Venture**, who is by Frankel and out of the Selkirk mare Sequence, a half-sister to Derby and Arc hero Sinndar. We are still feeling our way with him but he is a sweet horse who goes nicely.



ORSINO is a relentless galloper who should do well over a trip

Also bred in the purple is Qatar Racing's **Impact Point**, a son of Japanese superstar Deep Impact and bought in Japan as a foal. He was immature last year but is a different horse now and is making great progress in his work at home. He is not short of exuberance and credit must go to his regular rider Will Carver for keeping him on the straight and narrow every morning! Another who is unrecognisable from last year is Phil Fox's Rip Van Winkle gelding **Count Simon**, who has grown into a lovely horse. **Contango** was always an eye-catcher but was big and weak last year. He is currently in pre-training but has reportedly done well and always looked a three year old type. **Torcello** was showing plenty last year when he picked up an injury, but he is fully recovered now and working well.

A daughter of Lawman, **Queen Moon** is lucky that she has a very patient owner in Layton Register as she has really benefitted from a steady approach with plenty of time in the paddock for her rather immature joints to strengthen up. She is now looking great but we will resist the temptation to rush her and she will be one for the summer. **Know The Truth** is also by Lawman and was also rather immature last year but is coming along well now and will not be long in making her debut. ■

LIST OF HORSES FOR THE 2017 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

OLDER HORSES

ABSOLUTELY SO 7 B g	
Acclamation Week End	The Smith Family
BALLYNANTY 5 Gr g	
Yeats Reina Blanca	Mr R Wilmot-Smith
BLOND ME 5 Ch m	
Tamayuz Holda	Mrs B Keller
BREAKHEART 10 B g	
Sakhee Exorcet	Mr I A Balding
CAPE SPIRIT 5 B m	
Cape Cross Fearless Spirit	Mr A M Balding
DUNGANNON 10 B g	
Monsieur Bond May Light	Dr E Harris
DURETTO 5 Ch g	
Manduro Landinium	Lord Blyth
ELBERETH 6 B m	
Mount Nelson Masandra	Mr D Taylor
ELM PARK 5 B c	
Phoenix Reach Lady Brora	Qatar Racing Ltd
HAINES 6 Ch g	
Shirocco Spring Dream	Bow River Racing
HERE COMES WHEN 7 B g	
Danehill Dancer Quad's Melody	Mrs F Hay
HIGHLAND COLORI 9 B g	
Le Vie Dei Colori Emma's Star	Mr E Sutherland
INTRANSIGENT 8 B g	
Trans Island Mara River	KRC
MAN OF HARLECH 6 B g	
Dansili Ffestiniog	Elite Racing Club
MONTALY 6 B g	
Yeats Le Badie	Farleigh Racing
PRIORS BROOK 6 B g	
Champs Elysees Dyanita	Mrs L Alexander
SCOTLAND 6 B g	
Monsun Sqillo	Mrs F Hay
SECRET HINT 6 B m	
Oasis Dream Teeky	Mr J Drew/ Mr D Caslon
SMILING STRANGER 6 Br g	
Nayef Carraigoona	Mr N M Watts
TULLIUS 9 Ch g	
Le Vie Dei Colori Whipped Queen	Kennet Valley T/breds VI
VICTORIA POLLARD 5 B m	
Sir Percy Victoria Montoya	KRC

FOUR YEAR OLDS

ABLE JACK B g	
Iffraaj Solva	Happy Valley Racing & Breeding
ALHAJJAJ Gr g	
Cacique Strawberry Morn	Salem Rashid
BINGO GEORGE B g	
Holy Roman Emperor	Kalleidoscope The Smith Family
BRIEF VISIT B f	
Fastnet Rock Brevity	Cliveden Stud
BROROCO B g	
Shirocco Lady Brora	KRC
CLEONTE Ch c	
Sir Percy Key Figure	LCFC

DANCING STAR B f	
Aqlaam Strictly Dancing	Mr J C Smith
DARK SHOT B g	
Acclamation Dark Missile	Mr J C Smith
DEEP DREAM B f	
Dream Ahead Jessica's Dream	Qatar Racing Ltd
DONJUAN TRIUMPHANT B c	
Dream Ahead Mathuna	LCFC
DREAM OF SUMMER B g	
Canford Cliffs Danehill's Dream	Happy Valley Racing & Breeding
EMPEROR NAPOLEON B g	
Champs Elysees Amarullah	The Napoleon Partnership
FLEETING GLIMPSE B f	
Passing Glance Perfect Act	Mildmay Racing & Mr D Caslon
FORT JEFFERSON Br g	
Passing Glance Florida Heart	KRC
GREAT AND SMALL B f	
Galileo Gryada	Coln Valley Stud
HAIRDRYER B c	
Motivator Londonnetdotcom	Sir A Ferguson, Mr P Done, Mr G Mason
LADY PERIGNON B f	
Poet's Voice Amallna	Mrs F Hay
LORELINA B f	
Passing Glance Diktalina	Mr T Wixted & Mr A Anderson
MAKE MUSIC B f	
Acclamation Come What May	Lady Emma Balding
NODACHI B c	
Rip Van Winkle Jabroot	Mrs F Hay
PARIS BOUND B g	
Champs Elysees Averami	KRC
SIR PASS I AM B g	
Passing Glance Orbital Orchid	Mrs J S Newton
ST MARY'S B f	
Siyouni Once Over	KRC
SUMMER CHORUS B f	
Exceed And Excel Soviet Terms	Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum
SWASHBUCKLE B g	
Dashing Blade Inhibition	KRC
THREE LOVES B f	
Duke Of Marmalade Three Moons	Happy Valley Racing & Breeding

VERNE CASTLE Ch g	
Sakhee's Secret Lochangel	Mr J C Smith
VISCOUNT BARFIELD B g	
Raven's Pass Madonna Dell'orto	Mr D Brownlow

THREE YEAR OLDS

ANCIENT FOE B g	
Shamardal Pearl Dance	Mr G Strawbridge
ARABIAN ARTIST Ch g	
Manduro Oekaki	J/T & Miss F Balding
ATKINSON GRIMSHAW Ch c	
Rio de la Plata Cosabawn	Mr D Brownlow
BAY WATCH B g	
Harbour Watch Karuga	Mr & Mrs R Gorell & Partner

BELLE MEADE Ch f		
Roderic O'Connor Hazardous	Dr B Drew & Mr R Farmiloe	
BERKSHIRE BOY B g		
Elzaam Circuit City	Berkshire Parts & Panels	
BOHEMIAN FLAME B g		
Zoffany Red Japonica	Kennet Valley T/breds II	
BRAVE VENTURE B g		
Frankel Sequence	HM The Queen	
CARTAVIO B g		
Cacique Star Cluster	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
COLD SHOULDER B g		
Passing Glance Averami	KRC	
CONTANGO Ch g		
Casamento Call Later	Kennet Valley T/breds XII	
COUNT OCTAVE B c		
Frankel Honorine	Qatar Racing Ltd	
COUNT SIMON B g		
Rip Van Winkle Wedding Cake	Mr P Fox	
DROCHAID Ch c		
Mastercraftsman Avon Lady	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
EASTERN B f		
Shamardal Thought Is Free	Mrs F Hay	
EOLIAN B g		
Poet's Voice Charlecote	Mr C Buckley	
FAIR COP B f		
Exceed and Excel Speed Cop	Mr J C Smith	
FARLEIGH MAC Ch g		
Equiano Le Badie	Farleigh Racing	
GALACTIC PRINCE Ch g		
Dubawi Opera Gal	Mr J C Smith	
GENETICS B c		
Manduro Garmerita	DJT	
GEORGIO B g		
Approve Gillenia	Mr J Dwyer	
HE'S A LAD B c		
Lilbourne Lad Make Amends		
	Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum	
HIDDEN STASH B g		
Sakhee's Secret Marajuana	KRC	
HIDDEN STEPS B f		
Footstepsinthesand Hidden Valley	KRC	
HIGHLAND PASS B f		
Passing Glance Lady Brora	KRC	
HORSEPLAY B f		
Cape Cross Mischief Making	Cliveden Stud	
HOT LICK B g		
Phoenix Reach Sweet Mandolin	Messrs JC, JR & SR Hitchins	
IMPACT POINT B c		
Deep Impact Rumba Boogie	Qatar Racing Ltd	
INTIMATE ART Ch g		
Dutch Art Intimacy	Thurloe T/Breds XXXIX	
INVESTIGATION Gr c		
Rip Van Winkle Syann	Martin & Valerie Slade	
ISOMER Ch c		
Cape Blanco Nimue	Mrs F Hay	
ITSAKINDOFMAGIC B c		
Mount Nelson Carsulae		
	Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum	
JOSH THE PLOD B g		
Arcano Dune Breeze	Mr P Fox	
KNOW THE TRUTH B f		
Lawman Snow Key	Mr G Strawbridge	
LEONTES Ch g		
Paco Boy Robema	Mr D Brownlow	
LOOK MY WAY B g		
Pour Moi Casual Glance	KRC	
MAGIC PASS Ch c		
Raven's Pass Magic America	Mr G Strawbridge	
MAKKADANGDANG Ch g		
Mastercraftsman Penny Cross	Mr P Fox	
MANY WATERS B f		
Street Cry Satulagi		Mrs F Hay
MAX ZORIN B g		
Cape Cross My	Chelsea Thoroughbreds	
MECCABAH Gr f		
Makfi Mintly Fresh	Mr Jon Haseler	
MEYANDI Ch c		
Mount Nelson Susi Wong	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
MISSED B g		
So You Think Daring Aim	HM The Queen	
MUCHO APPLAUSE B c		
Acclamation Pediment	Transatlantic Racing	
MUNSTEAD STAR Ch f		
Sir Percy Royal Patron	Sir Gordon Brunton	
NATIVE PROSPECT Ch c		
Bated Breath Jakarta Jade	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
NAVAL WARFARE B c		
Born To Sea Three Days In May	Qatar Racing Ltd	
OPERA QUEEN B f		
Nathaniel Opera Glass	Mr J C Smith	
ORSINO B c		
Galileo Birmanie	Mr D Brownlow	
OVERHOLT B g		
Shirocco Inhibition	KRC	
PASSCODE B f		
Camacho Passata	Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum	
PERFECT ANGEL Br f		
Dark Angel The Hermitage	Mildmay Racing & Mr D Caslon	
POET'S VANITY B f		
Poet's Voice Vanity	Mrs M E Wates	
QUEEN MOON B f		
Lawman Movie Queen	Mr L Register	
RELY ON ME Br f		
Kyllachy Life Rely	Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum	
ROSIE BRIAR Ch f		
Mayson Lighted Way	Dr J Hobby	
SCORCHING HEAT B c		
Acclamation Pink Flames	Qatar Racing Ltd	
SIMOON B c		
Sixties Icon Astragal	Lord Blyth	
SOUTH SEAS Ch c		
Lope De Vega Let It Be Me	Qatar Racing Ltd	
TORCELLO Ch c		
Born To Sea Islandagore	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
WAR OF SUCCESSION B c		
Casamento Rohlindi	Qatar Racing Ltd	
WINE LIST Ch g		
Champs Elysees Masandra	Another Bottle Racing	
TWO YEAR OLDS		
ANNIE MAE B f		
Yeats Spring Dream	Mr C Conroy	
BALLYQUIN B c		
Acclamation Something Mon	Mr J Palmer-Brown	
BERKSHIRE BLUE B c		
Champs Elysees Lemon Rock	Berkshire Parts & Panels	
BERKSHIRE ROYAL B c		
Sir Percy Forest Express	Berkshire Parts & Panels	
BERKSHIRE SPIRIT Gr c		
Mastercraftsman Rebecca Rolfe	Berkshire Parts & Panels	
BODIE AND DOYLE Ch c		
Raven's Pass Queenofthenorth	Chelsea Thoroughbreds	
BOLD BRIEF B c		
Lilbourne Lad Bold Assumption	HHJ R Hetherington & Ptr	
CAROUSE B c		
Excelebration Terre du Vent	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
CELESTIAL SECRET Ch f		
Sakhee's Secret Lochangel	Mr J C Smith	
CHANGE MAKER Ch c		
Havana Gold Belle Allemande	Mrs B Keller/Qatar Racing Ltd	

COLENZO B c		
New Approach Pearl Dance	Mr G Strawbridge	
CRESCENT CANYON B c		
Archipenko Hidden Valley	KRC	
DAWN DANCER B c		
Dawn Approach Ballet Ballon	Castle Down Racing	
DIOCLETIAN B c		
Camelot Saturday Girl	Mr R Wilmot-Smith	
DREAM CATCHING B c		
Dream Ahead Selfara	Mr M Payton	
ENSIGN EWART Ch c		
Lope De Vega Caerlonore	Mrs F Hay	
ESSENDON B g		
Aussie Rules Inhibition	KRC	
EXEAT B f		
Oasis Dream Brevity	Cliveden Stud	
FACE LIKE THUNDER B c		
Passing Glance Violet's Walk	Mrs M E Wates	
FLINTROCK Br c		
Sinnadar Four Roses	Mr G Brook	
FOXTROT LADY Ch f		
Foxwedge Strictly Dancing	Mr J C Smith	
GREAT SHOT SAM Ch f		
Shackleford Universal Peace	Mr L Register	
ICONIC GIRL B f		
Cape Cross Snoqualmie Star	Mr J C Smith	
KABRIT Ch c		
Mastercraftsman Twinkling Ice	Mrs F Hay	
KING LUD B c		
Cape Cross Natural Flair	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
LOPITO B c		
Lope De Vega Stellar Brilliant	Thurloe T/Breds XLII	
LORD VETINARI B c		
Lethal Force Princess Luna	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
MACAQUE B c		
Rock of Gibraltar Spiliada	Pink Hat Racing P/ship	
MASTER OF WINE B c		
Maxios Magma	Another Bottle Racing	
MUNSTEAD GOLD Ch c		
Sir Percy Royal Patron	Sir G Brunton	
NORTHWEST PASSAGE B c		
Oasis Dream Sequence	HM The Queen	
OCALA Ch f		
Nathaniel Night Carnation	Mr G Strawbridge	
PAK CHOI Ch c		
Paco Boy Spring Green	Highclere Thoroughbred Racing	
PILGRIM SOUL B f		
Yeats Sabah	Sir R Buckley	
PRIVATE CASHIER B f		
Leroidesanimaux Vicksburg	Mr R Wilmot Smith	
REBEL STREAK B c		
Dark Angel Siren's Gift	Mr J C Smith	
RECVLVER B c		
Tagula Lady Kildare	Martin & Valerie Slade	
SEASEARCH B g		
Passing Glance Seaflower Reef	KRC	
SHAILENE Ch f		
Rip Van Winkle Snow Key	Mr G Strawbridge	
SILVER SWIFT B f		
Dutch Art Silver Kestrel	Mr J Nedas	
SOVRANO Ch c		
Leroidesanimaux Alchemilla	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	
UNTIL AGAIN B f		
Iffraaj Sara Lucille	Mr G Strawbridge	
URBAN ASPECT B c		
Cityscape Casual Glance	KRC	
WHITE TURF Gr c		
Clodovil Holda	Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds IV	
YOUNG BERNIE B c		
Sixties Icon Hot Pursuits	Mr B McGuire	
ZATORIUS B c		
Pastorius Zarah Top	Gerry & April Rafferty	
Xxx B c		
Lawman Charanga	Greenwood/Homburg	
Xxx B c		
Soldier Hollow Nota Bene	Michaelson/James/Greenwood	
Xxx Ch f		
Tamayuz Moonlight Wish	KRC	
Xxx B c		
Bahamian Bounty Luna Forest	Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum	
Xxx B c		
Passing Glance Sweet Mandolin	Mr J Hitchins & Mr S Hitchins	
Xxx Br f		
Cape Cross Terentia	Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum	
Xxx B f		
Camelot Saturn Girl	Mr M Tabor	
Xxx Ch f		
Sixties Icon Lighted Way	Dr J Hobby	
Xxx B f		
Havana Gold Le Badie	Farleigh Racing	
Xxx B c		
Intello Fraloga	Qatar Racing Ltd	
Xxx B c		
Henrythenavigator Millistar	Qatar Racing Ltd/Mr M Offenstadt	
Xxx Ch c		
Harbour Watch Princess Mood	Qatar Racing Ltd	
Xxx B c		
Havana Gold Tentpole	Qatar Racing Ltd	
Xxx B c		
Nathaniel Chicita Banana	Mr & Mrs R Gorell/ Mr N Botica	
Xxx B c		
Al Kazeem Perfect Delight	Mildmay Racing	
Xxx Ch f		
Shamardal Sweet Rose	Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum	
Xxx B f		
Equiano Bassinet	Mr L Raissi	
Xxx B f		
Acclamation Golden Shadow	Hot to Trot Racing	
Xxx B c		
Champs Elysees Fringe	Mr A M Balding	
Xxx B f		
Mamool Ormita	Another Bottle Racing	
Xxx B f		
Cape Blanco Winnie Dixie	Mrs F Hay	



Qatar Racing's IMPACT POINT is making good progress

THE 2017 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

This year the competition will start on the first day of the Craven Meeting at Newmarket which is **Tuesday April 18th** and will run until **December 1st** both dates inclusive.

Please make sure you put your name and address on your lists and fill in the list of substitutes with at least one two year old on it. The list of horses was correct at time of going to press but many things change in a month and we will make substitutions for you if we know that we need to. The order at half way will be published in the Summer Magazine.

THE RULES

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

All runners from **April 18th until December 1st** count for scoring while they are trained by Andrew Balding 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.

The pool will be divided 55% to the winner, 25% to the second, 15% to the third and 5% to the fourth and the person finishing last will have their £10 refunded.

Last year's pool was £1780.00.

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

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**LATE ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN BUT MUST NOT INCLUDE ANYTHING
THAT HAS RUN AFTER APRIL 17th**

Reserves will be used in this case

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12 TO FOLLOW 2-y-o POINTERS

Tessa Hetherington

I fear that I may have set the bar rather too high with last year's pointers, which yielded ten winners and two placed horses from a selection of sixteen, but I shall endeavour to provide the same level of assistance in identifying which of this year's crop of juveniles are likely to be at the more precocious end of the spectrum, on the basis of pedigree and physical appearance.

BERKSHIRE ROYAL B c
Sir Percy – Forest Express



One of three purchases from Tattersalls in October for Paul Spickett, this colt fetched 60,000gns and is by an established and versatile sire in Sir Percy. Sir Percy is best known for his stayers but gets plenty of two year olds, and himself won the Dewhurst as a juvenile en route to victory in the Derby. Berkshire Royal is out of an Australian mare who was a Group 3 winner and placed in seven Group races over 6f to 10f, including two Group 1s. She is from the marvellous family of Park Express and New Approach. She has only produced three winners from eleven foals, but this colt is impressive both physically and in his way of going and looks an early type.

BODIE AND DOYLE Ch c
Raven's Pass – Queenofthenorth



Bought for 50,000gns from Tattersalls Book 2 in October, this racy colt is the first foal from an unraced mare who is a half-sister to nine winners. These include Queen Of Poland, who won at Listed level and was second in the Group 2 May Hill Stakes as a

juvenile, and Grizel, who won three times as a two year old and later produced US Grade 2 winner and Breeders' Cup Mile third Whatsthescript. Raven's Pass won the Group 3 Solario Stakes and was third in the Dewhurst at two before taking the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes and Breeders' Cup Classic at three. He is a good sire of two year olds, his progeny including Chesham winner Richard Pankhurst, Royal Lodge winner Steeler and Prestige Stakes winner Malabar. Although not a big colt, Bodie And Doyle is a powerful, stocky sort and could well continue Chelsea Thoroughbreds' excellent record with their youngsters.

BOLD BRIEF B c
Lilbourne Lad – Bold Assumption



Fetching €32,000 at Goffs, this colt was bought by me and is part-owned by my father, so the pressure is on for him to perform on the track! His dam was unraced but is a half-sister to five winners including two stakes performers. She has produced three previous winners including the high-class Irish Rookie, who was a Listed winner at two before placing in three Group 1s as an older horse (the French 2000 Guineas, Sun Chariot and Falmouth Stakes). Lilbourne Lad won the Group 2 Railway Stakes at two and was placed in the Middle Park before retiring at the end of his juvenile campaign. He has made a fair start at stud with plenty of winners but no superstar to date. A fluent mover with a great attitude, I very much hope that Bold Brief can change that!

CAROUSE B c
Excelebration – Terre du Vent
Bought for 30,000gns from Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling sale, Carouse is the first foal of a mare who was unraced at two but went on to win four times, twice at Listed level, and was Group 2 placed over 12f. She is a half-sister to seven winners in France. Excelebration won his maiden at two and went on to win three Group 1s over a mile as an older horse. He would surely have won more had his era not coincided with that of Frankel. Whilst Carouse's pedigree does not scream precocity, he was



a January foal and his physical appearance, attitude and early work suggest that he may well be one of our first juvenile runners, and a smart one at that.

DIOCLETIAN B c
Camelot – Saturday Girl



Bred by his owner Richard Wilmot-Smith, Diocletian's dam was unraced but is a sister to five juvenile winners, one at Listed level. She has produced two previous foals, the first being Room Key, who was third in the Group 2 Vintage Stakes as a two year old. Camelot won the Group 1 Racing Post Trophy at two on only his second start, and carried almost all before him at three, winning the 2000 Guineas, Derby, Irish Derby and finishing second in the St Leger. This is his first crop of runners, but they sold well as yearlings (averaging just shy of 100,000gns) and have received glowing reports from trainers. Diocletian is an outstanding physical specimen and is finding everything very easy at this stage.

ENSIGN EWART Ch c
Lope de Vega – Caerlonore
Bought for €100,000 at Goffs by Stephen Hillen, Jim and Fitri Hay's imposing colt is by 2014's champion first season sire Lope de Vega. Lope de Vega was a good two year old, winning twice and finishing fourth in the Group 1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere, and went on to win the French 2000 Guineas and French Derby at three. He has made an excellent start at stud, with his progeny including Dewhurst and Locking winner



Belardo, Group 2 winner Very Special (second in last year's 1,000 Guineas), Group winning juvenile Blue de Vega (third in last year's Irish 2,000 Guineas), and Park House's exciting Group 3 winning juvenile South Seas. Caerlonore was unraced but is out of the French Oaks winner Caerlina and a half-sister to eight winners, including La Nuit Rose who was placed in the Irish and French 1000 Guineas. Caerlonore's record as a broodmare is nothing to write home about but Ensign Ewart is only her fourth foal and his homework suggests that he may change all that.

FOXTROT LADY Ch f

Foxwedge – Strictly Dancing
Jeff Smith's homebred filly hails from a family well-known at Park House. Strictly Dancing was trained here, as was her mother Lochangel, her aunt Lochsong, her half-brother Verne Castle, and both her previous foals, Dance Of Fire and Dancing Star. All of those bar Lochsong and Verne Castle won at two. Foxwedge is an Australian horse who was a winner and Group 2 placed at two and a Group 1 winning sprinter at three. He has made a good start at stud with three Group performers amongst his first southern hemisphere crop. Whilst this filly's pedigree suggests she will improve with age, it also indicates that she may well be handy at two, and she is a strong, active type.

MACAQUE B c

Rock Of Gibraltar – Spiliada



Bought at the Arqana October sale by David Redvers for €33,000, the dam of this good-moving colt won at two and again at three, beating subsequent Listed winner Don't Be in the process. She is a half-sister to the black type filly Last Waltz who, like this colt, is by a son of Danehill. Rock Of Gibraltar was a dual Group 1 winner as a juvenile, taking

the Lucien-Barriere at Longchamp and the Dewhurst at Newmarket. He went on to be an exceptional miler at three, winning five Group 1s over that trip. He has proven to be an excellent and versatile sire, well capable of getting a top-class two year old. His progeny include Group 1 winning juveniles Mount Nelson and Prince Gibraltar and Albany winner Samitar. Macaque is a first foal but has plenty of size and substance and looks a lovely prospect.

UNTIL AGAIN B f

Iffraaj – Sara Lucille

Home-bred by George Strawbridge, this filly is the first foal from a mare who won and was Group 3 placed at two in France. The grand-dam is the Group 3 winning juvenile Magic America, who was second to Dutch Art in the Prix Morny. Iffraaj won as a late two year old but was better as an older sprinter, winning the Group 2 Park Stakes and Lennox Stakes and losing out by a head in the July Cup. He has established himself as a very good sire of sprinters and milers who can sire a top-class two year old. His progeny include Group 1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner Wootton Bassett and Group 2 Mill Reef Stakes winner Ribchester, and he also does very well with juvenile fillies, most notably Queen Mary winner Rizeena and Fillies Mile and Breeders' Cup heroine Chriselliam. This filly has only recently joined us at Park House but is doing everything right at this stage.

YOUNG BERNIE B c

Sixties Icon – Hot Pursuits



Bought at Fairymore for €15,000, this colt's dam won twice at two over the minimum trip and her only previous runner was also a winner at two. The family goes back to Park House stars Putuna and Bourgainville. Sixties Icon did not run at two and won the St Leger at three, but he is a solid and versatile sire who can get two year olds and speedier types. This colt is a reasonably late foal (30 April) but he has thrived in training and is a robust but athletic chap who might well do well this year.

UNNAMED B f

Acclamation – Golden Shadow

Bred by Airlie Stud, this filly's dam did not manage to win but is from a wonderful family, being a half-sister to Group 1 Coronation Stakes winner Balisada (who also won at two) and the classy Park House

sprinter Stirling Ballad. She has a good record as a broodmare, having produced six winners from eight foals including black type performer Lordoftheshadows. Acclamation is a fantastic sire of speedy juveniles, his offspring including the Group winning two year olds (and subsequent sires) Harbour Watch, Lilbourne Lad and Dark Angel. This filly came in to us late but has wasted no time in catching up with her peers.

UNNAMED B f

Camelot – Saturn Girl

Homebred by her owner Michael Tabor, this filly is another from the first crop of Racing Post Trophy, Guineas and Derby hero Camelot. Her dam won at two and is a half-sister to the Listed winner and Group 1 placed filly Livadiya and a couple of other useful middle-distance horses. Whilst she is yet to produce a winner from three previous foals, it is early days for her broodmare career. This filly floats up the gallops at home and has proven to be a fast learner when sat upsides.

UNNAMED Ch c

Harbour Watch – Princess Mood



Bought as a foal for 30,000gns by the Qatar Racing team, this scopey colt is a half-brother to seven winners, including Sunny King (third in the Group 3 Jersey Stakes at three, later Group 1 placed in Hong Kong and Dubai) and Captain Ramius (dual Listed winner at two, good sprint handicapper as older horse). Harbour Watch was unbeaten at two, winning the Group 2 Richmond Stakes, but picked up an injury when preparing for the Dewhurst which prompted his early retirement to stud. He is a son of Acclamation, an excellent producer of sires, and made a reasonable start with his first crop of two year olds last year, the best being Group 2 winner Tiz Marvellous. Very professional out on the gallops, this colt should add to his tally.

UNNAMED B c

Lawman – Charanga

This likeable colt is the first foal from a Cadeaux Genereux mare. She was unraced but is a half-sister to four winners (one a winner at two) and hails from the family of Group 1 winners Footstepsinthesand, Pedro The Great, Power and Curvy. Lawman has established himself as a reliable source of winners and a versatile stallion, his progeny including Group 1 winning juvenile Marcel, Group 1 winning milers Just The Judge and



Most Improved, and last year's Group 1 St Leger winner Harbour Law. This active colt has been very straightforward and looks value for his £12,000 price-tag.

UNNAMED B c
Nathaniel – Chicita Banana
Bought for 25,000gns at Tattersalls in December, this colt's dam was precocious enough to run in the Brocklesby before winning her next start, in May of her juvenile season. She is a half-sister to Bonfire,

who was Group 1 placed at two for Park House before winning the Dante at three, and to the Group 2 winner Joviality (also Group 1 placed). Both of Chicita Banana's previous runners have won as early two year olds. Nathaniel was best as an older horse, winning the King George & Queen Elizabeth Stakes at three and the Eclipse at four, but he was no slouch at two, finishing only half a length second to Frankel on his debut in August. He made a slow start with his first crop of runners last year, but most



of his mares would have been producers of later developing types. Chicita Banana is not that, and this colt is a compact, racy type who looks like he will follow his dam-side in terms of precocity.

UNNAMED Ch f
Shamardal – Sweet Rose
The dam of this Darley homebred did not race but she is a half-sister to three Listed winners including Royal Ascot winner Elite Army. Her dam was a Group 3 winner at two, and she is by New Approach who is a strong influence for precocity (famously siring three Royal Ascot winning juveniles in the same year). Shamardal won the Vintage Stakes and Dewhurst at two and continued to progress at three, taking the French 2000 Guineas and Derby. He is a superb sire who can get a good two year old, his progeny including Racing Post Trophy winner Casamento and more recently the Group winning juveniles Lucida, Emotionless and Blue Point. This filly is a feisty character but has shown plenty in her early work. ■

Kingsclere Racing Club 2017

The KRC is now into its 10th year and an early winner in January for Club stalwart Intransigent got us off to the perfect start to 2017.

We have started the year with 17 horses in training, amongst them some very exciting prospects that we hope can develop into high-class performers on the racecourse this season. Brorocco and Swashbuckle are two talented four year olds that can make their mark in valuable handicaps, whilst a host of unexposed three year olds, including the well-related fillies Hidden Steps and Highland Pass, look capable of helping us to match, if not surpass, last year's totals of 10 winners, 26 places and over £100,000 in prize-money! Our four two year olds, by Archipenko, Aussie Rules, Cityscape and Passing Glance, look a really nice group at this stage and a couple of them look forward enough to start off in midsummer.

Our first Club event of the year takes place on Cheltenham Gold Cup day, and as the season progresses we have a busy Club social diary to look forward to, including a picnic at a Windsor evening meeting in June, hospitality at Ascot on King George Day and regular gallop mornings throughout the season at Park House.

The significant milestone of £1,000,000 in prize-money since the Club's inception is one we very much



Crescent Canyon is by Archipenko out of Hidden Valley and is one of four two year olds in training for the Club this year

hope to reach in 2017, and on the way towards it we look forward to another enjoyable and exciting year's racing!

There is currently one space available in the Kingsclere Racing Club for 2017, with membership costing £6,000 for the year. If you would like to receive further information or are interested in joining, please contact Nathaniel Barnett on 07890 672435, or by email, krc@kingsclere.com. We are also currently accepting applications for KRC 2018

MY TOP FIVE...

Jockeys who rode for me on the flat

(excluding current riders)

Ian Balding

LESTER PIGGOTT

Lester in my opinion was the greatest flat race jockey I have ever seen. For much of his career he did not have an agent and so did all the booking of rides himself on the phone, assisted by his wife Susan. He knew the form book backwards and studied all the Racing Calendars very carefully. His knowledge and understanding of racing was unique. He won nine Epsom Derbys and a mass of Classics all over the globe, including the Prix de Diane at Chantilly on Mrs Penny for us in 1980. He rode quite a few of our winners for H.M. The Queen including Magna Carta who was a really good stayer. He won the Park Hill Stakes and the Prix de Royallieu on Example in



Lester on Example after the Prix Jean de Chaudeney in 1972

1971 and also won on Escorial at Ascot in 1973. His most memorable winner to my mind was his very last one for us on Pay Homage in the Jubilee Handicap at Kempton in 1993. He rode a truly brilliant race and got up in the last stride to win by a short head. Afterwards, having unsaddled, I recall him turning and smiling beautifully at our owner, Audrey Hill, before simply saying "Thank you very much" and walking off to the weighing room. She and I were disappointed as we would have liked to hear all about it, and he of course had no idea that he had just given our lovely lady owner the happiest day of her life!

GEOFF LEWIS

I inherited Geoff as our stable jockey when I first took over training here in 1964. He was the most perfect size and shape for a flat jockey and luckily someone told him that when he was a fifteen year old page boy in a London hotel! I have never seen another jockey use their whip in either hand as well as Geoff did and, what is more, he



Geoff Lewis on Mill Reef, who he rode in all his races

never overdid the use of it! He rode some brilliant races on Silly Season in my first two years as a trainer. He also rode Mill Reef of course in all his races and never put a foot wrong. His winning ride in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe was a masterpiece and when I said that to him afterwards he merely replied: "No, I was just on the best horse!" Geoff was never quite champion jockey which was a shame because he deserved to be. He was, however, the best and most dedicated stable jockey I have ever known.

STEVE CAUTHEN

Steve came over from the U.S.A. where he had been champion jockey but wisely decided he was losing the battle with the scales (their weights are considerably



Steve Cauthen winning the Gran Premio di Milano on Diamond Shoal

lower than ours). He was very popular over here straight away and rode for all the top stables. Paul Mellon – our main owner – had known him in America of course and loved using him. Steve rode Diamond Shoal (Glint of Gold's brilliant younger brother) in 1983 to win the John Porter Stakes at Newbury and two Group 1s abroad, the Gran Premio di Milano in Italy and the Grosser Preis von Baden in Germany. He won the Horris Hill at Newbury on Elegant Air and the Royal Lodge at Ascot on Gold and Ivory in 1983, and the following year went on to win two Group 1s in Germany on the same horse. Steve, for a tall fellow, was extremely stylish and was a beautiful horseman. His victory on Slip Anchor in the 1985 Derby has always been considered one of the best front running rides of all time. He stayed with us a few times and earned himself the reputation as one of the best fridge thieves of all time as well!

PAT EDDERY

Pat was as natural a flat jockey as I have ever seen. Like Geoff he was a perfect size and shape and a superb horseman too. He was apprenticed to Frenchie Nicholson just outside Cheltenham and thus was wonderfully



Pat Eddery winning the King George Stakes at Goodwood on Silver Fling in 1988

educated as a jockey. He was champion jockey no less than eleven times. He rode his first winners for us in 1975 but then in 1982 won two Group 1s abroad on Glint of Gold and Group 1s in Italy on Drumalis and King of Clubs. In 1985 he rode a lot for us and guided home thirty five winners. Pat was a lovely man, always quiet and humble, and it is sad for his family and many friends in racing that he died much too young.

JOHN MATTHIAS

John was apprenticed here and won the apprentice championship in 1975. He stayed on and took over as our main stable jockey in 1980. He lived here and rode out every morning. He was a superb horseman and always exceptionally good on a difficult horse or a hard puller. He and I got on together very well and I was always



John Matthias with IAB and George Strawbridge after the Prix de l'Abbaye in 1989

grateful that he drove me to the races a lot. In about 1985 H.M. The Queen and Paul Mellon decided they would like to use the best jockey available, so John got fewer of the good rides. He had, however, ridden Glint of Gold for Paul Mellon a lot and won the Gran Criterium di Milano on him as a two year old followed by the Italian Derby the following season. The pair also won the Great Voltigeur at York, the Grand Prix de Paris and the Preis von Europa at Cologne – the last two being very valuable Group 1s – and were second to Shergar in the Epsom Derby. John won the Prix Vermeille on Mrs



John Matthias on Glint Of Gold after the Grand Prix de Paris in 1981

Penny for Eric Kronfeld in 1980, the Prix de L'Abbaye at Longchamp on Silver Fling for George Strawbridge in 1989, and in the same year he won the National Stakes and the Dewhurst Stakes, both juvenile Group 1s, on Jeff Smith's good colt Dashing Blade. John won many more races for me than any other jockey and I was always extremely fond of him.

A FEW OTHERS

One or two interesting jockeys who rode winners for us and may come as a bit of a surprise to readers were:

Mr Andrew Balding who won two amateur races on Hill of Dreams and another on Clouded Elegance in 1994. He also won three hunter chases on Kings Treasure in 1996. Miss Clare Balding was the leading lady and amateur rider in 1990 and won seven races for us that year. H.R.H. Princess Anne won the Queen Mother's



Princess Anne on Insular at York in 1988



Walter Swinburn streaking to victory in the Prix Morny on Tagula in 1995

Cup in 1988 on Insular, bred by H.M. The Queen. Mr Chris Bonner won amateur races on Fields of Omagh at Lingfield and Brandon Court at Ayer in 1999. The late and much lamented Walter Swinburn won the Prix Morny at Deauville on Tagula in 1995 for Robert Hitchins. Kieran Fallon rode a stack of winners for us in 1999 and Kevin Darley rode nine winners for us in 2000. Tony Ives rode a lot of winners for us in 1988 and 89. On 18th December 2002 Miss Leanne Masterton rode my very last winner, on Manicani in a 6f handicap at Lingfield.

Oh! And a Mr I.A. Balding won the very first hunter chase ever run at Ascot – a two and a half mile race on Milo in 1967. ■

STAFF UPDATE

February saw the annual Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards, and we were delighted that Chetan Singh finished runner-up in the Rider/Groom category. Chetan began working in racing at seventeen when he attended the apprentice jockey school in Hyderabad, and rode as a jockey in India. He came to the UK in 2003 and began working at Park House in 2008. Chetan is a capable rider, particularly good at handling strong and tricky colts, but is equally willing to do his time on the ground staff team and to take horses racing. He and his horses are always immaculately turned out and he is a frequent winner of best turned out awards. Chetan began looking after stable star Tullius soon after the horse arrived on the yard and has led him up for all eight of his victories from Park House, also travelling him to France and Italy. Tullius is not always the easiest horse to handle but he appreciates Chetan's quiet but firm approach, and the fact



Chetan with TULLIUS after last year's Diomed Stakes



Tom Queally and Sandeep with Frankel

that Tullius is still racing at the highest level as a nine year old is a credit to his groom. Chetan received his award at a gala ceremony in London and received a prize of £2,000, together with £2,000 for the yard. Our thanks go to Godolphin for supporting this wonderful initiative for the industry, and our congratulations go to Chetan!

Chetan is not the only former jockey from India amongst the staff team these days. Sandeep Guaravaram, also formerly a jockey in Hyderabad, joined Park House early this year. Sandeep used to work for Henry Cecil and was groom for the fantastic Frankel throughout his time at Warren Place, looking after him at home and travelling him to the races. A good rider and a very experienced horseman, we are delighted to have Sandeep on the

team and can only hope that we can provide him with a horse to look after who is even half as good as his former charge.

Many of our younger staff are graduates of the apprenticeship programme in racehorse care provided by the British Racing School, and the BRS does an excellent job in preparing these young people for working in racing and in monitoring and furthering their progress once they are in employment. The BRS has used its international links to offer scholarships to some of the best graduates, giving them the opportunity to spend time working abroad. We nominated Lauren Smith and she has very deservedly been awarded a scholarship this year. Lauren has worked at Park House since early 2015. She is hard-working and devoted to her horses, and over time has developed into a talented rider. Quiet and sensitive, she is particularly good on buzzy fillies who try the patience of others! As the result of her scholarship Lauren will spend a month in the summer working for U.S. trainer Joe Sharp, who is usually based at Fair Grounds racecourse in New Orleans but at the time of Lauren's visit will be at Saratoga in New York. The racing at Saratoga is amongst the best in the U.S. racing calendar and we are sure that Lauren will learn a huge amount from her time there. In return we will be hosting one of Joe Sharp's young riders, who will have the opportunity to learn a little about how we train and race horses in the UK, and how to ride the varied grass gallops at Kingsclere! ■



Lauren Smith has been awarded a British Racing School scholarship

Over the past year local company Huntswood has generously continued to sponsor the apprentice jockeys at Kingsclere, providing financial and material support to these young riders, as they build their careers in the saddle.

2016 was another very strong year for Kingsclere's most senior apprentice, Rob Hornby, who rode 40 winners. Five of these came in big handicaps, and Rob reached a milestone in securing his first Stakes winner when guiding Park House filly Rosie Briar to victory in the Listed Doncaster Stakes. When David Probert suffered a broken wrist in a fall at Chester in August, Rob stepped up to the plate and had an excellent spell for the yard, riding nine winners in a month.

The consummate horseman with exceptionally good hands, Rob is particularly good at settling horses that can be quirky or keen. His skill has not gone unnoticed beyond the confines of Kingsclere and last year he rode winners for sixteen different trainers. Rob ended the year on ninety winners and did not take long to add the five he needed to ride out his claim and turn professional, recording his ninety-fifth winner with Haines in the Class 2 Handicap at Wolverhampton on 15th February. This was Rob's third win on Haines, a horse he has ridden a lot at home and on whom he finished a narrow second in the Northumberland Vase last year, so this was a fitting way to record a significant achievement. Wolverhampton is also Rob's home track, so his grandmother was on hand to cheer him on! Although no longer an apprentice we are fortunate that Rob is staying on in Kingsclere, riding out most mornings, and he will remain an important part of the team both at home and on the racecourse.



Edward Greatrex also had a solid year, riding 34 winners, continuing his good partnership with Lorelina with two wins, also riding a brace of winners on Ian Fleming, and finishing second on Elbereth in the John Smith's Silver Cup (to former Huntswood apprentice Thomas Brown!). Eddy has moved on from Kingsclere and is now based in Lambourn and we wish him every success in his career.

Joshua Bryan had his first year as an apprentice in 2016 and made a good start, riding seven winners and placing on a further forty-four occasions. A tidy rider with great strength in a finish, Josh rode winners for seven different trainers last year and these relationships will see him in good stead for the coming year. It was

a cause of some pressure (and some teasing!) that none of Josh's seven winners in 2016 had come on Park House horses, but this has now been rectified as he has struck up a great partnership with the old-timer Dungannon, already winning twice on him in 2017.

William Cox also had his first year riding under rules in 2016. He has been unlucky with injuries that have kept him out of the saddle for periods of time, but he still managed to ride two winners, both at long odds. Will was again in the wars in 2017, suffering a nasty fall in an apprentice race at Wolverhampton in February, but he is back working on the ground now and should be back riding in a few weeks. A sympathetic yet effective horseman, it will surely only be a matter of time before Will makes a name for himself within the apprentice ranks. We are certainly looking forward to him being back in the saddle, not least because he is an excellent work rider here at home.

Michael Coles got his apprentice licence in the autumn and has been learning the ropes on Breakheart. He will no doubt soon be graduating to other horses and riding winners. The same is true of Jason Watson, who rode an excellent race to be second on Breakheart at Kempton in February, on his very first ride under rules. Huntswood also now has its first female apprentice in Kayleigh Stephens, who started helping on the yard at weekends as a young teenager and has been a full-time rider here since 2014. She has recently completed her licensing course at the Northern Racing College and eagerly awaits her first ride.

In addition to their sponsorship of the Kingsclere apprentices, Huntswood has also continued to sponsor the yard as a whole, funding the provision of staff uniforms and equipment, grooming kits, and racing and exercise tack. We are extremely grateful for this support which makes a huge difference to the efficient running of the operation. ■



Rob Hornby winning on HAINES last year

