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*STRICTLY DANCING is the last of a memorable across the card four timer in May*

Front cover: *TOPOLSKI wins at Chester*  
Back cover: *Work watchers*

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# THE

***It is always easier reflecting on a year when the winners have flowed on a fairly regular basis and the 2010 flat season saw more domestic winners than ever before so compiling the end of season report has been a real pleasure this year!***

Whilst the bulk of our success came from the three year old division it would be wrong to start anywhere other than with our perennial flagship **Dream Eater**. Although winless in the official 2010 season, he once again boosted his already considerable earnings with a handful of excellent placed efforts at the very highest level. A breathing operation may have delayed his seasonal debut but it was soon evident that it had improved his racecourse performance when he recorded a personal best in the Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot. He chased home Europe's top two milers, Goldikova and Paco Boy to fill third place in one of the strongest fields ever assembled for the race.

This excellent effort was followed by minor placings in other top races run at unsuitably slow gallops, but when the conditions were right for him as they were in Istanbul for the Topkapi Trophy, **Dream Eater** once again showed he was one of the best milers around when narrowly failing to collar Pressing for the second year running. The bitter pill of defeat was made slightly easier to swallow due to the fact that the prize money (£95,000) for second place was considerably more than he could have earned by winning a Group Two race anywhere else in Europe! He is currently being prepared for a crack at the Hong Kong Mile in Sha Tin having recorded our first win of the 'new' season at Kempton in November. He will remain in training for the 2011 season and given his optimum conditions, a strongly run race on fast ground, it will be a matter of time before he deservedly wins a major race somewhere in the world!

**Set The Trend** and **Bernie The Bolt** may be poles apart as regards their racing requirements but both have followed a similar path this season. Having had reasonably busy three year old campaigns they returned for a lighter and more specific campaign this year and both were successful on Shergar Cup Day at Ascot in August. **Set The Trend** has immense ability but has always been plagued by training problems and was restricted to just four starts this season. Poor draws in two of them ruined any chance he had of maintaining an otherwise consistent profile to his racing record and it is likely that he will be more comfortable in smaller fields at listed and Group 3 level next year.

**Bernie The Bolt** is also probably not at his best in the hustle and bustle of big handicaps and an injury sustained in the Ebor at York will probably restrict him to an autumn campaign in 2011 but he is still a stayer with a big future judged by his easy win at Ascot.

**Chiberta King** will also stay in training as a five year old and, although his form tailed off after a bright start to 2010, he has the ability to win

# 2010 SEASON

by Andrew Balding



*DREAM EATER books his ticket for the Hong Kong Mile*

at listed level next season. **Final Victory**, **Topolski** and **Critical Path** were all winners during the summer months but will not be returning for the new season and we have also bid a fond farewell to former favourites **Holbeck Ghyll** (retired) and **Dingaan** (claimed). They have been fantastic servants to the yard having won fourteen races between them.

As I have previously mentioned the three year olds made a massive contribution to the overall success we enjoyed in 2010. It has always been our mandate to try and design a regime that allows horses to progress and improve as they mature and this was happily the case with a number of horses in this division who continued to win races through the course of the season.

The best news of all is that, with the exception of **Gardening Leave** and **Breakheart**, twelve of the fifteen three year olds that achieved a Timeform rating in excess of 95 will remain in training as four year olds. **Side Glance** was a model of consistency throughout the season and contested some of the top handicaps of the summer winning two of them at Ascot and Chester and rounding

off the year with a superb second in the International Handicap. He seems effective at seven furlongs and a mile and has already surpassed his sire, Passing Glance's own achievements as a three year old. If he can show the same level of improvement as a four year old he could well develop into a Group class campaigner next year.

**Kakatosi** did not fare quite as well in the International Handicap finishing midfield but had previously won four handicaps in succession and is another type to improve from three to four. His official rating has shot from the mid seventies to in excess of a hundred so he will also be taking his chance at listed and Group level next season. **Balducci** started the campaign in fine order and was victorious in one of the most valuable three year old handicaps of the summer when winning the Silver Bowl at Haydock. He returned from a mid season break to prove himself a stakes class performer this autumn and he should be the type to improve as a gelding in 2011.

**Brick Red's** return to the racetrack was delayed until August due to an injury but he wasted little time in returning to winning ways and won three of his six starts this autumn.



*BRICK RED takes his third race at Newmarket, for a fruitful autumn campaign*

He seems very comfortable in a big field and, may be owing to the fact that he is twice the size of a normal thoroughbred, he does not mind a bit of rough and tumble so the big mile handicaps will all be on the agenda for next year.

**Opera Gal** is fast becoming a yard favourite, which seemed highly unlikely when she was a nervy and headstrong two year old! If there was an award for tenacity and consistency then she would be the season's recipient! Her 2010 form figures read 2412321 and she finished the season with a career best. It appears she is on an upward curve that could allow her to contest stakes races next year and being by the all conquering Galileo she is an exciting four year old prospect!

**Dreamspeed** had to endure a frustrating season due to an untimely injury just a couple of days before looking to have every chance in the King Edward VII Stakes at the Royal Meeting. His autumn achievements however confirmed the belief that he could develop into a really high class middle distance performer in the fullness of time. **Simenon** was winless in 2010 but he ran some cracking races in defeat and only once (when an excellent third in the November Handicap) did he get his preferred soft ground. The most exciting aspect of his season was the ease with which he travelled through the Cesarewitch Trial and although he did

not have the stamina to get the eighteen furlongs, he could well be a force at two miles and has a bright future as a stayer.

**Chink Of Light** is another who should stay two miles plus next season and after his good third in the Chester Vase, the Chester Cup would appear an obvious early season target. **Mon Cadeaux** was a major disappointment considering the promise he had shown as a two year old. Having managed a couple of respectable placings at listed level his form tailed off terribly later in the season. If, however, a gelding operation and a proper holiday have the desired effect in rekindling his enthusiasm, he is possibly the best handicapped horse in the yard at present!

**Lord Zenith** and **Pipette's** seasons followed a similar pattern as both were successful in their respective Guineas' trials before disappointing at Newmarket. Pipette then ran an excellent second to Snow Fairy in the Lupe Stakes at Goodwood, but she was denied the opportunity to improve on that owing to fast ground and latterly minor irritating setbacks. She is an exciting prospect for next year and, granted a clean bill of health, she could prove to be top class at up to a mile and a half on her preferred soft ground.

Lord Zenith was a little unfortunate not to go close to winning under a listed penalty in the Heron Stakes at



*I LOVE ME wins the £200,000 Tattersalls Auction Stakes on her racecourse debut*

Sandown and again ran with great credit in the Hampton Court Stakes at Royal Ascot. He should also make into a high class four year old next season.

**Fireback** enjoyed a fine season and whilst his form appeared to tail off towards the autumn there were genuine reasons for a couple of seemingly lacklustre efforts on his last two starts. Probably at this best over a stiff six furlongs he could be the type to contest all the top sprint handicaps in 2011. **Constant Contact** and **Frances Stuart** both won races this year but were also sadly sidelined as a result of injuries. Frances Stuart is lightly raced and has already shown herself to be useful and should have an exciting time next season if keeping healthy. The same would apply to Constant Contact whose gutsy seasonal debut win at Windsor suggested that he could be a player in some of the better mile handicaps next summer.

**Spanish Acclaim** has not been totally straightforward to train as he seems to have his own ideas about morning exercise, but he does have plenty of ability. Thanks mainly to the input of Neil Chalmers both on the gallops at home and on the racecourse, he won twice and remains on a very fair handicap mark for next year. **Pittodrie Star** finally won at Kempton in December and he should find himself more winning opportunities in the fullness of time. **Roanstar**

was also winless last season but showed that he could be a horse to follow in the future when finishing an excellent third at Newbury on only his fourth start.

As with every year we have had to say goodbye to a number of horses who contributed to our winning tally in 2010 and the likes of **Advertise**, **Dromore**, **Veni Vidi Vici** and **Song To The Moon** have new homes for next year and we wish them well for their new connections.

As was reported in the last edition of the Kingsclere Quarter we had a number of health problems with our two year olds in the first part of the year. As a result they were always at least six weeks behind where we would normally expect to be throughout the season. Happily however there was still time left to get a gauge on the relative abilities of the majority of our juveniles and the signs look very encouraging for the future.

**I Love Me** had always looked to be a particularly nice filly at home, but the expectations prior to her first run in the £200,000 Sales race were more in hopeful anticipation of an encouraging performance rather than a win. But win she did in some style. Due to the fact that she was only due to carry 8 stone 2lbs in the race and that David Probert, who would normally have been the automatic first choice to ride at that weight, was banned, we were a little short on options

for a jockey. Kirsty Milzareck had not previously ridden for the yard but she did a fantastic job in having the confidence to allow the filly to use her stride, having broken from the stalls more alertly than we had anticipated.

Winning such a valuable prize on her debut meant that the obvious next target was the £500,000 Tattersalls Fillies Sales race at the Newmarket Cambridgeshire meeting. Unfortunately we had to contend with what turned out to be disadvantageous draw, as on rain softened ground the far rail seemed to be the place to be during the course of the day's racing. Finishing fifth in such a race beaten by less than two lengths, with the first four horses drawn at least ten places closer to the rail, was still a fine effort. The Rockfel Stakes back at Newmarket was I Love Me's first attempt in pattern company and once again she performed with great credit to finish third. A well grown, scopey filly she could well develop into a genuine 1,000 Guineas candidate next May and I imagine that her owner Neven Botica will have to plan to spend more time in Europe next summer!

**Time To Work** was a dual winner this year and, although he disappointed in listed company on his last start of the season, he showed a good level of form prior to this when winning both a maiden and a nursery at Epsom. Being a son of Hurricane Run it is expected that he should find some improvement as he matures from two to three.

**Desert Law** was bred to be fast and the work that he had done prior to his racecourse debut at Kempton in August had been outstanding. Greenness cost him victory that day but keenness took away any chance he had of showing his true colours in the Mill Reef Stakes on his next start. His work prior to Newbury had been breathtaking and a bold show was expected even though it was only his second start. For some reason he refused to settle and threw away any chance he had of running a respectable race in the first three furlongs.

Thankfully the horse that we knew from the gallops turned up at Newmarket for his next race and had to make the minimum of effort to cruise past subsequent winners and win his maiden in a canter. Desert Law's programme next season will be largely determined by how far he stays, but whatever distance he ends up running over he is a high calibre colt in the making.

Two year old debut winners have been somewhat of a rarity in previous years but 2010 saw a few more than usual oblige at the first time of asking. One of these first time winners was **John Biscuit** who showed great professionalism and tenacity to win a maiden at Epsom and give some indication that he could make up into a really nice three year old in 2011. His win entitled his owner, Philip Brown, to a £10,000 Racing Post Bonus, an incentive which has been a welcome introduction this year.



*TIME TO WORK and time to celebrate ...after winning his second race at Epsom*



*DESERT LAW at Newmarket, third time lucky, Jimmy Fortune riding*

**Baptist** also made his first trip to the races a winning one and the style in which he picked up from the rear of the field to beat a useful colt of Richard Hannon's suggested that he will be capable of better in the future. His next start in the Autumn Stakes at Ascot was run on ground that was too soft for him to show his best form. He still managed to perform with credit and finish a respectable fifth in what was an above average renewal of the Group 3 contest. With the possibility that Baptist might stay up to ten furlongs next year he could develop into a really smart colt.

**Nigh Carnation** is by the first season stallion Sleeping Indian and like her sire seems particularly well suited by some ease in the ground. She started her season by finishing a staying on fourth over seven furlongs at Kempton and ended it by narrowly missing out in a six furlong listed race at Doncaster. In between time she was an impressive winner of an Epsom maiden and looks the type to make into a decent three year old sprinter.

**Catalyze** spread eagled a field of maidens when winning at Salisbury in August, he followed this by finishing a close up third in an ultra competitive handicap at Doncaster's St Leger meeting. Soft ground prevented him from showing

his true form in the Hyperion Stakes at Ascot but he is a tough and willing type who should win some nice races in the future.

**Chef** had joined us in mid season and once he had settled in began to show some real potential in his home work, so it was not great surprise when he made a winning debut at Salisbury. He was another to qualify for the £10,000 yearling bonus and, being by Selkirk, it would be expected for him to improve and be another really nice prospect for 2011.

**Angelic Upstart** had shown some ability on his first start at Newbury, but he had then disappointed at the same venue on his second run. The likelihood is that he found the ground that day softer than ideal and he looked much happier on the faster surface at Wolverhampton's Polytrack. He won his maiden there in spite of being trapped wide on the track for the entire race. He is by Singspiel so he too should improve next season.

**Song Of The Siren** was bought in for just €800 as a yearling, so one can imagine the satisfaction that her owner/breeder, Kirsten Rausing, felt when she won a £10,000 Racing Post Yearling Bonus at Folkestone in August! She is a well handicapped filly who ran with credit when just



*CATALYSE demolishing his opponents at Salisbury in August*

touched off in a nursery at Newmarket on her penultimate two year old start and she looks sure to win more races in the future.

**Whiplash Willie** became the first of Phoenix Reach's progeny to make the winner's enclosure and he also ran a fine race in a nursery handicap subsequently. He should have little trouble in staying middle distances and further in time, so should continue to add to his tally. **Guided Missile** showed immense promise to finish fourth at Newmarket on her first public outing and learnt from that experience to win on her next start at Kempton. She is a half sister to Dark Missile but it is a little bit uncertain as to whether her future lies in sprints like her sister or if she can stay a little bit further like her brother Breakheart. Whatever the outcome might be she is a bright prospect at any distance.

**Discoteca, Dauphine** and **Hidden Valley** all managed to find minor honours in their respective maiden outings, which is very encouraging considering that all three are bred to appreciate middle distances next year.

**King Ferdinand, Sea Soldier** and **Perfect Mission** also showed promise in a handful of outings this autumn and this trio will all end up being at the right end of the handicap to give them more than a fair chance of winning races. **Lay Time** is a beautifully bred filly who showed more than enough ability on her sole start in the Quidhampton Stakes at Salisbury in early September. Sadly she sustained an injury in the race itself which prevented her from running

again but she should make a full recovery and is a really nice prospect next season.

**Buddy Miracle** has been our most active two year old this season and has been desperately unlucky not to have won on at least one occasion. Her turn however will come and she is probably capable of winning a couple of races on the all weather this winter. The same applies to **Soviet Spring** who has managed to be placed on a couple of occasions and should find a winning opportunity before too long.

**Twin Soul, Khublahara** and **Allemeuse** have all shown promise at home and should have learnt from the racecourse experience they had during this autumn. All three are good physical types with nice pedigrees and should be up to winning their share in 2011. **Black Cadillac** and **Sirius Superstar** are lightly raced and have shown enough in their home work to hold some hope of a decent three year old career. **Cross Culture** and **Hollow Tree** have had a little bit more racing experience and are both qualified for handicap ratings after being placed in maidens at Newmarket and Newbury respectively. Both have been gelded this winter which should help their case.

***All in all 2010 has been a really good year for the yard, but the most exciting aspect of compiling this review was to see how many of our top performers will be returning to race for us next season. If we can have healthy horses and a little bit of luck 2011 could be even better!!*** ■

# THE SEASON IN NUMBERS

	WINS	RUNS	%	2NDS	3RDS	4THS	WIN & PLACE %	TOTAL £
<b>2YO</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>204,485</b>
<b>3YO</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>632,447</b>
<b>4YO+</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>266,375</b>
<b>FOREIGN</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>95,757</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1,199,065</b>

## KINGSLERE TIMEFORM TOP 10 3yo +

1	Dream Eater	120
2	Riggins	115
3	Side Glance	114
4	Kakatosi	111
5	Set The Trend	110
6 =	Dreamspeed	108
6 =	Lord Zenith	108
8	Balducci	107
9 =	Gardening Leave	106
9 =	Bernie The Bolt	106

## KINGSLERE TIMEFORM TOP 2yos

1	I Love Me	102p
2	Desert Law	97p
3	Baptist	94p
4	Catalyze	93
5	Time To Work	88
6	Night Carnation	87p
7	Chef	86p
8	John Biscuit	84p
9	Song Of The Siren	84
10	Whiplash Willie	73

## TOP JOCKEYS

J Fortune	31/181	17%
D Probert	21/137	15%
L Keniry	7/75	9%
F Norton	3/14	21%
R Hughes	2/3	67%
W Buick	2/7	29%
N Chalmers	2/20	10%
K Milczarek	1/1	100%
L Nolen	1/1	100%
F Berry	1/2	50%
Mr A Rawlinson	1/2	50%
S Hitchcott	1/2	50%
K Fallon	1/3	33%

## TOP TEN EARNERS

1	Dream Eater	156,058
2	I Love Me	129,908
3	Side Glance	85,294
4	Fireback	73,911
5	Balducci	62,775
6	Opera Gal	37,528
7	Breakheart	36,457
8	Dreamspeed	32,863
9	Chiberta King	31,139
10	Simenon	30,307

## TOP TRACKS

1	Kempton	15/74	20%
2	Newmarket	9/66	14%
3	Lingfield	8/39	20%
4	Epsom	5/20	25%
5	Ascot	4/45	9%
6	Salisbury	4/33	12%
7	Sandown Park	4/25	16%
8	Chester	3/11	27%
9	Folkestone	3/5	60%
10	Warwick	3/12	25%

# THE 2010 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

**2010 provides a three way photo finish, with Michael and Deborah O'Brien just edging out Jeff Thomas, Nathan Cheshire, a previous winner only just behind them in third. Well done all and thanks to Nathaniel Barnett who we hope got it right!**

**1st £742.50**

**2nd £337.50**

**3rd £202.50**

**4th £67.50**

**Last place £10**

**The full results are:**

<b>1 O'BRIEN, DR M.J &amp; MRS D (B)</b>	<b>203</b>
<b>2 THOMAS, JEFF</b>	<b>202</b>
<b>3 CHESHIRE, NATHAN</b>	<b>201</b>
<b>4 GORDON, S (A)</b>	<b>198</b>

5 Evans, Malcolm	195	25 Cheshire, Angela (A)	164
5 McWilliam, Ronnie	195	25 Oates, Des	164
6 O'Brien, Dr M.J & Mrs D (A)	192	28 Newbery, Karen	163
7 Cousins, Rose	187	28 Watts, Joyce	163
7 Wooley, Steve (B)	187	30 Finlay, Rosemary	162
9 Sutherland, Evan	186	31 Cheshire, Angela (C)	161
10 Lumley, Peter	182	32 Donovan, Brian (B)	159
11 Bannister, Billy	179	32 Powell, D.F (A)	159
11 Dangar, Richard	179	34 Midwood, Mick	156
13 Slade, Valerie	178	35 Mackinnon, Roger	155
13 Tillett, Bill	178	36 Charlton, Mike	154
15 Thomas, Kath	177	37 Richardson, Johnny	153
16 Balding, Andrew	175	38 Balding, Jonno	152
16 Gordon, Johnny	175	39 Gordon, S (B)	151
18 Cullen, Eugene	172	40 Reis, Paul	150
19 Broughton, T	171	41 Balding, Emma	149
19 O'Brien, Dr M.J & Mrs D (C)	171	41 Bishop, Trevor	149
21 Bevan, Simon	170	41 Donovan, Brian (A)	149
21 Wooley, Steve (A)	170	41 Wooley, Sharon	149
23 Burns, Lynne	167	45 Aeberhard, Werner	147
23 Newman, Linda	167	46 Balding, Toby	146
25 Arlington, Jenny	164	46 Garnet Bounds, Andy Johnson (A)	146

46 Masterton, Leanne	146	91 McKiernan, Patsy (A)	121
46 Wigan, James	146	94 Mariscotti, Mick	119
50 Caslon, Denis (B)	145	95 Broughton, B	118
50 Maldonado, Jose	145	95 Derbyshire, Jason	118
52 Derbyshire & Chivers	144	95 McPhee, Angus	118
52 Mackinnon, Bridget	144	98 Brown , Tom	117
52 Maldonado, Jorge	144	98 Chivers & Derbyshire	117
52 Palmer, Anne	144	98 Howson, G	117
52 Stratton, Larry (B)	144	98 Maldonado, Javier	117
57 Gay, Edward	142	102 Brown, D	115
58 Paris, Rex (A)	141	102 Stud, Catridge	115
58 Paris, Rex (B)	141	102 Webb, Dave	115
60 Gale, John	140	105 Hutchinson, Mark	114
61 Palmer, Clare	139	105 McKiernan, Patsy (B)	114
62 Garnet Bounds, Andy Johnson (B)	138	105 Wates, Caroline	114
63 Lumley, Sue	137	108 Burdett, Adam	112
64 Green, Marion	135	109 O'Brien, Dr M.J & Mrs D (E)	111
64 Powell, D.F (B)	135	109 Kingsclere Stud	111
66 Caslon, Denis (A)	134	111 Dillon, Batt (A)	110
66 Cheshire, Angela (B)	134	111 King, Gail	110
68 Hodgkins, Adrian	133	111 Peippo, Karen	110
68 Sopp, Maria (B)	133	114 Kiki	109
68 Wilson, J.D.B	133	115 Stratton, Larry (A)	108
71 Oswald, Michael	131	116 Box, Peter	105
72 Balding, Ian	130	116 Dillon, Batt (B)	105
72 BCM Team (B)	130	116 Kooros, L	105
74 Balding, Anna Lisa	129	116 Norris, Liam	105
74 McGuire, Bernie	129	120 Gay, Susan	103
76 Lysaght, Cornelius	128	120 Gee, Mary	103
76 Slade, Martin	128	120 McDonnell, David	103
78 Mariscotti, Janice	127	123 Michaelson, Roger	102
78 Rae Smith, Mrs M.A	127	124 Savory, Paul	100
80 Palmer, Bill	126	125 McPhee, Stuart	99
81 Arnold, Pamela	125	126 Gee, Simon	94
81 Mouchlian, Dominique	125	127 Wates, Michael	93
81 Lindy & JJ	125	128 Sopp, Maria (A)	88
84 Gay, David	124	128 Tucker, M	88
84 Payton, Michael	124	130 Feane, Paddy	87
84 Wooley, Suzanne	124	131 BCM Team (A)	86
87 Burns, Richard	123	132 Lee-Robinson, Nick	83
87 Stansby, Clive	123	133 Oury, Gerald	82
89 Balding, Ruby	122	134 Hutchinson, Fiona	78
89 O'Brien, Dr M.J & Mrs D (D)	122	135 Maldonado, Ignacio	77
91 Back, David	121	136 Edmeades, Will	76
91 Derbyshire, Mrs D	121		



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## SELECTIONS OF THE LEADERS

DR & MRS D O'BRIEN (B)		JEFF THOMAS		NATHAN CHESHIRE		S GORDON(A)	
BALDUCCI	37	BALDUCCI	37	BALDUCCI	37	BREAKHEART	32
CHIBERTA KING	16	OPERA GAL	43	BERNIE THE BOLT	10	CONSTANT CONTACT	10
DREAMSPEED	23	PIPETTE	18	CONSTANT CONTACT	10	COOL STRIKE	15
LORD ZENITH	13	SONG TO THE MOON	27	DREAM EATER	33	DREAM EATER	33
MON CADEAUX	10	STRICTLY DANCING	28	LORD ZENITH	13	FIREBACK	26
OPERA GAL	43	TARTAN TRIP	22	SIDE GLANCE	31	OPERA GAL	43
RAPID WATER	12	VIKING DANCER		SIMENON	15	RAPID WATER	12
BAHAMIAN GIRL		AUSSIE DOLLAR		ARIZONA HIGH		BLACK CADILLAC	
DESERT LAW	16	BARACHIEL		I LOVE ME	15	DESERT LAW	16
NIGHT CARNATION	22	DESERT LAW	16	ROBIN HOOD USA		GUIDED MISSILE	11
ROJO BOY	11	GUIDED MISSILE	11	ROJO BOY	11	SHAMAN DANCER	
STAGE ATTRACTION		SHAMAN DANCER		TIME TO WORK	26	SUNPEARL	



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## LEADING HORSES

KAKATOSI	46
OPERA GAL	43
DINGAAN	40
BALDUCCI	37
DUNGANNON	36



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# RACING FOR CHANGE

I.A.B.

It has been felt for quite a while in the racing world that our end to the flat racing season in England lacks a suitable finale and that as a consequence the appeal of flat racing has been dwindling. There is very little wrong with jump racing with its two great festivals at Cheltenham in mid-March and Aintree only three weeks later complimenting each other rather than competing against each other. National Hunt Racing has rarely, if ever before, been more popular with British racing enthusiasts than it is right now and in every way the sport is flourishing.

Flat racing in England has for a long time had its very successful festivals: there is the Guineas meeting at Newmarket in early May, the Derby meeting at Epsom five weeks later and of course there is the world renowned Royal Ascot meeting in mid-June. Highly popular meetings at Goodwood, York and Doncaster follow in July, August and September.

Our real problem however with finding a suitable end of season finale is that the French already have it at Longchamp during the first week-end of October. Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe day on the Sunday with five other Group 1 races is arguably the most prestigious day of flat racing in Europe all year. The Breeder's Cup meeting in America at the end of the first week in November has meant that any big finale to our English season has to be squeezed in to the gap between Longchamp and this meeting in the States.

We have for a long time held an important two day meeting at Newmarket featuring the mile and a quarter Champion Stakes for three year olds and upwards and the Dewhurst Stakes over seven furlongs for two year olds as its two celebrated Group 1 races. Newmarket, however, although it is a great and historic track has never been able to attract or cope with a very large crowd. Hence the very costly advent of the Racing for Change board. 1.8 million pounds was set aside to find the answer to our end of season narrative and nine 'wise' men made up the board. The general consensus was that as racing's share of the betting market, via the Levy Board, its media rights values and general coverage, diminishes so will racecourse attendance, racehorse ownership and the interest of the general public. To do nothing about it was not an option.

The aim of the Racing for Change board was to introduce senior level marketing expertise to develop and launch a tightly co-ordinated marketing and PR strategy for racing. This would create mass market appeal moving racing beyond its narrow confines to a broader sports and consumer media. Hence the new climax to the flat season.

The big change is that 'Champions Day' is now at Ascot rather than Newmarket where a larger crowd, more media interest and consequently sponsors are much more likely to be involved. Moving the Champion Stakes to Ascot and having the mile championship race, the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes on the same day are the two big decisions that the purists are finding hard to accept.

The other races on Champions Day include the Group II Pride Stakes for fillies over twelve furlongs, the Group II Diadem Stakes over six furlongs and the Jockey Club Cup over two miles – all in all, hopefully, a varied and thoroughly exciting programme.

Newmarket is however to have its 'Future Champions Day' on Saturday October 8th with the Dewhurst and, controversially, the Middle Park Stakes over six furlongs on the same day. They will be supported by the seven furlong two year old fillies Rockfel Stakes, soon hopefully also to be a Group 1 race, the Group 3 Autumn Stakes over a mile (currently run at Ascot) and the Group 2 Challenge Stakes over seven furlongs for three and up horses.

The proof of the pudding, as always, will be in the eating and we must all hope that terrestrial television will take up the challenge and consequently sponsorship can be found to assist with the much vaunted three million pounds of prize money on offer on Champions Day. Not unnaturally there are many powerful voices within the Racing Industry who are unhappy with this new programme which has had to be arranged so swiftly. My personal feeling is that we have to get behind it and give it a try at this stage. If it obviously does not work we will have to change it again. Sadly racing has even more pressing problems to address with offshore bookmakers and the all-important future of the Tote. ■

# YEARLINGS FOR SALE

RPYB = Racing Post Yearling Bonus / DBS = £300,000 Doncaster Bloodstock Sales Race

**ALHAARTH ex WEQAAR (Red Ransom) 2012 Derby entry and RPYB**

***b.c. 50% share available at £11,000 + V.A.T.***

A handsome son of Alhaarth who is a fluent and athletic mover. His dam is a half sister to Arc de Triomphe winner Sakhee.



**BACHELOR DUKE ex XEMA (Danehill) eligible for RPYB**

***b.g. 100% £14,000 + V.A.T.***

A good solid and racy looking gelding who may be light on pedigree but is certainly strong on physical appearance.



**HALLING ex CONFERENCE (Montjeu) eligible for Tattersalls Millions and RPYB**

***b.f. 100% £20,000 + V.A.T.***

An athletic and racy daughter of the leading stallion Halling. She hails from a family of pattern race performers and looks the type to be a two year old but with a pedigree to stay middle distances as a three year old.



**TAGULA ex VIVE LA CHASSE (Mull of Kintyre) eligible for RPYB & DBS Race**

***b.f. 50% share £8,500 + V.A.T.***

A strong looking filly who is closely related to Beaver Patrol (the winner of 8 races and £340,000 in prize money). She should be the type to race on a regular basis as a two year old.



**DUTCH ART ex DUENA (Grand Lodge)**  
**eligible for RPYB and DBS Race**  
**b.g. 25% share £2,500 + V.A.T.**

A gelded half brother to three winners who is an athletic and scopey individual. From the same family as listed winner Presto Vento



**TAGULA ex BAILEYS FIRST (Alzao)**  
**eligible for RPYB and DBS Race**  
**b.c. 100% £28,000**

A very smart looking son of Tagula with a strong physical resemblance to his sire. A full brother to Young Jemmy and a half brother to three other winners. Looks a sharp and precocious two year old in the making.



## ***FACES AT THE RACES***

***A brief introduction to some of the Kingsclere travelling staff  
you can expect to meet at the races in 2011***



Richard Phillips (Chad) twenty two years at Kingsclere and a well known face to most of you. He has made many trips abroad and is a friendly face to many of our owners on the course. He also excels at the sales being a very natural salesman himself.



Leanne Masterton has been with us since 1995 and she and Chad share the bulk of the travelling. Leanne has been on many of the trips abroad. She has ridden winners and still rides a lot of the important work on the gallops.



Vavara Batsman who comes from the Ukraine has been at Kingsclere for two seasons. She is the most recent addition to the travelling staff and drives anywhere she is asked to, even Wolverhampton on a Friday evening puts a smile on her face.



Martin Baybutt is the senior driver at Hatherden Transport, he was previously with Weyhill Transport. When our small boxes are unavailable or unsuitable Martin provides an excellent service whether long or short haul and often helps saddle as well. ■

# MICHAEL WATES – OWNER PROFILE



*Michael and Caroline Wates*

Michael and Caroline Wates have been loyal owners at Kingsclere since 1976. While selling most of their yearlings they keep a few from their stud in Dorset. The operation is run by their son Giles and it would be a great result for us all at Kingsclere if Lord Zenith or Sea Soldier could produce some success for them in 2011. Michael has played important roles in racing having been a Steward of the Jockey Club, Chairman of the T.B.A., E.F.U. and E.B.F, at various times. He was also Chairman of Salisbury Racecourse for fourteen years. He was chairman of the Wates Group and filled many important charity roles.

## **1. How did you first come to develop an interest in horseracing?**

My father, Ronald Wates, had national hunt horses in training and over time this raised my interest in hunting and horses generally.

## **2. What was the first horse you owned and was the venture a success?**

The first horse we owned was Elfinaria. She was my wife Caroline's 40th birthday present and she and Ian bought her at Tattersalls. She had been bred by an owner of Ian's, Colonel Julian Berry and was small, grey and had huge feet. She retired to our stud, then near Chipstead in Surrey and she moved with us to Dorset in 1984. She bred a few winners.

## **Was the venture a success?**

Partially. She ran 13 times as a 2 year old and won twice for us but wasn't very good.

## **3. What has been your racing highlight and lowlight as a racing horse owner.**

My highlight was sharing a horse with IAB - Passing Glance - who was very nearly top class. He won at the Derby Meeting two years running, the second of the races being the Diomed Stakes. He then went to Germany to win the Group 2 Oettingen Rennen at

Baden Baden. Sadly I couldn't get there but Caroline thoroughly enjoyed the day.

My lowlight as an owner was having a good horse like Lord Zenith but for various reasons not being able to get him to realize his potential on the racecourse with niggling hold ups. The great thing is to remain hopeful.

## **4. Do you have any current interest at Kingsclere.? If so, what are your hopes aspirations for them?**

I have two horses in the yard - Lord Zenith and Sea Soldier. My aspirations for them are that they remain healthy and sound enough to realize their potential!

## **5. Which racecourse is your favourite/least favourite and why?**

My favourite racecourse is Salisbury where I was fortunate enough to be chairman for fourteen years. It is a fine racecourse and I have had some exciting winners there over the years.

My least favourite is Wolverhampton where many years ago I went to see Elfinaria race on a bank holiday Monday. It took me three hours to get there and because it was a bank holiday, there were no starting stalls, she was in season, got left and refused to race. I then had a 3 hour journey home and I have never returned to Wolverhampton!! ■

# Kingsclere Racing Club



## 2010 REVIEW

Runners	47
Wins	6
Seconds	7
Thirds	3
Fourths	6

Total Prize Money Won: £112,861

The Kingsclere Racing Club has had another very successful year with six winners and 16 placings from 47 runners, and a prize-money haul in excess of £100,000 for the second year running.

**Side Glance** was undoubtedly the club star of 2010, winning valuable handicaps at Ascot and Chester, and placing twice in Heritage handicaps on feature days at Ascot too. He progressed throughout the season, rising in the handicap by 16lbs to finish the year on 106, and if he can improve again this winter, he could be a serious prospect for Group races in 2011.

Club members were invited for lunch in the Derby suite at Epsom, and though **Constant Contact** was unable to provide us with a winner, it was certainly a day to remember. Constant Contact had won a good handicap at Windsor off a mark of 87 earlier in the season. He has been treated for a leg problem that prevented him from pursuing further success this year, and he is capable of further progress.

**Tartan Trip** survived a lengthy enquiry at Sandown in July and he could be a nice horse for next year, while even the mercurial **Advertise** managed a win, providing amateur Ali Rawlinson with his first ever winner!

There were several enjoyable events on and off the racecourse, including a box at Sandown for the Imperial Cup and at Newbury on Mill Reef day, and several mornings watching the Club horses on the gallops, for which the weather was very kind – more of the same next year please.

With several nicely-bred 2 year olds coming into training, a good group of three year olds and the exciting trio of older horses, the Club will be starting 2011 with 16 or 17 horses; it promises to be another exciting year.



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# SINGLED OUT



**Dwayne Pettitt** has been a bit of a boomerang since he first started at Park House. All in all 'Dibley' has been here since 1995 but he has had a couple of sabbaticals during this period. The first working for the RAF in mechanical support and the second working

in a bathroom shop, (by his own admission he was a crap plumber!) Happily he is now back and seems reasonably settled in his original vocation, although he is probably still expecting the call from Alex Ferguson before his next break from Kingsclere (by his own admission, he is a brilliant footballer!)

Dwayne was lucky enough to look after Firebreak during his racing career at Kingsclere and also has care of his son **Fireback** who is his idea of a horse that will be worth following in 2011. His ambition is to find a good woman and make 'mini-me's!'



**Karen Peippo** could be the answer to Dwayne's ambition, however we feel that her beloved ponies take all her time and loving. Karen is now in her second stint at Kingsclere having started here as an apprentice straight after leaving school. Karen had a

handful of rides during that time and left here to work for David Elsworth at Whitsbury, however a bad riding injury saw her leave racing altogether for a while until returning to Park House in 2009. Karen still harbours ambitions to ride competitively as an Amateur. Her horse to follow is **Brick Red**, who has enjoyed such a fine season and will remain in training next year.



**Eugene Cullen** first came to Kingsclere as a stable lad in 1986 but left to serve his apprenticeship as a farrier in 1990 returning as resident farrier in 1995. Having ridden four winners as an apprentice jockey himself also serving his time working for John Dunlop, Eugene

knows a thing or two about horses which has helped him become a master of his trade. His passion for his subject knows no bounds but you need to make sure you have plenty of time on your hands if you ask him a question about horse's feet ...that is if you want to hear the answer! Eugene's ambition is to plate the winner for the Derby and one thing is for sure, when we get a suitable candidate for the great race, he will be the best shod horse in the field. His horse to follow for next season is **Guided Missile**.



**Adam McClean** comes from a racing family and is no stranger to the trials and tribulations of a professional jockey as his father was a very successful rider both at home and in Africa. Having finished his AS levels, Adam completed the nine week foundation

course at the British Racing School before joining us here at Park House. With a strong ambition to one day follow in his father's footsteps, Adam has worked hard and has made good improvement as a rider over the last few months. Although the story is still a little murky as to how exactly he managed to break three fingers, Adam will however have to avoid anymore arguments with taxi car doors if he is going to pass the medical required to get an apprentice license. His horse to follow over the next year is **Whiplash Willie**. ■

## Newly Weds

*Chris Bonner finally ties the knot  
with his long suffering partner  
Claire Allen*



*A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR  
ANYONES LITTLE ONES!*

## **TRACTOR TED MEETS THE RACEHORSES**

Tractor Ted has recently made a new DVD which was filmed at Park House in the Summer which would make a brilliant Christmas present for any little ones or for any ex agricultural students as Andrew says that he learnt more from this than he learnt in three years at Cirencester.

During the film, Tractor Ted sees the horses on the gallops, mucking out, watches the farrier at work, sees the horses having a bath and watches a horse swimming. Out in the fields he sees the hay being made using big machinery including mowers, turners and balers. The children in the film help to load the lorry heading for the racecourse and then cheer the horses on in a big race.

Tractor Ted Meets the Horses DVD is priced at £9.99 and is available from farm shops and country stores nationwide or from [www.tractorland.co.uk](http://www.tractorland.co.uk). ■

## *PARK HOUSE STABLES GOLF DAY...*



*2010 Winners*

The annual Golf Day has become a very popular event in the Park House calendar since it's inception in 2008, and once again there were plenty of competitors, some with more ability than others!

Pupil assistant Tom Pennington took the much-coveted longest drive prize, with Michael Wates winning the nearest the pin competition.

Michael was also on the winning team, alongside Giles Wates, Werner Aeberhard and Emma Balding.

There was even some press coverage in the Racing Post, through David Probert sustaining a broken finger whilst attempting a drive on the 13th, not making the trainer very happy!

The 2011 Golf Day will be on Tuesday 13th September – an early entry for your diaries. ■

***A new arrival  
Florence (Flora) May Balding  
born Nov 2, 2010***



