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Front cover: *BANGKOK* loving life in his new home at Chapel Stud

Back cover: *HOO YA MAL* being led in after victory in the Convivial maiden at York

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INTRODUCTION AMB

As we draw to the close of another year it is time to reflect on the achievements of the past season and 2021 is a year that we will remember with huge satisfaction. We are currently sitting on 150 winners for the year, over twenty more than our previous best year, and collectively the horses have amassed over £5.5m in prizemoney for their connections. We look likely to finish in the top three in the trainers' championship, and to be leading trainer at Goodwood and runner-up at Royal Ascot was a source of particular satisfaction.

We were very fortunate to enjoy consistency in horse health and results throughout the season but this is not just a product of luck, it is also a reflection on the high standards and work ethic of all the staff at Kingsclere.

All successful teams must have strong leadership and for the past five seasons we have had the huge benefit of Nigel Walker leading the way in his role as Assistant Trainer. Sadly all good things come to an end and Nigel has decided that he is ready for a new challenge and will be leaving the team at the end of the year. He leaves big boots to fill but we are delighted that his position will be taken by Paul Morkan, who has a wealth of experience in a large Flat yard and seems the ideal replacement.

Tessa Hetherington has also been a very important member of senior management as Racing Manager for the last seven years. She is also moving on to new projects, but will be remaining as part of the team on a part-time basis and I am delighted that she has agreed to continue her significant role in yearling buying each Autumn – our results with relatively inexpensive purchases in recent years are a tribute to her input and ability. Tessa's day-to-day role will be filled by Lucy Alexander, formerly a very successful jump jockey with great racing knowledge and experience. We look forward to welcoming her to the team in the New Year.

On the horse front we retain many of our leading performers for next season and of our top 25 earners this year, 21 remain in training for 2022. Added to this we have assembled an exciting group of yearlings and hopefully we have both the ingredients and the recipe to maintain a position at the top end of the trainers' table.

We have once again invested in improving the facilities for both horses and humans at Kingsclere. The new gym for staff and apprentices has been in great demand since the Spring and was made possible thanks to renewed sponsorship from King Power. I am thrilled that they will remain the yard's title sponsor for 2022. We have also been busy upgrading the equine facilities in the off-season, with the old fibresand gallop having been completely refurbished with the Martin Collins 'active track' surface. This is already in regular use and has broadened our options on work mornings.

We have already had our first snow in Kingsclere and there will be plenty more wintry conditions to come, but it won't be long before spring is in the step of both horse and human with the first day of the turf season only just over a hundred days away! ■

SEASON REVIEW

by Tessa Hetherington

Spanish Mission only joined the yard in the summer of 2020 but in his short time with us he made a big impact. Winner of the Group 2 Doncaster Cup last season, he kicked off 2021 with an impressive second in the Red Sea Turf Handicap at Saudi Arabia's international meeting in January before travelling to Dubai, where he was fifth in the Dubai Gold Cup. Back in the UK and with William Buick taking the reins, he was very impressive in winning the Group 2 Yorkshire Cup in May before running a gallant third to Subjectivist in the Group 1 Ascot Gold Cup. Perhaps his finest performance came in the Group 2 Lonsdale Cup at York's Ebor meeting in September, where he just lost out in a sustained duel with superstar stayer Stradivarius, producing a thrilling finish for the crowd on the Knavesmire.

The Melbourne Cup had been on the agenda for some time but just getting to the race was an achievement in itself. The impact of COVID meant that travel to Australia had become much more complicated, whilst new rules introduced by Racing Victoria in the wake of a run of injuries and fatalities in the race in recent years meant that all international contenders had to pass an onerous series of scans, tests and veterinary examinations before being allowed to board the plane. Spanish Mission duly sailed through these hoops only for his departure to be delayed after he presented with muscle spasms after exercise in quarantine, meaning he missed his intended prep run in the Caulfield Cup.



SPANISH MISSION made a big impact in his relatively short time with the yard



SPANISH MISSION before the Melbourne Cup

Once in Australia all appeared to be going smoothly for Team Valor and Gary Barber's son of Noble Mission, who was entrusted to the expert care of Tony and Tom Noonan and ridden every day by Neil Varley, who hails from Kingsclere and used to work for I.A.B. but is now based with Godolphin Australia. The horse's participation in the race was then once again placed in doubt, however, as he was subjected to another series of veterinary checks in the days leading up to the Cup, having been found to have a mild skin infection on a foreleg.

Thankfully the vets were eventually satisfied, and 'Spanners' got to line up in the race that stops the nation. He produced a tremendous effort, travelling smoothly and staying on dourly up the straight under Craig Williams to finish third, behind seven-time Group 1 winner Verry Ellegant and race favourite Incentivise. Consistent, tenacious and with a liking for quick ground, it was perhaps inevitable that Spanish Mission would attract a high level of interest from Australian owners, and he was sold after the race to stay in Australia. He has been a wonderful flagship for the yard in the past two seasons and a real pleasure to deal with. He will be much missed by us all, particularly his groom Andy Whitehall, head lad Kevin Hunt, and regular rider Maddy O'Meara.

Maddy has lost another of her regular mounts in the shape of **Bangkok**, who was bought by Simon Davies at the end of his racing career and will stand as a stallion at Chapel Stud in Worcestershire. Winner of the Group 3 Classic Trial at Sandown as a three year old, he continued to perform with credit in his next two seasons, perhaps having his best year in 2021 as a five year old. Not disgraced in the Saudi Cup in February, he went on to win the Easter Classic at the All Weather Championships before taking the Group 2 York Stakes on the Knavesmire in July with a typically tough performance under David Probert. A very genuine and versatile performer, he has been a wonderful horse to have in the yard for the past four years.

Bangkok's groom, Reece Senior, has something of a knack for picking out star performers to look after as yearlings, and a year after Bangkok arrived in the yard he asked to take on new arrival **Khalifa Sat**, having ridden him in his first few days on the yard (and pretty much every day after that!). Winner of the Listed Cocked Hat Stakes and second in the Derby last season, injury prevented Khalifa from advertising his considerable talent this year, but he has found a lovely home at Lacken Stud in Wexford where his good looks and athleticism have already caught the eye of breeders. We look forward to having both his and Bangkok's offspring to train in future years.

Whilst Khalifa Sat did not make it to the track this year, his owner Ahmad Al Shaikh had plenty of highlights this term courtesy of **Youth Spirit**. Winner of the Group 3 Chester Vase in May, Youth Spirit failed to shine in the Derby but bounced back with highly creditable performances when fourth in the Group 3 Gordon Stakes at Goodwood, third in the Group 2 Great Voltigeur at York behind subsequent Breeders Cup Turf winner Yibir, and fifth in the Group 1 St Leger. Subsequently sold at the Tattersalls October Horses-In-Training Sale, he will continue his racing in Australia and we will follow his exploits with interest.

Amongst the older fillies the undoubted star of the season was the wonderful **Alcohol Free**, who provided the pinnacle in a fairytale week at Royal Ascot by winning the Group 1 Coronation Stakes and then confirmed her class by beating the colts in the Group 1 Sussex Stakes at Goodwood. Stepping her up to ten furlongs in the Juddmonte International was always an experiment and proved to be the wrong move, and she was then rather keen in the Group 1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes on Champions Day before weakening in the final stages. We are delighted that her owner breeder Jeff Smith is sending her back into training next year and, after a good holiday at his Littleton Stud, she should continue to be a force to be reckoned with in all the major mile races.

Also owned and bred by Jeff Smith, **Tribal Craft** has excelled this year as a five year old, winning the Group 3 Bronte Cup in May and finishing second to Wonderful Tonight in the Group 2 Lillie Langtry Stakes at Goodwood. She returns to training next year as a six year old mare, as does the marvellous **Chil Chil**, who continued to prove highly progressive this year. Having won a handicap at Newmarket in May off a mark of 97, she then took the Group 3 Chipchase Stakes at Newcastle under Silvestre De Sousa before finishing fifth in the Group 1 Nunthorpe Stakes at York under Ryan Moore and third in the Group 1 Haydock Sprint Cup under David Probert, beaten just three-quarters of a length. She ended the season with an official rating of 111, a far cry from her opening mark of 63 back in 2019. She will contest all the top sprint races next year and a Group 1 prize may well be within her range.

The yard goes into 2022 with an impressive set of older fillies, with the aforementioned joined by **Invite**, who arrived in the yard this summer and won the Listed Stand Cup at Chester on her first start for us before racing too keenly in the Fillies & Mares Stakes on Champions Day, though far from disgraced in finishing fifth. She shows little in her work at home so it will be exciting to see how this daughter of The Gurkha can progress on the track next term for Team Valor. **Goolwa** was clueless on her only start as a juvenile last year and is another who is not a flashy work horse at home, but she had clearly learnt plenty at Kempton last December as she duly won on reappearance over a mile and a half at the same track in May, beating a field which looked classy at the time and has proven to be above average. Her opponents on that occasion included subsequent three-time winner Percy's Pride, dual winner Mrs Fitzherbert and winner Thousand Oaks. Whilst Percy's Pride then just had the better of Goolwa in a Class 3 Handicap at Ascot, Goolwa won a similar event back at Kempton in May before finishing her season with a Listed victory over a mile and six furlongs at Bath, beating both

Percy's Pride and Thousand Oaks in the process and winning for the third time under David Probert. By Australia and out of a mare by the wonderful and recently deceased Pivotal, Goolwa should continue to improve next term for her owner Sheikh Juma and regular work rider Toby Balding!

A half-sister to Chil Chil, **Auria** had looked talented when winning at Kempton in December last year on just her second start. She ran well on reappearance when second in a conditions event at Ascot in April before winning the Listed Coral Distaff at Sandown in July under Oisin Murphy. She faced a tough task in a strong renewal of the Group 3 Atalanta Stakes back at Sandown in August, finishing seventh behind subsequent Sun Chariot



Listed winner GOOLWA is one of a very strong squad of older fillies

heroine Saffron Beach, and perhaps did not quite get home when upped in trip from a mile to ten furlongs in the Group 3 Pride Stakes at Newmarket on her final start of the year. We hope that, like Chil Chil and her half-brother Beat The Bank, she will improve further as she matures and she should give her owner-breeder Fiona Denniff plenty more good days on the track. Barbara Keller's **Bounce The Blues** has had a rather frustrating season, just tiring late on her seasonal debut in the Listed Doncaster Mile before being desperately unlucky in the Group 3 Chartwell Stakes at Lingfield. She ran well again in the Group 3 Midsummer Stakes at Windsor before running flat at Goodwood and then, rejuvenated by a mid-season break, went agonisingly close in the Listed October Stakes at Ascot, beaten just a head by With Thanks, who went on to be second in the Group 2 Challenge Stakes. Already a Listed winner at three, she is a big, scopey filly and should add to her CV next year as a five year old.

Thurloe Thoroughbreds' lovely **Achelois**, a gorgeous filly by the late Zoffany, has had a great season, winning her Novice at Newbury in May before taking a Class 3 handicap at Ascot in June and the Class 2 Premier Fillies' Handicap at Goodwood in July. Only out of the first four on one occasion in eight starts this term (her seasonal debut), she finished the year with a close fourth in the Listed Gillies Stakes at Doncaster in November and should be well up to securing some black type next year. The same may well be true of **Secret Shadow**, who was only out of the first four once in nine starts this year. She flourished from midsummer onwards, winning at Windsor, Nottingham and Newbury, her latter two wins coming under Hayley Turner who also rode her dam to victory for owner-breeder Guy Brook. A proven stayer with an aptitude for soft ground, we will hope to capitalise on her strengths in the Spring.



SECRET SHADOW with owner-breeder Guy Brook after her third victory of the season



SPRING GLOW was a late developer but has won three times this year

Spring Glow is another filly who has been both consistent and progressive this year, winning at Wolverhampton on reappearance in April, placing a further five times, and then bringing up a double at Kempton, scoring over a mile and a half under Oisin Murphy and then over a mile and three furlongs under David Probert. Her half-brother Haines won seven for us and owner-breeders Rainbow Racing so she has a little way to go to match his record, but he too got going relatively late in his career and she doesn't look like stopping any time soon! Michael and Caroline Wates' homebred filly **La Hulotte** has also been a late developer but has flourished this autumn, winning at Kempton in November before running a good third back at the track later the same month. She should add to her tally over the winter and will make a lovely broodmare in due course. **Hold Fast** was another filly to score at Kempton this year, with victories in February and April bookending another win at Chelmsford in March, all in the hands of David Probert. She ran well again at the track in October.

Within the sprint division **King's Lynn** has had a great season, going close at Newbury and Chester before winning the Listed Achilles Stakes at Haydock in May. Fortune was not on his side in either the Kings Stand or the Wokingham at the Royal meeting but he ended his year on the up, with a second in the Group 3 Bengough Stakes at Ascot and then another Listed win, this time in the Wentworth Stakes at Doncaster. We won that race with Donjuan Triumphant the year before he secured his Group 1 success in the British Champions Sprint, and King's Lynn's performances this term, coupled with his improved physical robustness as an older horse, could yet see him make his mark at the highest level.

Symbolize is another tough character who has managed more starts this year than in previous seasons and gained a well deserved victory in a Conditions event at Thirsk in August before finishing second in two heritage handicaps



KING'S LYNN was a dual Listed winner this year for H.M. The Queen

at Ascot – the Challenge Cup over seven furlongs and the Balmoral over a mile. Best on a softer surface, he should continue to do well when he returns to the track in the Spring. The same is true of fellow mudlark **Happy Power** who, despite not having won this season, has continued to perform with great credit over six furlongs to a mile, placing in the Group 2 Bet365 Mile at Sandown in April, the Group 1 Diamond Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot in June, and the Group 3 Lennox Stakes at Goodwood in July. Very fresh and well after a break, he is back cantering and should be ready for any softer turf conditions in the Spring.

King Power have had a good year with their older horses, with **Alounak**, **Johnny Drama** and **Good Birthday** all scooping big handicaps (the Old Newton Cup, John Smith's Cup and Zetland Gold Cup respectively). All three stay in training next year, along with **Fox Tal**, who does not have much interest in getting his head in front but will happily finish in the placings in good races, as he has done on nine occasions this term! Good old boys **Morando** and **Pivoine** will turn nine and eight respectively in January but both continue to run well, Morando having placed in five Stakes races this term and Pivoine having won well at Haydock in June and placed in three other big handicaps. Time has been called on the racing careers of **Cleonte** and **Zwayyan**, however, with Royal Ascot star Cleonte now in Cornwall being retrained as a riding horse and gentle giant **Zwayyan** having joined our vet Simon Knapp as his hack, Simon having correctly identified that he will be the perfect nanny for grandchildren on ponies.

The brightest light amongst King Power's older horse team in 2022 may be **Foxes Tales**, who built on a promising debut in December last year to win on reappearance at Newbury, before providing us with our fourth Royal Ascot winner of the week

when taking the Golden Gates Handicap under Oisín Murphy. Beaten a head on his next start by subsequent dual Group 2 winner and Champion Stakes second Dubai Honour (when giving that horse nine pounds), Foxes Tales then stayed on gamely to land the Group 3 Rose of Lancaster Stakes at Haydock under Silvestre De Sousa. He almost completed a Group 3 double when routed back to Newbury for the Group 3 Legacy Cup, finding only the tenacious Solid Stone too good and, whilst the Champion Stakes proved too great a challenge for him this term, he could yet shape up into a truly top level performer over middle distances next year.

Foxes Tales was one of an enviable set of middle distance and staying three year olds in the yard this year. **Valley Forge** was a late developer who improved with racing, winning at Ffos Las in July on his fourth career start before taking the prestigious Melrose Handicap at York's Ebor meeting under David Probert. The pair were then third in another Class 2 contest at Haydock before the step up to Listed level, which came at the end of a busy season and did not go to plan. Valley Forge has now been gelded and should continue to improve as he matures. The same is true of **Spirit Mixer**, who progressed throughout the year, winning at Newmarket and Salisbury and placing in a Class 3 handicap at Haydock. **Recovery Run**, in contrast, had been a good juvenile, winning twice and finishing second in the Group 3 Zetland Stakes last year. We fully expected him to continue to be a Stakes performer this term but he struggled at that level in the first part of the year. It was gratifying to see him find his form later in the season, finishing third in the big twelve furlong handicap at Goodwood before trouncing his rivals in another Class 2 event at Ascot, winning by four lengths in the hands of David Probert. He has since been sold to race in Bahrain, where he has already won a local Group 1!



HEY TEACHER was one of seven winners for the team at Ffos Las this season

Park House Partnership star **Classic Lord** will also be continuing his career outside the UK but he has had a shorter journey to make, having been bought to race in Ireland for Henry De Bromhead. A dual winner at two, he continued to perform with great credit this year, winning Class 3 handicaps at Haydock and Sandown and placing in all his starts, including the Group 3 March Stakes at Goodwood and the Listed Noel Murless Stakes at Ascot. A confirmed stayer who handles most types of ground, he seems likely to try his hoof at jumping but could also continue to do well on the flat. Jumping is also on the cards for **Winterwatch**, who was transformed by Joshua Bryan to win at Catterick and Lingfield and place three further times, including in a good Newbury handicap. He has joined the yard of Harry Fry and is reportedly taking to his new discipline very well. Fellow PHP dual winner **Hey Teacher** was very much in the slow learners' group for much of his time in training but he flourished late, winning over a mile and a half at Ffos Las and Epsom. He too is likely to be tackling obstacles in the future but in the USA, having been bought by leading Pennsylvania trainer Sanna Neilson for her son to ride. **Discomatic** was another to win two for the Park House Partnership in a great year for the syndicate. A miler, he was bought by Yorkshire trainer Paul Midgley.

Like Hey Teacher, **King Vega** has headed Stateside, having been retained by his owners to capitalise on increased opportunities in the US race programme. Second in the Group 3 Solario Stakes last year as a juvenile, he won his maiden at Goodwood in September this year by over seven lengths but did not manage to secure a Stakes win. He should do well in the USA and add to his resume there. Mick and Janice Mariscotti's **Neenee's Choice**, so named because he was the pick of Mrs B (known as 'Nini' by her grandchildren) at the yearling sales in 2019, was limited to just one start as we headed into July this year. He soon made up for lost time, however, finishing second on reappearance at Windsor before racking up a four-timer in the space of two months, winning at Ffos Las, Newbury, Salisbury and back at Newbury, each time in the hands of Oisin Murphy. He sold at the Tattersalls October Horses In Training Sale and will continue his racing in Saudi Arabia, where the sport is flourishing. **Dejame Paso** was another to sell in October, having won good handicaps at Sandown and York for owner Nick Watts. He was bought by young trainer Hilal Kobeissi who moved his operation to Newmarket from Qatar last year and will be hoping that Dejame Paso can be a flagship horse for him on the turf next year.

The gorgeous **Cadeau D'Or** has not always been the easiest horse to figure out in terms of his optimum



NEENEE'S CHOICE racked up a four-timer under Oisin Murphy for Mick & Janice Mariscotti

conditions but we finally managed to get it right with him at Ffos Las in August, where he won well over ten furlongs under David Probert for owners John and Anne Soul. The Souls are runaway winners of the award for most dedicated owners, having travelled from Cornwall to watch Cadeau race not only at Ffos Las but also at Doncaster, Newcastle, Haydock and Yarmouth in the space of three months! Another to sell in October, Cadeau has joined David Pipe where he should fit right in amongst the big jumpers. Another to head into the National Hunt sphere is **Bashful**, a highly consistent performer for the Kingsclere Racing Club who placed six times in succession this term before finally running out a ready winner at Kempton in October. He was bought to go to Oliver Greenall and should do well in his new home.

Another to win at Kempton in October was **May Night**, who had scored at the track in March before placed efforts at Southwell, Newmarket and Ascot. He has since followed up at Wolverhampton under Will Carver and is thriving on his racing. His main aim will be the big apprentice



BASHFUL finally got his head in front after six placed efforts for the KRC



MAY NIGHT is thriving on his racing with three wins this year

riders' handicap at the All Weather Championships and he should give his owner Michael Payton plenty more fun on the way. Also slated for the All Weather Championships is **Fivethousandtoone**, who ran well in a Conditions event over six furlongs at Kempton in October. We are still waiting for him to replicate fully on the track his astonishingly good work at home, but if he ever deigns to do that the opposition will be in serious trouble! Stayer **Nate The Great** is also heading for Good Friday, having run with credit all season after winning at Wolverhampton in February. The diminutive **Damned Elusive** is another consistent stayer, having won for the Kingsclere Racing Club at Lingfield in February under Callum Hutchinson and at Ffos Las in September under Oisin, placing a further six times in between. She is currently on her winter holiday and may head to France next term in search of better prizemoney and opportunities.

Ranch Hand was one of the stars of this year's All Weather Championships, winning the marathon under James Doyle before running with credit in three Group races. A niggle has kept him off the track since June but he should be back next year for some of the big staying contests. The same is true of **Berkshire Rocco**, who ran a typically brave race to be second in the Amir's Trophy in Qatar in February under Jason Watson. An injury ruled out his participation in Dubai's World Cup meeting and he failed to shine on two starts back in the UK, but he has now been gelded and given a wind operation which should rejuvenate this talented performer for next year.

Carolus Magnus was unraced at two due to a serious injury but had always shown ability and duly won the Alex Scott Maiden at Newmarket in April on just his second career start. We were surprised when he did not follow up at Chelmsford next time, but in hindsight

this was understandable as his conqueror there, Just Beautiful, went on to win the Group 3 Sceptre Stakes and rise from a mark of 85 to one of 110.... After a mid-season hiatus Carolus ran well in a Class 3 handicap at Sandown in September, placing third, before winning again on his return to the Rowley Mile. Currently enjoying a well-earned holiday, he will return in the New Year and is a lovely prospect for Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds. Already returned from holiday is the ebullient **Tactical**, another to win at Newmarket's Craven meeting in the Spring, taking the Listed European Free Handicap in good style following his excellent juvenile season. Things did not really go his way after that with ground conditions often not in his favour but he returns for a four year old campaign as a proven talent.

Bell Rock is another who likes Newmarket and recorded his third victory at the track in May of this year under William Carver. Placed in three Group 3 contests since, he stays in training next year and should be up to winning at Stakes level. **Oo De Lally** has also been a good friend to William Carver, the combination having recorded a win at Newcastle in January, a second at Goodwood in May and then a memorable win in the big seven furlong handicap at the Sussex track in July. Oo De Lally also won another at Newcastle in June under David Probert and, now gelded, should continue to run well for Jonathan Palmer-Brown next term.

Newcastle also proved a happy hunting ground for **Flyin' High**, the son of Siyouni winning two Novice contests there at the start of the year. He has had a rather stop-start year since but has plenty of ability and should put his niggles behind him as he matures. The King Power pair of **Mercurius Power** and **Melody Of Life** both also added two wins apiece to our tally and both stay in training next year, having been gelded and given a good break in the paddocks this autumn. Phil Fox's **Roscioli**



TYPEWRITER won twice at Nottingham and looks a filly to follow next year

recorded a well-deserved win in the Racing League series at Newcastle, having shown a good level of form in defeat both last year and this. He stays in training next year, as does the promising **Eikonix**, a son of Paco Boy who has had more than his fair share of setbacks but rewarded the patience of his owners Dan Hunt and Eileen Markham with a win at Wolverhampton and two placings from just four career runs to date.

TWO YEAR OLDS

The strength and depth amongst our squad of two year olds this year has been remarkable, with a host of good juveniles of both sexes competing over a range of distances. Royal Ascot Albany winner **Sandrine** cemented her excellent reputation over the course of the season, winning the Group 2 Duke Of Cambridge Stakes at Newmarket in July before going very close in the Group 2 Lowther Stakes at York in August, beaten just a length when carrying a 3lb penalty. She ran another tremendous race in the Group 1 Cheveley Park, finishing third under regular partner David Probert and faring best of those who raced down the centre of the track. Her father and half-sister both stayed a mile and the 1,000 Guineas is firmly on her radar for next year!

Fellow Royal Ascot winning juvenile **Berkshire Shadow** ought to stay a mile well, being from the lovely middle-distance family of Islington. He followed up his Coventry win with an excellent second in the Group 2 Vintage Stakes over seven furlongs at Goodwood, finding only subsequent dual Group 1 winner Angel Bleu too good. He ran rather flat when dropped back to six furlongs in the Group 2 Gimcrack Stakes at York and so it was heartening to see him bounce back with another good effort in the Group 1 Dewhurst Stakes, staying on well after a slow start to finish fourth. The 2,000 Guineas will be his main target next year.

We currently house the two best sons of first season sire El Kabeir at Park House. **Harrow** arrived in the yard as a bit of a hot-head but always showed a high level of ability and has matured throughout the year. Having been second to good horses in two Newbury novices he got off the mark at Ffos Las before winning the big nursery handicap at York's Ebor meeting and the Weatherby's £200,000 2yo Stakes at Doncaster's Leger meeting, all three wins coming in the hands of Oisin Murphy. He stepped up again on his last start of the year when third in the Group 3 Tattersalls Stakes behind subsequent Breeders' Cup hero Modern Games, and he has continued to improve physically ever since. We are eyeing up a tilt at the Saudi Derby with him in February and he is a very exciting prospect for Highclere Thoroughbreds.



SPEAK won on debut at Kempton for owner-breeder George Strawbridge

Masekela has always been wonderfully straightforward at home and was professional enough to win on debut before running subsequent Dewhurst winner Native Trail very close in the Group 2 Superlative Stakes at Newmarket's July meeting. He went one better in the Listed Denford Stakes at Newbury, beating Bayside Boy who then placed third in both the Dewhurst and the Futurity Trophy. Masekela's final run was in the Group 2 Royal Lodge at Newmarket and he ran rather flat, perhaps feeling the effects of a busy second half of the season. He is ticking over in light training and already looks to have strengthened up. His damside suggests he will stay further than a mile next year and he should give owners Mick and Janice Mariscotti many more good days.

Masekela cost just 30,000gns at the yearling sales and £30,000 was what it took to buy **Imperial Fighter**, his sire The Gurkha having already become rather unfashionable in the fickle bloodstock market. Imperial Fighter won on debut at Goodwood before filling the runner-up spot in two Group 3 contests – the Acomb Stakes at York (behind subsequent Royal Lodge winner Royal Patronage) and the Autumn Stakes at Newmarket (behind the hugely exciting Coroebus). A close-up fifth in the Group 1 Futurity Trophy



HARROW's win in the £200,000 2yo Stakes at Doncaster was one of three victories for the talented juvenile

at Doncaster in October, he could well be a Guineas colt next term for Michael Blencowe. The same is true of Ahmad Al Shaikh's **Hoo Ya Mal**, who showed great promise when third on debut at Sandown in July and then won the prestigious Convivial Maiden at York in August. Beaten just a nose in the Listed Flying Scotsman Stakes at Doncaster by the subsequent Group 1 placed Noble Truth, he stayed on well over the seven furlongs and should excel over a mile next term.



ORZO left her opposition well behind when winning on debut at Kempton

Sandrine was not our only juvenile filly to shine this year, with **Majestic Glory** winning her novice at Newmarket in late July under Hayley Turner before returning to the track just over a week later to annex the Group 3 Sweet Solera Stakes under David Probert. The short gap between those two triumphs perhaps took its toll as she failed to shine in the Group 2 Rockfel and Group 1 Fillies' Mile, but she has done very well physically for her holiday in the paddocks and, as a daughter of Frankel from a family that improves with age, she should thrive as a three year old. **Nymphadora** was our first juvenile filly to run, starting out at the Craven meeting in April, and our first juvenile filly to win, taking the Listed Marygate Stakes at York in May under Jason Watson. She ran with credit in the Group 2 Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot, the Group 3 Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood and the Group 2 Lowther Stakes at York. Her last two runs, in the Sirenia Stakes at Kempton and the Cornwallis Stakes at Newmarket, were below her best but she had been on the go for a good while by the autumn. She has had a good holiday and should return next year rejuvenated and ready to tackle some good sprint races in the spring.

A daughter of Gleneagles with a great temperament, **Typewriter** got going later in the season but, after placed efforts at Windsor and Goodwood, went on to win twice at Nottingham, relishing the step up in trip each time and handling a softer surface with aplomb. A granddaughter of top US middle distance mare Film Maker, Typewriter should continue to progress over ten furlongs and further

next term for owners Jim and Fitri Hay. **Dubai Jewel** was another juvenile filly to win twice this year, scoring over six furlongs at Windsor and Newbury before running a good fifth in the Group 3 Dick Poole Stakes, beaten less than two lengths. She has done very well for her winter break and should shine in some of the big sprint handicaps next term for owner Sheikh Obaid, whilst also having the potential to secure some valuable black type for her pedigree page.

Wilderness Girl was impressive when winning the big Goodwood Fillies' Maiden on her second start and was never in a position to challenge in the Group 3 Prestige Stakes back at the same track next time. Although she is not the biggest her family, which includes this year's 2.000 Guineas runner-up Master Of The Seas, have trained on and she is a lovely prospect for owners Cornthorpe Bloodstock.

Speak is a half-sister to Melrose winner Valley Forge and won well on debut at Kempton. She was slow out of the stalls and then too keen in the Group 2 May Hill Stakes at Doncaster but she has the pedigree and scope to make up into a lovely three year old. She has enjoyed a blissful holiday romance in a paddock with her beau, eight year old gelding Morando, who has hopefully passed on wise words about how to win Stakes races (and not about how to dump riders, which used to be another of his specialist skills...). **Orzo** is another filly who won at Kempton on debut and she did so in tremendous style, surging clear under Jason Watson to put five lengths between herself and her nearest opponent at the finish. By first season sire Aclaim and a half-sister to Coventry winner Nando Parrado and smart performers Muntadab and Dubai Horizon, she seems destined to provide further justification for the bold decision of owner-breeder Anita Wigan to buy into her Argentine bloodlines.

Berkshire Rebel showed a great attitude to get up on the line and win on debut at Goodwood under Oisin, and ran well from a slow start in an Epsom Conditions event before staying on to finish fifth in the Group 3 Zetland Stakes at Newmarket (the race in which fellow son of Sir Percy, Berkshire Rocco, finished third as a juvenile). He should excel over staying trips next year for Paul Spickett.



JUAN BERMUDEZ showed a great attitude when winning at Newmarket on his second start

The Bermuda/Salman/Morris Partnership have a nice staying prospect in **Juan Bermudez**, who was all at sea on debut at Salisbury but was a different proposition next time out at Newmarket, putting in a gutsy performance to win from a decent-looking field at odds of 40/1. That was also the starting price of Sheikh Juma's homebred colt **Far Away Thoughts**, who made a very good impression when winning on debut at Lingfield last month under a lovely ride from Joshua Bryan. A first winner for his sire, Sheikh Juma's Great Voltigeur winner Storm The Stars, Far Away Thoughts only came to hand late in the season and there could be plenty more to come from him. The same is true of the striking **Sea Grey**, son of another first season sire in Ulysses. He kept his light firmly under a bushel in his work at home before his debut over ten furlongs at Lingfield but relished the opportunity to stretch out over a longer trip and made an eye-catching winning debut under David Probert for owner Mrs Al Thani. She has another nice



KOY KOY surged clear of the rest when winning at Newbury on his third start

prospect for next year in **Koy Koy**, who improved with each of his three runs this term, finishing runner-up to a smart horse at Ascot on his second start before winning a seven furlong Newbury novice by some six and a half lengths under Oisin Murphy. By Acclamation but out of a Dylan Thomas mare, he ought to stay a bit further next year.

Sheikh Juma had a fun pair of juveniles this term in **Strozzi** and **Robasta**, who were both wonderfully straightforward to train and won a race apiece, each also placing on a further three occasions. They were both sold on at the end of the year, Robasta joining the yard of David Loughnane and Strozzi bought by Richard Venn, who had also bought him as a yearling in Baden-Baden. The speedy filly **Build Me Up** has joined Adrian Nicholls, having won a six furlong nursery at Leicester in September.

Nasim is a son of 2,000 Guineas winner Galileo Gold, who has done very well with his first crop of two year olds this term. Al Rabban's likeable colt improved with racing and won well at Lingfield on his third career start, before

finding Listed company at Pontefract a step too far at this stage of his career. He has been gelded and should shape up into a decent campaigner next term, over a mile and perhaps a little further. **Jabbar** is another son of Galileo Gold who has benefitted from racecourse experience and got his head in front on his fourth career start, winning a mile nursery at Newcastle last month under David Probert. Mentally rather immature for much of the year, he should go on from this for owners Al Shaqab, who raced his father. Qatar Racing's **Upton Park** was also a bit of a quirky character when he first arrived with us but he too has grown up and gave his sire Elm Park his first British winner when scoring at Wolverhampton in October, having shown plenty of promise on debut at Ffos Las the previous month. A big, scopey colt, he should continue to improve. The same is true of **Bizarre Law**, who likes his grub and looked rather stuffy and heavy for much of the year. The penny dropped with him this autumn, however, and after a forgettable debut at Newmarket in October he was very impressive when winning at Kempton on his next start, battling back once headed and beating what looked a quality field. A son of Lawman from the family of Cannock Chase and Star Catcher, he looks to be thriving over the winter and should give owners Apollo Racing plenty of fun next year. Qatar Racing also look to have a smart prospect on their hands in **Nobel**, who has always been highly regarded at home and made short work of a competitive looking novice at Kempton under Cieran Fallon on his racecourse debut in December.

As ever there are a host of nice juveniles in the yard who have not yet got their head in front but have shown plenty of promise in their early runs, with **Groundbreaker**, **Aztec Empire**, **Al Marmar**, **Soul Stopper**, **Filbert Power**, **Love Mystery**, **Teumessias Fox**, **Schmilsson**, **Duty Bound**, **Hoffman**, **Lady Clementine** and **Australian Angel** springing immediately to mind. There are plenty more that I have missed in that list, plus a fair few yet to make the track who have impressed in training. Following this crop's exploits next term will be a full-time job in itself, but no doubt one with plenty of highlights! ■



NOBEL and BIZARRE LAW working on the top gallops

THE SEASON IN NUMBERS

1st January 2021 – 3rd December 2021

	WINS	RUNS	SR	2NDS	3RDS	4THS	WIN £	TOTAL £
UK	148	901	16	128	122	102	2,728,924	4,409,617
FOREIGN	0	6	0	2	1	0	0	1,142,930
TOTALS	148	907	16	130	123	102	2,728,924	5,552,547

MONTH BY MONTH

MONTH	WINS	RUNS	SR
January	6	34	18
February	8	25	32
March	4	26	15
April	14	74	19
May	21	106	20
June	14	108	13
July	26	137	19
August	23	120	19
September	12	123	10
October	12	95	13
November	8	44	18

GROUP BY GROUP

	WINS	RUNS	SR
2yo	38	232	16
3yo	74	406	18
4yo+	36	263	14
TURF	99	656	15
AW	49	251	20
5-7f	45	309	15
8f+	103	592	17

TOP TEN EARNERS

1	Alcohol Free	£881,476
2	Spanish Mission	£831,095
3	Bangkok	£444,064
4	Berkshire Rocco	£165,418
5	Sandrine	£155,433
6	Harrow	£150,578
7	Berkshire Shadow	£123,930
8	Tribal Craft	£122,119
9	Foxes Tales	£119,061
10	Alounak	£116,549



ALCOHOL FREE was our top earner this year

TOP TEN JOCKEYS

		WINS	RUNS	SR
1	David Probert	43	237	18
2	Oisin Murphy	40	216	19
3	Hayley Turner	11	53	21
4	Silvestre De Sousa	10	80	13
5	Joshua Bryan	7	38	18
5	William Carver	7	45	16
7	Jason Watson	5	20	25
8	Andrea Atzeni	3	11	27
8	William Buick	3	13	23
8	Rob Hornby	3	37	8

TOP TEN TRACKS

		WINS	RUNS	SR
1	Kempton (AW)	16	87	18
2	Goodwood	10	54	19
2	Newbury	10	58	17
4	Newcastle (AW)	9	33	27
4	York	9	34	26
4	Wolverhampton (AW)	9	43	21
4	Lingfield (AW)	9	45	20
8	Ffos Las	7	15	47
8	Chester	7	36	19
8	Ascot	7	72	10

TOP TEN TIMEFORM (2yo)

1	Imperial Fighter	109
2	Berkshire Shadow	107
3	Sandrine	106p
4	Hoo Ya Mal	105p
4	Masekela	105p
6	Harrow	102
7	Berkshire Rebel	96p
8	Majestic Glory	95
9	Nymphadora	94
10	Dubai Jewel	91
10	Koy Koy	91

TOP TEN TIMEFORM (3yo+)

1	Alcohol Free	119
2	Alounak	118
2	Berkshire Rocco	118
4	Foxes Tales	116
5	Happy Power	115
5	Kings Lynn	115
7	Bell Rock	114
8	Chil Chil	114
9	Morando	114
10	Ranch Hand	113

BUSY BEES – MOST RUNS

Fox Tal	11
Hold Fast	11
Cleonte	10
Discomatic	10
Spirit Warning	10
Arctic Vega	9
Auriferous	9
Cadeau D'Or	9
Damned Elusive	9
Florence Street	9
Good Birthday	9
Kings Lynn	9
Nate The Great	9
Oo De Lally	9
Scampi	9
Secret Shadow	9
Spirit Mixer	9
Spring Glow	9
Stone Of Destiny	9



IMPERIAL FIGHTER was our top-rated juvenile with Timeform



FOX TAL has run an impressive eleven times this year



HOLD FAST is another busy bee with eleven starts

THE 2021 12 TO FOLLOW

COMPETITION

Pretty tight at the top but Rachel Davies' faith in Spring Glow, who she rides every day, paid off in the end! She also picked a strong team of juveniles, with Harrow, Imperial Fighter and Robasta having impressed her early in the Spring. Heartening to know that the trainer, who finished second, has some idea of what he's doing, although if he's ever laid low we might draft in Gary Rhoades to help out.... Congratulations to all the winners and many thanks to all who took part.

The prize money is divided as follows:-

1st £1,111 2nd £505 3rd £303 4th £101 Last place £10

1 RACHEL DAVIES (A) 312
2 ANDREW BALDING 302
3 GARY RHOADES 300

4 Steve Woolley (A)	279	39 Angela Cheshire (C)	213	73 Paul Spickett (B)	192
5 Millie Keningale	273	39 Terry Friend	213	75 Alyoun Carey	191
6 Flora Balding	270	39 Liam Mungovan	213	75 Sam Gay	191
7 Bradley Harris	263	42 Peter Box	212	75 D. F. Powell (A)	191
8 Suzanne Harris	261	43 Carolyn White	211	75 Felicity Simpson	191
9 John-Ross Burdon	260	44 Angela Cheshire (D)	210	79 Russell Harris	190
10 Charlie Richards	254	44 A Whitehall	210	79 Lindy Rees	190
11 Ben Corke (B)	250	46 Zoe Adams	208	81 Emma Balding	187
11 Jack Osborne	250	47 Iris Hoare	207	81 David Hall (B)	187
13 Cassia Cooper	248	47 Scott McJarrow	207	83 Simon & Bob Humphries (B)	186
14 Jamie Mackinnon	246	47 Julia Reardon Smith	207	83 Fiona Hutchinson	186
14 Diana Magalhaes	246	50 Rachael Holmes	204	83 Eva Mariscotti	186
14 Celine Perrault	246	51 Abbie Bayley	203	83 Oscar Palmer	186
17 Lois Day	245	51 Becci Thompson	203	83 Jeff Smith	186
17 Kelly Mcorley	245	53 Billie Robinson Gay	201	88 George Gill	185
19 Al Donald	243	54 John Feane	200	88 Gary Richards	185
19 Bryan Jennick	243	54 Stuart Friend	200	88 Tom Smyth	185
21 Reece Senior	241	56 Shannon James	199	91 Sally Jinks	183
22 Tessa Hetherington	240	56 Kat Maher	199	92 Flora Hetherington	182
23 Janice Friend	239	58 Josh Gay	198	92 Alfie Redman	182
24 Richard Dangar	238	58 Richard Ware	198	94 Alexandra Guy	181
25 Sam Geake	237	60 Mick Bettaney	197	94 Marcel Mavronicholas	181
26 Marie Perrault	236	60 M A Bettaney	197	96 Liz Rea	180
27 Toby Balding	232	60 David Gay	197	96 Paul & Lisa Spickett	180
28 Roger Hetherington	230	63 Simon & Bob Humphries (A)	196	98 Heather Adams	179
28 Angie & Lorraine	230	63 Angela Cheshire (A)	196	99 Laurence Jinks	178
30 Macie Harris	227	63 Rose Cousins	196	100 Anna Lisa Balding	177
30 Michael Ross	227	63 John Gale	196	100 Martyn Needham	177
32 Pip Elson	224	63 Sue Watson	196	100 Paul Spickett (A)	177
33 Will Carver	223	68 Monika Bergauer	195	103 Scott McJarrow (B)	176
34 Nieces Of Tess	221	68 James Campbell-Gray	195	104 Clare Balding	175
35 David Hall (A)	220	68 Micheal Senior	195	104 Gary Boon	175
36 G Bounds & A Johnson (B)	217	71 Martin Slade	194	106 G Bounds & A Johnson (A)	173
36 Mike O'Driscoll	217	72 Suzanne Woolley	193	106 Mick Mariscotti	173
38 Ben Corke (A)	216	73 Alice Arnold	192	106 Matthew & Emily Slade	173

106 H Watson	173	139 Ronnie McWilliam	152	173 Jamie Richards	131
110 Mina McPhee	172	142 David Brotherton	151	174 Rachel Davies (B)	128
111 Judith Balding	171	142 Gerry Rafferty (A)	151	174 K. Derbyshire (A)	128
112 John Soul	170	142 All Hail The Ale Racing	151	176 Ray Horne (D)	126
113 T. Freeman	169	145 Angela Cheshire (B)	149	176 Gerry Rafferty (C)	126
113 Sally Phipps Hornby	169	145 Roger Michaelson	149	178 S & B Humphries (C)	124
115 Rupert Hetherington	167	145 Julia Scott	149	179 Adrian Hodgkins (B)	120
115 Angus McPhee	167	145 Anne Soul (A)	149	180 Mollie Humphries	119
115 Gerry Rafferty (B)	167	149 Mike Horner	147	181 K. Derbyshire (B)	117
118 Steve Woolley (B)	166	150 Rachel Field	146	181 Des Oates	117
119 Kingsclere Stud	164	151 Ray Horne (B)	146	183 Dennis O'Gara	116
120 Missy & Betty Clarke	163	151 D. F. Powell (B)	146	183 April Rafferty	116
120 Max Mariscotti	163	153 Clive Stansby	145	185 James Goslin	113
120 John Wellman	163	154 Stuart McPhee	144	185 Barry Hale	113
123 Peter A'Court	162	154 Phil Rodgers	144	187 David M Bradley	112
123 Michael Fowler	162	156 Harriet Bradley	143	187 Barney Hetherington	112
125 Lysander Campbell-Gray	161	156 B. Broughton	143	189 Lorraine Whitehall	109
125 Simon Gee	161	156 Rex Paris (B)	143	190 Andrew Slater	108
125 Mary Gee	161	159 Richard Hoare	142	191 Maggie Robinson Gay	106
125 Gordon Penrice	161	159 Dr M J & Mrs D. O'Brien (A)	142	192 Jenny Arlington	100
125 Hayley Turner	161	161 Rex Paris (A)	141	193 Dr M J & Mrs D. O'Brien (C)	99
130 Jeremy Carey	160	162 Tom Cox	140	194 John Knight	95
131 Valerie Slade	159	162 Penny John	140	195 Charlotte Clarke	93
131 Sharon Woolley	159	162 Anne Soul (B)	140	195 Mark Hutchinson	93
131 Chinner	159	162 Richard Wilmot-Smith	140	197 Adrian Hodgkins (A)	92
134 Peter Goode	158	166 Rosemary Finlay	139	198 Mrs Nick Robinson	91
134 Ray Horne (C)	158	166 Jon Rea	139	199 Rex Paris (C)	86
136 Janice Mariscotti	156	168 Mac & Boris Balding	137	200 Peter Bedford	84
137 Catha Hoare	155	168 Avril Elson	137	201 Dr M J & Mrs D. O'Brien (B)	75
138 Ray Horne (A)	154	170 Laura Spickett	136	202 Mrs S. A Bettaney	72
139 Charlotte Hetherington	152	171 Sue Gay	133	203 Pete Beasant	65
139 Graham Jones	152	172 Jan Lees	132		



Rachel with the winner's cheque

TOP SCORING HORSES

SPRING GLOW	49
HARROW	47
SANDRINE	47
SECRET SHADOW	47
FOXES TALES	46
KING'S LYNN	46
NEENEE'S CHOICE	46



HARROW

SELECTIONS OF THE LEADERS

Rachel Davies (A)		Andrew Balding		Gary Rhoades	
Happy Power	11	Bounce The Blues	21	Auriferous	36
Group One Power	28	Fivethousandtoone	13	King's Lynn	46
Juan De Montalban	10	Symbolize	28	Alcohol Free	41
Alcohol Free	41	Good Birthday	31	Mystery Smiles	5
Spring Glow	49	King's Lynn	46	Rushmore	14
Foxes Tales	46	Youth Spirit	19	Tactical	17
Recovery Run	14	Harrow	47	Oo De Lally	26
Imperial Fighter	26	Berkshire Shadow	31	Berkshire Shadow	31
Berkshire Phoenix	1	Berkshire Phoenix	1	Jabbar	10
Nymphadora	13	Nymphadora	13	Harrow	47
Robasta	26	Imperial Fighter	26	Robasta	26
Harrow	47	Dubai Jewel	26	Tack	1

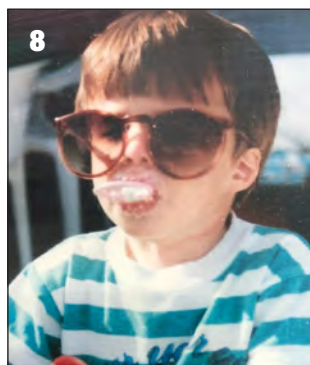
KINGSCLERE'S JOCKEYS

The jockeys most associated with Kingsclere have had a tremendous year on the track. Oisin Murphy clinched his third champion jockey title, with the Group 1 Coronation Stakes and Group 1 Sussex Stakes on Alcohol Free amongst his forty wins for us, whilst Dave Probert finished fourth in the jockeys' championship, scoring over 150 winners in a season for the first time, including Group victories on Sandrine, Majestic Glory and Bangkok for Park House. His celebrity status in Wales was further cemented when he rode six winners in a row at Ffos Las in August.

Former Kingsclere apprentice William Buick ran Oisin close for the jockeys' title, winning the Yorkshire Cup on Spanish Mission for us, whilst Rob Hornby rode his first Group 1 winner on Scope for Ralph Beckett in the Prix Royal

Oak at Longchamp. Jason Watson also had international success, winning the Bahrain International Trophy on the marvellous Lord Glitters for David O'Meara and also going close in the Amir's Trophy in Doha on Berkshire Rocco for our yard. Hayley Turner had her best year in the saddle since 2013, including 11 winners on Kingsclere horses, whilst Josh Bryan had a good first year as a professional, winning the John Smith's Cup on Johnny Drama. Will Carver also won big handicaps on Bell Rock and Oo De Lally, whilst William Cox is closing in on losing his claim, winning on Sunset Salute and Moneykenny for the Park House Partnership this term.

They are all familiar faces now, but how many of these jockeys can you recognise as little nippers? We have thrown in one of the trainer as well, just to make things trickier... ■



PARK HOUSE PARTNERSHIP



The Park House Partnership's year got off to the worst possible start with gentle giant and exciting talent Henrik suffering a fatal injury on the gallops in the early Spring. He has been much missed, but the rest of the PHP equine squad did an admirable job of carrying the torch for the syndicate and between them produced twelve wins (at an impressive 27% strike rate) and eight placed efforts.

Classic Lord led the way, winning Class 3 Handicaps at Haydock and Sandown and placing in two Stakes races, whilst Winterwatch also marked himself

out as a stayer to follow with wins at Catterick and Lingfield. Both horses are by German Derby winner Lord Of England and both were purchased as yearlings by Andrew in Baden-Baden. They have the ideal profile for the National Hunt sphere and both will continue their racing careers under that code. Hey Teacher was favourite of many due to his good looks and kind nature, and he too added a brace of wins to the PHP's tally before selling to go jumping in America. Discomatic was a further dual winner whilst Moneykenny, Cover Drive, Sunset Salute and The Kodi Kid all won one apiece. Of the ten-horse PHP squad, only Swivelstick failed to get on the scorecard, showing no interest whatsoever in making any effort on a racecourse. Bought by Andrew from PHP mid-season, he is now enjoying life as a hack at Kingsclere with many important duties, including leading the yearlings up the gallop and providing eleven year old Flora Balding with her first experience of riding with the string.

This year's Park House Partnership has now been wrapped up but we are running a new version of the PHP for 2022. This will be a more streamlined one year enterprise comprising two ready-to-run rising three year olds and two precociously-bred rising two year olds. ■

Kingsclere Racing Club

The crossbar is still rattling after a season in which we celebrated 5 winners, but with a further 25 seconds or thirds from our 58 runners in 2021.

We were delighted to be able to get together in person for our end of season party in Kingsclere, the move from last year's zoom meeting to the considerably more welcoming environment of the Bel & Dragon ensuring we had a strong attendance from Club members! Many thanks go to Hayley Turner, who was our guest interviewee this year and gave a fascinating insight into her career as a jockey. Congratulations to Mike O'Driscoll, who became the latest holder of the Lynne Burns Cup.

We will start 2022 with over 20 horses on the list, which is a record number since the Club started. All being well, this year's All-Weather Marathon Final winner Ranch Hand will be back on the racecourse in the spring, with Damned Elusive and Mellow Magic completing the trio of older horses.



Our team of 10 three year olds contains some bright prospects for next term, while we also have nine two year olds to look forward to, including amongst them a full brother to former KRC star-turned Hong Kong Group 1 performer Ka Ying Star, Averami's last foal (a colt by Nathaniel) and St Mary's first foal, a filly by Pour Moi. ■

STAFF NEWS

As many of you will know, and as discussed in Andrew's introduction, there are some big changes coming up in the senior management team at Park House, with Paul Morkan replacing Nigel Walker as Assistant Trainer and Lucy Alexander replacing Tessa Hetherington as Racing Manager.



Nigel Walker



Paul Morkan

Paul has already joined the team following a comprehensive handover with Nigel, and Lucy will be spending time with Tessa in the coming weeks and will start her new role after Christmas. We would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to both of our new recruits who will no doubt soon become familiar faces to many of you.



Tessa Hetherington



Lucy Alexander

Whilst these are no doubt significant changes, we are confident that the systems at Kingsclere are so well established and the rest of the support team so strong that Paul and Lucy will slot into their roles with ease and we will maintain the levels of success and service that we have managed to provide in recent years. The new recruits will also have the freedom to mould their roles to their own strengths and it is always beneficial to have some fresh eyes and ideas around the place.

In other staff news, Harry Davies has recently passed his apprentice licensing course at the Northern Racing College and is looking forward to having his first race rides under rules in the New Year. A former pony racing champion, Harry has spent much of his childhood on the yard of



Harry Davies



Chris Hannaford

Hugo Palmer where his mother is Head Girl and first came to Kingsclere for work experience in 2019. He has been working here full-time since May and is a stylish and capable rider who should do very well in his chosen career. Chris Hannaford has added another string to her bow by passing her HGV test, meaning she can now drive all of our horseboxes to the races, whilst Ben Corke and Ryan Gradwell have both added another human to their households, with Ben and Kelly having welcomed their first child, Ava, into the world in September, and Ryan and Georgie having had their second child, Reggie, in October.



Nathan Rose

It's a long time since stable lads' boxing was a major feature of yard life but we are all very excited to see Nathan Rose compete in his first fight later this month. He has been training hard but must have had a good base level of fitness from riding plenty of strong ones on the gallops at home! ■



Maddy and Will Carver receiving much needed refreshments from Rachel whilst out with the local draghunt



Members of the team collecting the award for most Best Turned Out prizes at Newbury during the season



AWARDS



The winners of the Spillers "Employee Of The Month Award" for the latter part of this season are:

Aggie Teglas for continued sterling work as a member of the ground staff team and for looking after multiple winners Kings Lynn, Achelois and Spring Glow.

Oscar Palmer for excellent work in the saddle and a great can-do attitude, plus looking after winners Zoom Tiger and Eikonix.

Monika Bergauer for being a great member of the team both as a rider and a groom, and for looking after winners Tribal Craft, Nebulosa and Koy Koy.

Millie Keningale for continued improvement in her riding and for looking after her horses with great devotion!

Well done to all the winners and many thanks to Spillers for their continued support of this valued initiative.



Aggie Teglas



Oscar Palmer



Monika Bergauer



Millie Keningale

Answers from page 16: 1: David Probert; 2: Jason Watson; 3: Will Carver; 4: Josh Bryan; 5: Andrew Balding; 6: Hayley Turner; 7: Rob Hornby; 8: William Buick; 9: William Cox; 10: Oisín Murphy

