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Back cover: *BERKSHIRE SHADOW* on holiday in the Park House paddocks (Tyron Mills)

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INTRODUCTION AMB

2022 will sadly always be remembered for the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, a monarch admired and adored by not just the population of the United Kingdom, but a person who was revered worldwide.

It was one of the greatest honours to have had the privilege to train for her, and her connection to Kingsclere spanned over three generations of my family and nearly 70 years.

Her passion for horseracing has been well documented and right up to the week preceding her passing she had been discussing and selecting suitable matings for her broodmare band with John Warren.

We were all thrilled to learn that the produce of these workings will now race for the King and what a fitting legacy it would be if the Royal Studs were to produce something really special in the next few years.

Her impact and influence on so many lives, particularly those connected to the thoroughbred industry, will never be forgotten and many of us at Kingsclere have been left with indelible memories of her visits to the yard. Queen Elizabeth was not just a great monarch and role model, but a wonderful human being.

The victory of King's Lynn in the Queen's colours earlier in the season in the Group 2 Temple Stakes remains one of the highlights in another highly rewarding year for Park House.

The obvious headline for the yard was of course once again, Alcohol Free, who blitzed the best sprinters in Europe in the Darley July Cup before becoming the second highest price filly in history to sell at the famous Tattersalls December Sales.

The irony of the inception of a new 'Sceptre Session', to highlight the elite performers in the catalogue, is of course that Sceptre herself was consigned from Park House as a two-year-old before selling for a then record 10,000 gns at Park Paddocks in 1901!

Alcohol Free has provided everyone connected to the yard with so many memorable moments and she will always be remembered with huge affection and gratitude!

We do however always want to be looking forward and Chaldean's win in the Darley Dewhurst Stakes has enabled us to do just that.

It was a huge boost for the yard to be sent yearlings by Juddmonte for the first time and to have one of them win the most significant two-year-old race of the year was a wonderful start to their association with Kingsclere. Whilst Chaldean has obviously shown he has the talent to compete at the very highest level, we are fortunate to have strength and depth in next year's three-year-olds and hopes are high that 2023 could be really special for Kingsclere.

Thank you to all involved with this season's success and for many of us April can't come soon enough!

Wishing a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone! ■

SEASON REVIEW

by Tessa Hetherington

OLDER HORSES

As on several previous occasions, but now for the final time, our review of the season begins with the wonderful **Alcohol Free**. Ever since arriving on the yard as a leggy two-year-old she has wowed everyone with her athleticism and acceleration, and she has given all associated with her so many great days, not least when dropping back to six furlongs as a four-year-old and winning the Group 1 July Cup in emphatic style this summer. Whilst a subsequent freak injury (a cut to her chest) ruled her out for the remainder of the season, she had little left to prove. She is a Group 1 winner at two, three and four, from six furlongs up to a mile and back down to six furlongs, on Good to Firm, Good, Soft and Heavy, against the best of her own sex and the best of the opposite sex, and in some of the most prestigious races in the turf calendar: the Cheveley Park Stakes, the Coronation Stakes, the Sussex Stakes, and the July Cup.

Last month she travelled to Tattersalls to sell in the inaugural Sceptre Sessions of their mare sale and showed everyone again what a queen she is – behaving beautifully, standing like an oil painting for her many viewers, entertaining her team with her funny faces and love of snacks, and fetching 5,400,000gns in the ring, the second highest sum ever paid for a thoroughbred at public auction in Europe. Bought by a partnership led by Yuesheng Zhang's Yulong Investments, she is due to join Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott to race on for a final season in Australia before heading to the breeding paddocks, and most likely a date with Frankel. She has truly been a horse

of a lifetime for her owner Jeff Smith, for David Bowe who bought her as a foal, for the team at Littleton Stud, for her trainer, her jockeys Oisin Murphy and Rob Hornby, and for all who have been connected to her at Kingsclere, most notably Cassia Cooper, who rode her at home at two and three and looked after her as a three-year-old, and Rachel Davies, who took her on as a four-year-old when Cassia sadly moved on and has also done much of the ridden work with her this year, along with Will Cox. It is often said that it takes a village to raise a child, and the same is true of raising a racehorse. Alcohol Free has done her villagers proud time and time again, and we are so lucky to have had her.

Whilst Alcohol Free immediately impressed on the gallops when she arrived as a two-year-old, the same cannot be said for **Coltrane**, who took plenty of time to come to hand. Since surprising us all with his second on debut at three he has done nothing but improve and, back on the turf after an All-Weather campaign last winter, he has been a total star this term. Narrowly beaten by Cleveland in an epic battle for the Chester Cup in May, he then gave Mick and Janice Mariscotti a Royal meeting to remember, winning the Ascot Stakes in style under a fine ride from Callum Hutchinson. He then took the step up into Listed company with ease, streaking clear to win the Coral Marathon by ten lengths under Rob Hornby. His fourth in a hot renewal of the Group 1 Goodwood Cup indicated that he was ready to mix it with the big boys and so it proved, with victory over Trueshan in the Group 2 Doncaster Cup before going down by just a head to that rival in the

Group 2 Qipco British Champions Long Distance Cup. The pair went hammer and tongs from two furlongs out, providing spectators with a thrilling finish, in which many believed Coltrane might have prevailed but for interference from the winner earlier in the race. Either way it was a tremendous performance and one which puts him high on the list for all the big staying races next term. The surgery he had for the injury that kept him off the track in 2021 means he cannot meet the protocols for the Melbourne Cup, but one suspects that he will have plenty of fun on these shores, with the Ascot Gold Cup his main target. In the meantime, he is enjoying a particularly well-earned holiday in the paddocks at Park House.

Sandrine was one of the Royal Ascot stars of 2021 and ran with credit in this



COLTRANE sees off Trueshan to win the Group 2 Doncaster Cup

year's 1000 Guineas, Coronation Stakes and when third in the Falmouth. Dropping her back to seven furlongs helped her to shine, however, with a win at Goodwood in the Group 2 Lennox Stakes under regular pilot David Probert. She had Kinross and Pogo behind her on that occasion, but the pair turned the tables on her in the Group 2 City Of York Stakes the following month when she again ran well to finish third. Her final start of the season, in the Group 1 Prix de la Foret at Longchamp, was a big ask on testing ground at the end of a long season, but she returned from the race in good order and is now enjoying a holiday at her owner-breeder Miss Rausing's Lanwades Stud. She will return next term and, like Alcohol Free this year, might turn her hand to sprinting at some stage during her four-year-old campaign.

Barbara Keller's **Bounce The Blues** had a more successful European foray at the end of the season, winning the Group 2 Premio Vittorio di Capua in Milan under David Probert. This was the icing on the cake after she gained a hugely deserved first Group win in the Sceptre Stakes at Doncaster in September under William Buick. Having placed in no less than seven Stakes races since joining the yard two years previously, it was very satisfying to see her get her head in front! Her win provided us with our third victory in the Sceptre Stakes in six years, having previously secured the trophy with Dancing Star and her half-sister Foxtrot Lady. Bounce The Blues then, fittingly, headed to the Sceptre Sessions at the Tattersalls Mare Sale, where



BOUNCE THE BLUES winning the Group 3 Sceptre Fillies' Stakes at Doncaster

she fetched 450,000gns from Prince Faisal's Nawarra Stud. She is likely to be amongst the first book of mares for multiple Group 1 winner Mishriff.

Also featuring in the Sceptre Sessions at Tattersalls was the lovely **Achelois**, who also gained a deserved black type win this year, securing the Listed Lyric Fillies' Stakes at York in August having run a blinder to be second in the John Smiths Cup at the same track on her previous start. Whilst she struggled in Group 3 company in her final two starts at the end of a long season, she has been a marvellous servant for her owners Thurloe Thoroughbreds, winning four races and placing in a further seven, and earning good prizemoney for the syndicate and the Royal Marsden



SOMETHING ENTICING with connections after winning the Listed Gillies Fillies' Stakes at Doncaster

Hospital, to which they donate a share of her winnings. The proceeds from her sale will also be similarly split, and she again did her connections proud in the sales ring, fetching 300,000gns from Hillwood Stud.

Achelois ended 2021 with a good fourth in the Listed Gillies Stakes, with **Something Enticing** (then trained by David Elsworth) just ahead of her in second. This year, having joined the yard on Elsie's retirement, Something Enticing went one better in the same race, having returned from a wind operation with a good second in a Newmarket fillies' handicap on her previous start. This was a first Listed victory for Trebles Holford Thoroughbreds' daughter of Fascinating Rock, and valuable winning black type for her pedigree page. She went on to fetch 175,000gns at the Tattersalls Mare Sale.

The mares' section will also be without **Chil Chil** next year, as she has retired to the breeding paddocks. Unable to build on last year's Group 3 win and excellent third in the Group 1 Haydock Sprint Cup, she nevertheless continued to run with credit this term, placing in the Listed Flying Fillies Stakes at Pontefract and finishing a good fifth back at Haydock in this year's renewal of the Sprint Cup. A wonderfully straightforward mare with a great attitude, she is booked to visit Night Of Thunder next year. Another to retire to stud is the equally likeable **Goolwa**, who added further black type to her page this year with a third in the Listed Beckford Stakes at Yarmouth and also finished fourth in the Group 3 St Simon Stakes at Newbury. The staying fillies' ranks will also be without **Secret Shadow**, who added to last year's trio of wins with a further success over fourteen furlongs at Goodwood in August, forming the last leg of a memorable four-timer for her pilot William Buick, before selling at Tattersalls in December. Fellow staying filly **Typewriter** stays in training next year. She secured black-type with third place finishes in two Listed events at Chester – the Cheshire Oaks in May, and the Chester Stakes in August, and should be up to winning at Stakes level next term. **Wilderness Girl** came agonisingly close to a Stakes win when just pipped at the post in the Listed

Prix de Saint-Cyr at Longchamp in October, beaten a head by the twice Group 1 placed Times Square. Plans for her are fluid at present, but she ought to be capable of going one better at Listed level.

Having run a career best when winning the Group 2 Temple Stakes at Haydock in May, the adorable **King's Lynn** was not quite able to produce a fairytale Royal Ascot win for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in her jubilee year, finishing mid-division in both the King's Stand and the Diamond Jubilee Stakes. He ran with credit when finishing fourth back at Ascot in the Listed Rous Stakes after her sad passing, and will return to training next year when, having lost his Group 2 penalty, we hope that he can provide His Majesty The King with many good days. **Hoo Ya Mal** very nearly provided a fairytale when finishing second to Desert Crown in the Derby for Ahmad Al Shaikh, who has an incredible record in the race with two seconds from three runners from Park House. (He may yet go one better next year with this year's Group 1 winning two-year-old Dubai Mile, but sadly for us that one is trained by Mark and Charlie Johnston!) Hoo Ya Mal then sold to race on in Australia for Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott. In addition to Hoo Ya Mal and now Alcohol Free, Gai and Adrian are also responsible for training Youth Spirit, who won the Group 3 Chester Vase for us and Ahmad Al Shaikh in 2021, and fellow Kingsclere graduate Grove Ferry, who recently won a Group 3 in Sydney.

The Australian racing scene will be graced by a few more Kingsclere old boys next year, with **Cadmus** having sold at the October Horses In Training Sale to join Melbourne trainer Anthony Freedman after his eye-catching win in a twelve furlong novice at Ascot on just his third start. **Valley Forge** has joined fellow Melbourne trainers Mick Price and Michael Kent, having added a Class 2 Handicap win over two miles at Haydock to his resume following his memorable victory in the Melrose at York last year. The October sale also saw up and coming Sydney trainer Annabel Neasham buy **Harrow**, who lost his way in the middle of the year after a promising start on the All-Weather but recovered his form after a gelding operation, ending his season with very solid efforts in handicaps at Doncaster and Haydock.

Derby fourth **Masekela**, like Harrow a son of El Kabeir, was another who struggled a little in the middle of the season after his excellent effort at Epsom, but he ran reasonably well behind the progressive Alflaila in the Group 3 Strensall Stakes at York and when second to Adayar in a Conditions event at Doncaster. He has since been gelded, and we hope that this and a holiday in the paddocks will see him fulfil all his promise next term. **Imperial Fighter** also placed in a Classic this year when third to Native Trail in the Irish 2000 Guineas. Keen in the early stages of the French Derby which was fatal to his chances in testing conditions, he has been off the track for the rest of this term, having had surgery to remove a cyst in his stifle. He has also been gelded and is looking magnificent for his

winter holiday – he remains very unexposed and is an exciting horse for next year.

Groundbreaker was very impressive when winning his maiden at Doncaster on the first day of the turf season and has run consistently this year, placing in all his starts (including the Listed Glasgow Stakes at Hamilton) without quite living up to that early promise. He too has been gelded and is enjoying a holiday after a long season. A gorgeous, good-moving horse, he remains a nice prospect. The same is true of **Nobel**, who had been our Derby hope at the beginning of last year before sustaining an injury. He went back into plenty of notebooks when running out an easy winner over ten furlongs at Epsom on his reappearance in September, but was then very disappointing in the Listed James Seymour Stakes over the same trip at Newmarket. He was keen in the early stages that day and with more experience should learn to settle better and show his true colours. **Aztec Empire** is another who showed real promise at home and on debut before a hiatus in his career due to injury. He returned to the track at Southwell last month and was an encouraging second, suggesting he is a winner in waiting and a lovely middle-distance prospect. The same is true of **Berkshire Breeze**, who placed no less than five times this term, going agonisingly close at Chepstow and in a Class 3 at Ascot. **Teumessias Fox** has already proven himself as a decent middle-distance performer, winning impressively at Newcastle in March before filling the runner up spot in handicaps at Salisbury and Ascot. A beautifully bred son of Lope De Vega, he has been gelded and is another to follow next term.

Juan Bermudez had won over a mile in the autumn of his two-year-old year and repeated the feat over double that distance in the autumn of his three-year-old year, winning at Kempton last month after missing most of the season. He will keep running on the All-Weather over the winter to make up for lost time and should progress further. Lord and Lady Blyth's home-bred **City Streak** has not been out of the placings in seven starts this year, including winning at Wolverhampton in July and running a close second to a highly progressive horse at Goodwood in August. He is enjoying a holiday with his owners and will be back next year when he should easily add to his tally.



SHINE SO BRIGHT moves on to take up stallion duties in India

The consistent performer and Goodwood winner **Bizarre Law** also stays in training, now as a gelding.

We said goodbye to some marvellous old boys at the end of this year. The dinky dude **Shine So Bright** began his six-year-old campaign with back to back wins in handicaps at Newmarket in the hands of Harry Davies and finished it with a third at Listed level at Newbury. A son of Oasis Dream out of a Group 3 winner from Kirsten Rausing's wonderful 'A' family, he has gone to take up stud duties in India, where Cable Bay is another new recruit. **Happy Power** is also headed to warmer climes, with the son of Dark Angel taking up a position at stud in Pakistan. This year he added the Listed King Richard III Stakes to a CV which already included the Group 2 Challenge Stakes and Group 3 Supreme Stakes, and he placed again in the



HAPPY POWER heads off to stand at stud in Pakistan

latter race this year on his final career start. Both great characters and longstanding fixtures in the yard, they will be much missed. The same is true of **Morando**, who finished a career which encompassed seven wins (four at Stakes level) and eighteen places (fifteen at Stakes level) with a good third at Pontefract in October. He has been taken on by former Park House pupil assistant Meg Armes, who now works for Berkshire Equine, and we are sure that he will be pampered in the manner he deserves! **Bell Rock** is another who has been an absolute star for Park House, winning three times and placing a further ten, including in six Stakes races. He finished his racing with what was arguably a career best effort when second in the Cambridgeshire at his beloved Rowley Mile course in Newmarket, the scene of all his victories, and can now be found hacking round Hampshire and flying over jumps with Flora Balding!

Stone Of Destiny, another firm yard favourite, sold at the October Horses In Training Sale to former Park House Assistant Trainer Mick Appleby, in whose hands he should do well. **Good Birthday** had another solid year, placing in four decent handicaps in the early part of the season and rounding out his campaign with two wins, at Yarmouth under Andrea Atzeni and at Goodwood under Harry Davies. He was sold in October and will continue his racing in Saudi Arabia, as will his King Power team-mate **Melody**



MERCURIUS POWER in the Newcastle winner's enclosure with Will Carver, Shannon Legg and Sam Geake

Of Life, who won at Leicester in June under Will Carver in what was another admirably solid season. **Mercurius Power** is staying closer to home, having joined the yard of young trainer Jessica Macey. He scored twice this term, at Sandown in July under William Buick, and at Newcastle in September under Will Carver.

King Power will retain the services of **Foxes Tales**, who placed in Group 3 races at Sandown and Newbury in the Spring, and in a Listed contest back at the Esher track in July. He has been gelded and should be a fun horse next year. **Notre Belle Bete** will carry the blue and white colours over the winter, having shone on the All-Weather in the early part of this year with wins at Lingfield, Wolverhampton and Kempton. He then lost his form a little but bounced back on his latest start, when second over a mile at Kempton in first time cheekpieces. Another King Power contender for the All-Weather will be **Fivethousandtoone**, who has talent in spades and finally got his head back in front at Goodwood in August under William Buick. A previous winner at Newcastle, he will target the All-Weather Championships there in April.

Another with the All-Weather Championships on his radar is the KRC's war horse **Ranch Hand**, who has returned from over a year off due to a hock injury with encouraging efforts at Newmarket, when fourth of five in the Listed Rose Bowl (a race he won in 2020) and at Kempton when a staying-on third in a two mile handicap. He needs two more runs on artificial surfaces to qualify for the All-Weather Marathon, a race he won in 2021. This year's winner of the Rose Bowl was the marvellous **Nate The Great**, who was winning for the third time this year and the second time on the Rowley Mile course. Having had a mini-break, he has recently returned to training with a tilt at the valuable Red Sea Turf Handicap in Saudi Arabia (the race in which Spanish Mission was second in 2021)

a possibility for him. Paul Spickett's **Berkshire Rocco** did well in the Middle East in 2021, finishing second in the Amir's Trophy in Qatar. He missed all this year through injury but ran encouragingly at Kempton recently on his second start back. He could stay on the All-Weather on these shores this winter or head back to the Middle East in search of further good prize money. The same is true of **Spirit Mixer**, who won three on the bounce in May but whose best effort came when second to Trueshan in the Northumberland Plate in June. He has had a break but will return for a winter campaign, with the hope that he could develop into a Melbourne Cup candidate next autumn.

Red Mirage won his first two starts after joining the yard last winter, and was placed in his remaining four runs this term. He was bought at the October Sales by the new Raceshare syndicate, and has joined the yard of John Quinn, where he should continue to give his new owners plenty of good days. **Scampi**, another consistent performer who won at Wolverhampton in April and Epsom in July before



SCAMPI after winning in the Racing League at Doncaster with Sean Levey, Shaun Stacey and Simon Humphries

picking up one of the valuable Racing League handicaps at Doncaster in August, was also bought by the Raceshare team but happily has been kept in the yard by his new connections. He should continue to be a really fun horse over middle distances. Fellow middle-distance performer **Soul Stopper** won at Salisbury and Chester before selling in October, whilst **Carolus Magnus** performed with credit over a mile and ten furlongs this term before selling to David Easterby.

As ever, our drafts at the Horses In Training sales were popular with National Hunt trainers, perhaps further encouraged by the top-level hurdling successes of former Kingsclere inmate Knight Salute! Olly Murphy bought **Schmilsson**, a winner at Bath in May, and **Love Mystery**, who placed in four of his seven starts this term, whilst Gary Moore picked up **Auriferous** in August after he won at Southwell and placed in three Class 2 Handicaps over staying trips. Dual winner **Gyenyame** has joined Joe Tizzard, and will in due course hopefully get further round a hurdle track than he did on his National Hunt debut, whilst **VE Day** has joined Donald McCain for the Owners

Group. **Mellow Magic**, a winner at Windsor in April before placing on her next five starts, has joined Jessie Harrington in Ireland. Ireland was also the destination for **Duty Bound**, a winner over fourteen furlongs at Sandown in May, **Napper Tandy**, who placed four times this term, and **Kingsofthemidlands**, who did the same (one occasion being the Newbury charity race under our very own Charlie Richards!). **Eikonix** is another who has headed across the Irish Sea having done well this term for his patient owners, winning at Epsom in September and placing on four further occasions. Brighton winner **Hoffman** has gone hurdling in America where he has already been placed several times, including when being beaten at Far Hills by a horse brought over from Ireland by Gordon Elliott!

Two of our speedier types at the sales were picked up by Yorkshire trainer Julie Camacho, who bought Windsor Castle and European Free Handicap winner **Tactical**, who had run well this year without winning, and the little warrior **Symbolize**, a dual winner and multiple Group placed who went close twice at Thirsk this year. Julie has a great record with older horses, most notably the sprinter Judicial, still winning at a high level this year at the grand age of ten, and we hope she does well with both of her new recruits.

The sprinter-miler division will be without **Wodeton** next year, with Thurloe Thoroughbreds' Epsom winner having sold to race on in America, where the tracks will be a bit less idiosyncratic! Three-time winner **Nietzsche's Star** looked highly progressive in the spring and duly sold well at Tattersalls in July to race in Bahrain, whilst **Oo De Lally**, who went close at York in May but spent the season on a high mark, sold in October to race on in Saudi Arabia. Sticking around next year are, however, the talented pair of **Berkshire Shadow** and **Al Marmar**. Berkshire Shadow ran well in the 2,000 Guineas and placed in the Listed Sir Henry Cecil Stakes at Newmarket but didn't quite live up to the promise of his two-year-old season, when he won the Coventry and was placed in the Vintage Stakes and the Dewhurst. He appears to retain all his ability at home and has been gelded, which should help him focus. Al Marmar was a six length winner at Lingfield in January on his second start before running well in Qatar the following month. He was gelded in the spring after a lacklustre effort at Sandown and then went on to win a Class 3 Handicap at Ascot and to place second at Newmarket before finding only the great battler Oh This Is Us too good back at Ascot in September.

Ffos Las has always been a happy hunting ground for the KRC homebreds and this year was no exception, with **Senorita** winning there in July under David Probert and **Virtuoso** doing the same in September under Callum Hutchinson. Catterick is a more unusual destination for the Kingsclere horsebox but **Sporting Icon** made his trip to the track a winning one in September, benefiting from an inspired ride from Graham Lee and an inspired bit of race planning from his trainer..... He sold in October, along with

Virtuoso and KRC's Windsor winner **City Spirit**, whilst Southwell scorer **Griffin Park** sold in July. The Club will continue to have the services of **Whimsy** next year, however, with the consistent filly having won twice at Salisbury and placed in her other five starts this term. She is the third multiple winner from Cape Victoria, following on from Table Mountain and Damned Elusive.

Also staying in training next year are Karen Gough's **Saorla**, like **Whimsy** a daughter of Charming Thought and a winner at Wolverhampton under Jason Watson on her latest start, having shown good form in the spring. The DJT Partnership's **Neandra** won at Lingfield in January on just her second start and did well when third under a penalty next time out. She made a mockery of her resultant mark when streaking home by six lengths on handicap debut at Lingfield under David Probert and, whilst she has found life tougher up in class in two starts since, she has plenty more to give. The same is true of George Strawbridge's fellow middle-distance filly, **Australian Angel**, who won on handicap debut off a mark of 65 at Newbury in May before going in again at Windsor in June and at Sandown in July before placing at Newmarket and Chester and ending her season off a mark of 81.

Fellow Strawbridge homebred **Vazire**, a Frankel filly from the family of Cassandra Go (granddam of Breeders' Cup hero Victoria Road and great-granddam of Futurity winner Auguste Rodin) has been retired to stud, whilst Southwell winners **All Go** and **Ducal Crown** were sold in October and December respectively. King Power's Brighton scorer **Blackbird Power** also sold in December, as did **Speak**, who did not add to her debut win of last year this term but placed on all of her four starts. **Nymphadora** returns next year; she was limited to three starts this term but went close in two of them, including when just touched off in the Palace of Holyroodhouse Stakes at Royal Ascot. Now we know that she is all speed, she could develop into a high class sprinter in 2023.

TWO YEAR OLDS

It was a great honour to be added this year to the training roster of Juddmonte, one of the leading and most respected racing and breeding operations in the world, and we are delighted that amongst a lovely set of youngsters a star has already emerged. **Chaldean** was in fact bred by the Harper family at Whitsbury Stud, who sent their Dutch Art mare Suelita to Frankel, having already produced a Listed winner in the Broghie Man and a Listed placed filly in Gloves Lynch. Soon after Chaldean was born in May 2020, his older half-brother Alkumait won the Group 2 Mill



CHALDEAN with groom Chetan Singh and connections after winning the Group 1 Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket

Reef Stakes at Newbury, and before he headed to the sales as a foal his half-sister Get Ahead had won her maiden on debut and run well in the Group 2 Queen Mary at Royal Ascot. This burgeoning pedigree, coupled with the sire power of Frankel and an exceptional physical, meant that Juddmonte had to go to 550,000gns to buy Chaldean as a foal, but he has repaid their investment in spades.

Wonderfully straightforward throughout his training, he made an encouraging debut at Newbury in June, staying on well into fifth and learning plenty. Returning to the Berkshire track two weeks later he duly got off the mark, beating a decent field which included subsequent Group 3 winner and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf runner-up Silver Knott. Stepped up to Group 3 class himself on his next start, Chaldean took the Acomb Stakes at York, racing prominently under Ryan Moore before putting the race to bed some three furlongs out. The Group 2 Champagne Stakes at Doncaster was a three-runner affair on soft ground, but Chaldean could do no more than win it, and that he did, cruising clear under Frankie Dettori and extending his winning margin over Acomb second Indestructible to three and a half lengths, with Silver Knott labouring on the ground in third. As one would expect, the Group 1 Dewhurst was a tougher affair, with Tattersalls Stakes winner and Juddmonte team-mate Nostrum vying for favouritism with Chaldean. Ridden with complete confidence by Frankie, Chaldean missed the break but quickly recovered to take up his customary front-running position and set strong fractions. He showed a great attitude to repel the sustained challenges of Royal Scotsman and Nostrum to win by a head, providing us with a first win in this influential juvenile race. The 2,000 Guineas will be his first main target for next year, with the possibility of the Greenham back at Newbury as a prep run. He is a phenomenally exciting horse to have in the yard.

Whilst it was marvellous to have a top-class horse for Juddmonte in their first year with the yard, it was also very satisfying to unearth an elite performer for long-term

supporters King Power. **The Foxes** was perhaps an easy pick for bloodstock agent Al Donald at the yearling sales, being a half-brother to Park House star Bangkok and the most gorgeous physical specimen. Like Chaldean, he made his debut at Newbury and also ran well without winning, in a field containing subsequent Canadian Grade 1 winner Mysterious Night and subsequent Group 2 Vintage Stakes winner Marbaan. The Foxes had shown enough to tackle the Listed Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot on his second start, but a tardy start and quick ground meant that he failed to shine. At Goodwood, however, he showed his true colours, winning the Class 2 Maiden under David Probert despite racing keenly in the early stages. He had a decent gap before reappearing in the Group 2 Royal Lodge Stakes at Newmarket but in the meantime had obviously done some growing up at home, as he settled well under David at the back of the four-runner field despite a very steady pace. Angled in for his effort after the three furlong pole, he handled the dip well before continuing to find up the hill, winning by half a length. The form of the race could hardly have worked out better, with the second Dubai Mile going on to win the Group 1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud on his next start and the third, Flying Honours, taking the Group 3 Zetland Stakes. The Dante Stakes at York looks to be the most likely starting point for The Foxes next term, and he holds entries in both the Derby at Epsom and its French equivalent.

Jonathan Palmer-Brown's **Holguin** also made his debut at Newbury but his was a winning one, and gave us our first two-year-old winner from our first two-year-old runner. Having run well to be second to Persian Force in a Conditions event back at Newbury on his next start, he struggled in the Coventry at Royal Ascot but in hindsight possibly needed a bit more time to grow into his sizeable frame. Given a decent midsummer break, he returned with two excellent performances, finishing third in the

Weatherbys £300,000 2yo Stakes at Doncaster (a race we won with Harrow last year) and then second in the Listed 2yo Trophy at Redcar, both times behind the exciting Cold Case. The form of the Doncaster race is working out well and Holguin looks the type to continue to fly the flag for his hot young sire Havana Grey.

Bought at the Breeze-Up Sales by Jake Warren for Sheikh Isa, **Chateau** is by Havana Gold, the sire of Havana Grey, and broke his maiden on his second start when winning at Beverley, before faring best of our two-year-olds at Royal Ascot when fourth in the Listed Windsor Castle Stakes. He then won at Listed level in the Rose Bowl Stakes at Newbury under William Buick despite meeting all sorts of trouble in running, before running well to place in two Group 2s – the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood and the Gimcrack Stakes at York. He has since been sold to race on in Hong Kong, whilst Javier Maldonado's **Tostado**, by first season sire Kessaar, has been sold to race in America. He beat the progressive Cold Case when winning a Conditions event at Chester on just his second start, before finding only the still-unbeaten Streets Of Gold too good in the Tattersalls Ireland sales race at the Curragh.

The yard has done well with the progeny of first season sires this term. **Glenfinnan**, the Mariscottis' son of Harry Angel, looks a smart prospect having finished second in the prestigious Convivial Maiden at York on his second start (a race we won with Hoo Ya Mal in 2021) before running out an easy winner at Yarmouth under Ryan Moore. We have a clutch of nice colts by Cracksman, including Sultan Ali's **Ndaawi**, who won his maiden at Goodwood and the Derby 'Wild Card' Conditions Stakes at Epsom before finding conditions too soft at Longchamp in October. **Lieber Power** is by Cracksman and out of a Group placed mare who has already produced German 2000 Guineas winner Fearless King, Group 3 Sceptre Stakes winner Just Beautiful and Grade 1 Belmont Oaks winner McKulick. He



THE FOXES landing the Group 2 Royal Lodge Stakes at Newmarket

has always impressed at home and did the same on the track when winning at Kempton on his second start.

Tweenhills Stud have had a good year with their first season stallions, Zoustar and Roaring Lion, and we have had winners by both. David Howden's **Zu Run** found things very easy when winning a novice at Chelmsford under David Probert on his second start and ran well under a penalty when second at Kempton on his next start, whilst the filly **My Lion**, having been green on debut at Yarmouth, made light work of a Fillies' Novice at Windsor for Qatar Racing second time out.

Of course, the established sires have also been responsible for some good juveniles this year. Jeff Smith's homebred **Galactic Jack** is from one of Galileo's last few crops and looked good when winning a Class 2 maiden over ten furlongs at Goodwood on his second start. He was a little disappointing in the Zetland next time out, but he stays all day and should come into his own over



STORMBUSTER with David Probert, Ellie Morrison and Jeff Smith in the Newbury winner's enclosure

longer trips next term. **Stormbuster**, another Jeff Smith homebred but by 2022 Champion sire Dubawi, took a little time to get off the mark but had run well in defeat on his first three starts, including when second to Flying Honours in the Listed Stonehenge Stakes at Salisbury. He then shed his maiden tag in style, winning the Haynes, Hanson & Clark Conditions Stakes at Newbury by some five lengths under David Probert. Although he disappointed in the Group 1 Vertem Futurity at Doncaster on his final start of the year, he ended up racing on his own in the closing stages on what was very testing ground. He remains a nice prospect for next year. Fellow son of Dubawi **Syndicated** had looked very sharp in the Spring but he too took a little while to get off the mark, winning at Wolverhampton in August on his third start. He will now race on in America for his owners My Racehorse and Andrew Rosen, where he should do well.

Stormbuster is a full brother to Juddmonte International winner Arabian



SISYPHUS STRENGTH with groom Alfie Redman and connections after winning her maiden at Nottingham

Queen and so is closely related to the smart filly **Frankness**, who is out of a half-sister to Arabian Queen. Having gone close on debut at Newmarket in July Frankness then won twice at Chester, by three and a quarter lengths under Rob Hornby and then by double that distance under Harry Davies. She ran rather flat in the Group 2 May Hill at Doncaster but that was her fourth start in two months, and she is now enjoying a good break. **Arabian Storm** is a son of Arabian Queen by Kingman, and looked a winner in waiting when beaten just a neck at Newmarket on his only start this term, with the third, fourth and fifth all having won next time. He is not the only nice prospect we have by Kingman, who is also responsible for **Leadman**, a Juddmonte homebred out of Group 3 winner Big Break who went close on both his starts, picking up an injury at Newbury second time out but now back in training and looking good. **Sisyphus Strength**, Sheikh Nasser's daughter of Kingman, was a stylish winner at Nottingham under David Egan in September before finishing fourth in the Listed Montrose Stakes at Newmarket despite a slow start and trouble in running.

Chasseral is another Juddmonte homebred but by the Darley sire Exceed and Excel. She placed on her first three starts before breaking her maiden at Newcastle by some four and a half lengths under Paul Mulrennan. She has recently returned from holiday, whilst **Vermilion**, a winner at Newmarket for Highclere Thoroughbred Racing on her third start, is currently away but will return ready to resume her progress next Spring. The yard has a good record with



CHASSERAL scores under the lights at Newcastle



VERMILION wins at Newmarket for Highclere Racing

juvenile daughters of No Nay Never and that has continued this term with **Opera Forever**, who won on heavy ground at Newbury under PJ McDonald in October and **Clochette**, a homebred of Sheikh Obaid's who went close at Newbury on debut in June before justifying odds-on favouritism at Ascot under Andrea Atzeni on her second start. A setback has kept her off the track since but she is back in training now.

The Sir Percy filly **Feyha** won at Newcastle on handicap debut for owners Ellipsis before selling in October, whilst **Vetiver** was a winner at Beverley on her second start and should continue to do well for owner-breeders Cheveley Park Stud next term. Kirsten Rausing has had two homebred juvenile winners, both daughters of Sandrine's sire, Bobby's Kitten. **Mlle Chanel** was impressive when winning at Chester on debut in June and finished mid-division at Listed level at Sandown next time out after an awkward start. She has needed a bit of time since but is from a good family who tend to progress with age. **Spring Day** has always been a bit quirky but overcame a difficult draw and early greenness to win well at Chelmsford on debut in September, and should have plenty more to offer next term. Perhaps our most exciting filly at this stage, however, is Weldspec Glasgow Limited's **Sea Of Roses**, who bumped into the talented Arrest (later just touched off in a Group 1 in France) on debut at Ffos Las before winning over a mile at Doncaster under Hayley Turner on her second start. Handling the heavy ground well, she



VETIVER wins at Beverley for Cheveley Park Stud

showed a great attitude to stick to her task despite racing on her own in the closing stages, and beat a well-bred newcomer in the process. By German Derby winner Sea The Moon and closely related to Desert Icon, a Group 3 winner in Australia, she might yet develop into an Oaks filly.

Opulence Thoroughbreds have a nice colt in **Celtic Champion**, a half-brother to smart sprinter Dragon Symbol. Having placed in good company at Windsor in June and Goodwood in July, he got the job done at Salisbury in August, winning by almost three lengths under Jason Watson. A big, good-moving horse, he struggled with the tight bends at Chester on handicap debut, not helping his cause by over-racing in the early stages, and he can get back to winning ways on a more conventional track next term. Fellow sprinter **Rajwaan** made his last juvenile start a winning one, justifying favouritism at Southwell in November, whilst Simon Davies' homebred



CELTIC CHAMPION wins at Salisbury for Opulence Thoroughbreds

Havanazam improved with every start to get off the mark at Wolverhampton in October at the third time of asking. Already staying the extended nine furlongs well, he should be a fun horse in staying races next year. **Matching Sox** won at Kempton on his first start for the Pink Hat Partnership (although not on his first trip to the racecourse, having played up in the stalls at Chelmsford previously), and has been gelded following his run in the Goffs UK sales race at York. That will have done him the world of good and he should be ready to go again early in the New Year.

As ever, there are a host of juveniles who are yet to win but have impressed in defeat, with **Relentless Voyager**, **The Goat**, **Frequent Flyer**, **Grenham Bay** and **Ribal** immediately springing to mind amongst the colts, and the Cheveley Park pair **Therapist** and **Eleanor Cross** amongst the fillies. There will be many more who have been too green to show their true ability to date, and others who are yet to make the track but could be the next Coltrane! In any event Kingsclere looks set for another exciting season in 2023... ■

THE SEASON IN NUMBERS

1st January 2022 – 29th November 2022

	WINS	RUNS	% SR	2NDS	3RDS	4THS	TOTAL £
UK	133	903	15	137	126	132	4,589,061
FOREIGN	1	13	8	2	2	1	295,266
TOTALS	134	916	15	139	128	133	4,884,327

MONTH BY MONTH

MONTH	WINS	RUNS	% SR
January	7	33	21
February	4	17	24
March	10	40	25
April	12	100	12
May	15	106	14
June	16	119	13
July	21	132	16
August	14	118	12
September	23	125	18
October	7	86	8
November	4	27	15

TOP TEN EARNERS

1	Chaldean	£495,156
2	Alcohol Free	£469,777
3	Coltrane	£385,160
4	Hoo Ya Mal	£364,648
5	Sandrine	£185,468
6	Bounce The Blues	£172,637*
7	Masekela	£122,659
8	Achelois	£97,531
9	Fox Tal	£91,789*
10	Nate The Great	£88,483

TOP TEN JOCKEYS

		WINS	RUNS	% SR
1	David Probert	52	338	15
2	Callum Hutchinson	12	53	23
3	William Buick	10	35	29
4	Harry Davies	8	68	12
5	Rob Hornby	6	62	10
5	Jason Watson	6	41	15
7	Tom Queally	4	12	33
7	P J McDonald	4	20	20
7	Joshua Bryan	4	33	12
10	Ryan Moore	3	13	23

GROUP BY GROUP

	WINS	RUNS	% SR
2yo	36	214	17
3yo	56	385	15
4yo+	41	304	13
TURF	89	637	14
AW	44	266	17
5-7f	54	310	17
8f+	79	593	13



The season's top jockey **DAVID PROBERT** with Barbara Keller, Chris Hannaford and Bounce The Blues in Milan

TOP TEN TRACKS

		WINS	RUNS	% SR
1	Lingfield Park (AW)	11	48	23
2	Chester	9	44	20
2	Goodwood	9	66	14
2	Wolverhampton (AW)	9	47	19
5	Doncaster	8	29	28
5	Kempton (AW)	8	82	10
5	Newbury	8	66	12
8	Newmarket (Rowley)	7	54	13
8	Southwell (AW)	7	27	26
10	Epsom	6	27	22

*Includes International

TOP TEN TIMEFORM (2yo)

1	Chaldean	118
2	The Foxes	106p
3	Chateau	99+
4	Stormbuster	98
5	Holguin	97
5	Ndaawi	97
7	Leadman	96p
8	Tostado	95
9	Arabian Storm	91p
10	Glenfinnan	89p

TOP TEN TIMEFORM (3yo+)

1	Alcohol Free	123
2	Coltrane	120
3	Hoo Ya Mal	119
4	King's Lynn	116
5	Happy Power	114
5	Shine So Bright	114
7	Berkshire Shadow	113
7	Sandrine	113
9	Bounce The Blues	111
9	Masekela	111

BUSY BEES – MOST RUNS

Sir Henry Cotton	12
Notre Belle Bete	11
Nate The Great	10
Australian Angel	10
Mercurius Power	10
Stone Of Destiny	10
Coltrane	9
Scampi	9
Good Birthday	9
Melody Of Life	9
Attache	9
Virtuoso	9



ALCOHOL FREE was our highest rated in the 3yo+ division



Our top earner and top rated 2yo CHALDEAN winning the Acomb at York

THE 2022 12 TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

The 12 To Follow Competition for 2022 has been won by the White Family, so congratulations go to Leanne, Ben, Rupert, and Jemima whose 12 horses all got points on the board, with Scampi as their top scorer with 39 points. Well done also to Suzanne Woolley in second place, Daren Cheverton who finished in third and Alfie Redman in fourth, and many thanks to everyone who entered this year's competition.

The prize money is divided as follows:-

1st £929.50 2nd £422.50 3rd £253.50 4th £84.50 Last place £10

1 WHITE FAMILY	229
2 SUZANNE WOOLLEY	219
3 DAREN CHEVERTON (A)	215

4 Alfie Redman	214	38 Laura Wooldridge	173	74 Jeremy Carey	151
5 Janice Mariscotti	210	40 Harriet Bradley	172	75 Brian Jennick	150
6 Will Carver (A)	208	40 Ryan Garrod	172	76 Rachel Davies (A)	149
7 Tessa Hetherington	207	42 Angie & Lorraine (B)	170	76 Rachael Holmes	149
8 Rob Bettaney	203	42 Millie Parrington	170	78 Missy & Betty Clarke	148
8 A Johnson/G Bounds (A)	203	42 Hayley Turner	170	79 K Derbyshire (A)	146
10 Toby Balding	202	45 James Campbell-Gray	169	79 Batt Dillon (A)	146
11 Florence Balding	200	45 Valerie Slade	169	79 Jonathan Palmer-Brown	146
11 K Derbyshire (B)	200	47 Charlie Richards	168	82 Nick Rhoades	145
11 Stephen Woolley (A)	200	47 Billie Robinson-Gay	168	83 Measures Family	144
14 Sharon Woolley	196	49 Will Carver (B)	167	83 Michael Payton	144
15 Angie Cheshire (C)	194	49 Felicity Simpson	167	85 Ben Corke	143
16 Andrew Balding	192	49 Pippa Tuthill	167	85 Dr & Mrs D O'Brien (A)	143
16 Macie Harris (A)	192	52 Angie Cheshire (A)	166	85 Susannah Jeffery	143
18 Gary Richards	191	52 A Johnson/G Bounds (B)	166	85 D Powell	143
19 Charlotte Clarke	190	52 Angie & Lorraine (A)	166	89 Janice Friend	140
19 Susan Gay	190	52 Martin Slade	166	90 Graham Jones	139
19 Kathleen Maher	190	56 Anna Lisa Balding	165	91 Emma Langley	138
22 Sue Ellen (A)	189	56 Ben Tillet	165	92 John Feane	137
23 Lois Day	187	58 Julia Reardon Smith	164	92 Jan Lees	137
24 Clive Stansby (A)	185	59 Rachel Davies (B)	162	94 Gary Rhoades	136
25 Angie Cheshire (D)	184	59 Mary Gee	162	95 Clive Stansby (B)	135
25 Macie Harris (B)	184	61 Maddy O'Meara (B)	161	96 Adrian Hodgkins (A)	134
27 Jeff Smith	183	61 M G Wooldridge	161	96 Simon Humphries (A)	134
28 Paul Morkan (A)	182	63 Laura Spickett	159	98 Angus McPhee	133
29 Bob Humphreys (A)	181	64 Pip Elson	158	98 Sue Watson	133
29 David Mackinnon	181	64 Sam Geake	158	98 Stephen Woolley (B)	133
29 Maddy O'Meara (A)	181	66 Barney Hetherington	157	101 Emma Balding	132
32 Diana Magalhaes	178	67 Bridget O'Meara	156	101 Scott Mcjarrow (B)	132
32 Paul Morkan (B)	178	68 Gary Boon	155	103 Michael Bettaney (B)	131
34 Chloe Cheverton	175	68 Daren Cheverton (B)	155	103 Richard Dangar	131
35 Stuart Mcphee	174	70 Sam Gay	154	103 Ella Mackinnon	131
35 Jamie Richards	174	70 Josh Gay	154	106 Lysander Campbell-Gray	130
35 Anne Soul	174	72 Dr & Mrs D O'Brien (B)	152	106 Avril Elson	130
38 Mick Mariscotti	173	72 T Freeman	152	108 Scott McJarow (A)	129

108	Maggie Robinson-Gay	129	128	Ray Vickery	119	151	Stuart Friend	100
108	Matthew & Emily Slade	129	131	David Brotherton	118	152	B Broughton	99
108	Paul Spickett	129	131	Al Donald	118	153	Daisy Mackinnon	95
108	Julian Walker	129	131	Simon Humphries (B)	118	154	Kiki Gronifillo	93
113	Anne Bettaney	128	134	Doug McClelland	117	154	Iris Hoare	93
114	Jon Rea	127	135	Alexandra Guy	116	156	I A Balding	92
115	Des Oates	126	136	Sally Jinks	115	156	Adrian Hodgkins (B)	92
116	Batt Dillon (B)	125	137	Peter Box (A)	114	156	Roger Michaelson	92
116	David Gay	125	137	Mark Hutchinson	114	159	Dr & Mrs D O'Brien (C)	90
118	Sally Phipps Hornby	124	137	Laurence Jinks	114	160	Angie Cheshire (B)	89
119	Jenny Arlington	123	137	Jane Pearson	114	160	Sue Ellen (B)	89
119	Nieces of Tess	123	137	Becci Thompson	114	162	Bob Humphries (C)	86
121	Ray Horne (B)	122	142	Terry Friend	113	163	Peter Lumley	84
121	Liam Pilkington	122	143	Michael Bettaney (A)	112	164	Armando F Gronifillo	82
123	Mac & Boris Balding	121	144	Jamie Mackinnon	110	165	John Knight	80
123	Monika Bergauer	121	145	Javier Maldonado	105	166	Ray Horne (A)	77
123	John Gale	121	146	Michael Fowler	104	167	Barbara Bullion	74
123	Fiona Hutchinson	121	146	John Soul	104	167	Bob Humphreys (B)	74
127	Alysoun Carey	120	148	Simon Gee	103	169	Ray Horne (C)	73
128	Kelly Mcsorley	119	149	Hen Watson	102	170	Nicky Randall	60
128	Rachel Rodman	119	150	Gordon Ireland	101			



Leading horse COLTRANE with Mick & Janice Mariscotti and groom Ryan Gradwell

TOP SCORING HORSES

COLTRANE	57
AUSTRALIAN ANGEL	47
CHALDEAN	46
WHIMSY	43
BOUNCE THE BLUES	40



Second highest scorer AUSTRALIAN ANGEL with groom Archie Burgess

SELECTIONS OF THE LEADERS

White Family

Masekela	16
Virtuoso	17
Sandrine	22
Groundbreaker	16
Conflict	32
Eikonix	22
Scampi	39
Frequent Flyer	12
Glenfinnan	17
Constitution	6
Tostado	16
Syndicated	14

Suzanne Woolley

Good Birthday	30
Hoo Ya Mal	21
Oo De Lally	6
Spirit Mixer	38
City Streak	37
Koy Koy	6
Sir Henry Cotton	37
Berkshire Phantom	14
Arabian Storm	6
The Foxes	23
Torre Del Oro	1
Beldale Star	0

Daren Cheverton (A)

Auriferous	11
Bounce The Blues	40
King's Lynn	19
Silence Please	6
Typewriter	10
Teumessias Fox	12
Spirit Mixer	38
Holguin	28
Berkshire Cruz	4
Vermilion	18
Glenfinnan	17
Frequent Flyer	12

WILLIAM BUICK

PARK HOUSE PRODIGY

by Cornelius Lysaght

When I think of William Buick, I don't immediately think of cool-head William and Charlie Appleby gobbling up Group One prizes practically for breakfast; nor William and those fruitful years with the Gosdens; nor even of the highly productive early part of his career at Kingsclere and that most historic of moments when sharing the apprentices' title in 2008 with fellow 'Park Houser' David Probert.

No, I think of William and sandwiches.

And not just any old specimen with tired lettuce leaves flopping over the sides but neat, crustless oblongs with just the right amount of cheese and pickle to avoid awkward spillages that journalists are lucky enough to be served at Newbury in the fifth-floor media centre with its fabulous views across the track's sweeping bends and long straights.

Because at a time when future exploits on stars like Masar and Adayar, Nathaniel and The Fugue and a great Balding favourite of mine Buccellati – his first Group winner, in the Group 3 St Simon Stakes on that same course in 2008 – remained the stuff of dreams, a probably eleven or twelve-year-old William and his two younger brothers became Newbury press-room regulars when visiting their formbook-compiling father Walter, the Scottish-born, eight-time Scandinavian champion jockey, during school holidays from Norway where they lived with their mother Maria.



After winning the Epsom Derby on Masar in 2018

Judged by a lowest riding weight in the last twelve months of 8 stone 7 pounds its doubtful bread plays much part in the new champion jockey's diet in the 2020s, but in those days it's probably fair to say that you needed to be quickly out of the proverbial stalls and to demonstrate a fair amount of early pace to lay upsides the Buick boys in the run to the food counter when the sarnies appeared (though to be fair the same applied to some of the hungrier of the hacks).

And although dinosaurs bristle at the sight of the latest Racing Post newcomer making his or her on-course debut



William with Bounce The Blues and groom Shannon James at Doncaster in September

let alone the (well-behaved) children of a colleague, the three Buicks were quickly accepted a) because Newbury managers are ever-generous hosts, and there is plenty to go around, and b) because these boys were genuinely engaging.

So while W Buick (7) was being launched on an unsuspecting general public with a first ride at Brighton in August 2006 on good old Tiny Tim (which, it's amazing to think, provided invaluable grounding for easily a dozen fledgling Kingsclere jockeys including

Buick and David Probert) we in the racing media felt we were already in the know.

Over the cheese and pickle, there had been lots of talk of riding out from an early age and of one day scaling the sorts of heights that he has indeed achieved, so just as everyone at Park House has been as pleased as Punch at producing another champion, members of the pressroom I chatted to at Newbury on the day of the recent Coral Gold Cup – the old Hennessy – reflected on those long-gone days with a nearly equal amount of delight, one or two of the older brigade a touch misty-eyed too I thought.

As well as his skills in the saddle and superb judgment in a race, what always impressed me about William is how easily he slotted in.

Being the latest rising star has its pitfalls as the previous bright young things look around warily at those who are quite likely about to try to sneak up their inners, but it was clear all would be well when I watched on alongside a seasoned pro as an eighteen-year-old Buick returned after winning the Wokingham Handicap at Royal Ascot – his and also Andrew's first victory at the Royal meeting – in 2007 on Dark Missile, owned by Jeff Smith and bred at Littleton Stud.

'That's an apprentice who asks and listens,' said the old-timer. 'When I said something to him about a race the other day, you won't believe it but he actually thanked me. That boy is going places.'

And where he went is pretty much history, and happily continues to be so.

Some champions find the title race has taken so much out of them that they don't really fancy another go, but William's wide-margin success at a canter and his assertion on QIPCO British Champions Day that 'I've loved every minute of it' bodes well for a future, delicious showdown with another Park House graduate in ex-champion Oisín Murphy.

That should be quite something, something on which I and media colleagues cannot wait to report. ■

Kingsclere Racing Club



A beautiful morning on the gallops

Kingsclere Racing Club members got together for the End of Season Party at the end of November to celebrate what has been another very successful season, with nine winners representing our best tally since 2019.



The End Of Season party at the Bel & Dragon in Kingsclere



Martin & Valerie Slade receiving a winner's prize from George Baker at the recent party

Away from the racecourse, we enjoyed a wonderful visit to see Frankel, Kingman et al at Banstead Manor Stud in the July, whilst there have also been several glorious mornings on the gallops in Kingsclere.

2023 will see the Racing Club break new ground, with our first horse in training in the UK away from Kingsclere, a two year old with David Simcock. David started his career in racing as a pupil assistant to Ian and we look forward to visiting HQ next year, whilst a trip to Le Mans is also in the offing, not for the famous '24 Heures du Mans', but rather to see our Donjuan Triumphant filly in training with young French trainer Mathieu Brasmé.

There was a very good attendance from Club members to see our star Ranch Hand in action on his two starts back from a lengthy absence and it was a pleasure to see him run so well at Kempton Park on his latest outing. That performance has us keeping everything crossed for a repeat bid for the AW Marathon Championship Final on Good Friday that he won in 2021.



Some KRC members with two-time winner Whimsy

There are some lovely prospects amongst next year's three-year-olds, and we have a team of six two-year-olds joining the Club for 2023. Now entering our 16th year, it would be lovely to try and chase down the £2,000,000 prize-money target next year...there isn't too far to go!

The Kingsclere Racing Club is full for 2023, but we are accepting applications to join the waiting list for 2024. For further information, please contact Nathaniel Barnett on 07890 672435 or by email, admin@kingsclere.com



AWARDS



Spillers kindly sponsor our 'Employee of the Month Awards' through the turf season and the winners for the second half are as follows:

Archie Burgess for his consistently positive attitude, and riding & looking after his horses so well, including three-time winner Australian Angel.

Chloe Lindsay who has been very reliable, and for her efforts as the regular rider of some challenging sorts through the season.

Dan Baker for his hard work on the yard, especially with the two-year-old colts.

Barry Lewis who joined us this year and has quickly become a valuable member of the team.



Archie Burgess



Chloe Lindsay



Dan Baker



Barry Lewis

STAFF NEWS

Huge thanks to the whole team at Park House who have worked so hard all year resulting in another great season on the track, winning a record amount of domestic prize money, and some really exciting horses to look forward to in 2023.



Geoff Rigby receiving his Lifetime in Racing Award at Newbury Racecourse

At Newbury in October, Geoff Rigby was awarded Racing Welfare's Lifetime in Racing Award for the South. These annual awards recognise those who have devoted more than 30 years of their working lives to the British horseracing or Thoroughbred breeding industries, and Geoff is a deserving winner given he arrived at Kingsclere in 1968 and has been here ever since! He has looked after some top horses including Coventry Stakes winner Berkshire Shadow, and whilst he had to give up riding about 15 years ago, he continues to take great care over his horses and prides himself on their achievements.

Also at Newbury, the team again won the prize for the most Best Turned Out's in the season with 24 awards at



Archie Burgess and Alfie Redman accepting the prize on behalf of the team for the most Best Turned Out's at Newbury

our local track alone. Our horses are well known for being immaculately turned out and it is all thanks to the efforts of the individual grooms and travelling team.

Congratulations must also go to William Cox who rode out his claim at Salisbury in August. Will started at Park



Will Cox on stable favourite King's Lynn

House in September 2015 and has worked hard to reach this milestone. He was unfortunate to suffer a foot injury after an incident in the stalls this autumn, but he's now back in the saddle and we have every confidence he can continue to progress as a fully-fledged Professional.



Former Park House apprentice William Buick

Another William who began his career at Park House is William Buick, who became Champion Flat Jockey for the first time this year. This confirmed the faith we always had in him, and fulfilled a bet made by Ian Balding 21 years ago (which the Tote kindly agreed to honour), earning £5,000 which has been donated to the Injured Jockeys Fund. ■

