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Front cover: BERKSHIRE BREEZE and groom Ellie Morrison (Alice Musacci)

Back cover: *Heading home down the avenues* (*Tessa Hetherington*)

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INTRODUCTION

hilst winter is never the most enjoyable time to spend in a flat racing yard with the obvious hardships of dark mornings, cold or wet weather and fresh thoroughbreds to try and exercise safely, it seems this off-season has passed a little quicker than most.

For a yard with the good fortune to stable last year's Dewhurst and Royal Lodge winners the eagerly anticipated new turf season cannot come soon enough! Chaldean and The Foxes do not stand alone as reasons to be excited about the summer months as we are lucky enough to have great depth amongst the three-year-old crop and our intake of two-year-olds have already received rave reviews from our exercise riders.

The 2023 campaign has started on a strong note with 18 winners already posted at the time of writing. This is a testament to the investment we have made over the last couple of years to improve our all weather facilities at Park House, to complement the extensive grass gallops already in place. I now feel confident that we can provide the very best for horses at any time of year.

It has been great to welcome Oisin Murphy back to race riding and he has taken little time in getting back to the winners enclosure. His talent is undisputed and his fitness and desire to make amends are equally impressive. We have a fantastic team at Park House and everyone is important in whatever role they fill, and Oisin is as important as part of the team as anyone so it is particularly pleasing to have him back doing what he does best.

As hostile dark mornings give way to something altogether more welcoming, it really is the best time of the year with so many hopes and dreams still alive!



THE SEASON AHEAD Tessa Hetherington

A s the first daffodils begin to appear in Kingsclere gardens and verges, thoughts turn in earnest to the turf season ahead and the programme book becomes well-thumbed as early targets are pondered. Before outlining the initial plans for some of the yard's leading lights, however, we will reflect on the early months of 2023. At the time of writing these have yielded some 18 winners and a further 18 places to kickstart the tally, and much encouragement for the rest of the year.

The Season So Far

It has been so heartening to see yard favourite and allround good guy **Berkshire Rocco** return to form in recent months after a year off through injury. Having shown progression in two starts at Kempton at the backend of last term, he made a winning start to 2023 when taking a two mile Conditions event at Southwell in good style under Jason Watson. Returning to Kempton in February, he found only fellow Listed winner Earl Of Tyrone too good when flying home from the back of the pack over the same trip. He is qualified for the Marathon at the All Weather Championships and should have an excellent chance there, having shown his aptitude for the distance and for artificial surfaces, and with Earl Of Tyrone out of the picture having shipped to Australia after his Kempton win.



NATE THE GREAT with groom Attila Teglas and owners Nick and Bridget Drew in Saudi Arabia

Another popular stayer, **Nate The Great** finished fourth in last year's All Weather Marathon, in a strong season which saw him win three races including the Listed Rose Bowl Stakes at Newmarket on his final start of the year. In February he packed his bags and headed to Saudi Arabia with Maddy O'Meara and groom Attila Teglas for the valuable Red Sea Turf Handicap on the Saudi Cup undercard – a race in which we had finished second with Spanish Mission two years previously. Settling well under Oisin Murphy, Nate put in a typically tough performance to finish strongly up the outside and take fifth spot in a



BERKSHIRE BREEZE with David Probert, groom Ellie Morrison and owner Paul Spickett

competitive field, netting significant prizemoney for Mildmay Racing and Denis Caslon in the process. He is nominated for the Dubai Gold Cup at the World Cup meeting and, having taken so well to travelling, this could be next for him if he comes out of his Saudi sojourn well.

Berkshire Breeze began his four-year-old season having placed in six of his seven career starts but without a win to his name and, having finished second at Southwell on his reappearance in January, it looked like his frustrations might continue. The son of Mastercraftsman soon righted that wrong, however, racking up two wins on the bounce – both at Lingfield, both over a mile and a half, both under David Probert, and both with a winning margin of two and half lengths! The form of these races looks solid and the manner of his victories suggests there is plenty more to come from this likeable grey, who has since been sold to race on in Australia.

Fellow four-year-old **Aztec Empire** began the year with only two starts under his belt, although he had placed in both of them. Not to be outdone by Berkshire Breeze, however, he too has won twice already this term.



AZTEC EMPIRE is now a dual winner at Kempton Park

He made a mockery of his opponents in a Novice over a mile and a half at Kempton in January, winning by some seven lengths when eased up under David Probert. He ran rather flat at Southwell next time out but showed his true colours again when returning to Kempton, this time over two miles, beating a decent field of seasoned performers in comprehensive fashion under Oisin Murphy. The most gorgeous looking horse, his obvious promise as a stayer is bad news for my own secret aspirations to compete him as a show horse, but good news for his owner Sheikh Isa and other connections!

The Kingsclere Racing Club has had a good start to the year, with **Ring Fenced** getting her first win on handicap debut at Kempton in early January, staying on well over



RING FENCED scoring under David Probert for the Kingsclere Racing Club

eleven furlongs under David Probert. She was a little disappointing at Southwell next time, but she remains lightly raced and should be able to build on her win back on turf. **Urban Outlook** is a full brother to KRC star Urban Aspect and he looked useful when winning a ten furlong maiden at Lingfield under David Probert in March on his third start. Fellow Kingsclere homebred **Cello** had always caught the eye at home as a two-year-old and, after two educational runs over a mile in the autumn, he flourished when upped to a mile and a half on his seasonal debut at Kempton, making virtually all to score by almost four lengths under David Probert. Still leggy and a little unfurnished, he looks like he still has significant improvement in him and so rates as an exciting prospect for the Club.

Another lovely prospect emerged on the same Kempton card in the shape of Juddmonte homebred filly **Floating Spirit**. Making her debut having just turned three, she passed two previous winners when powering home to score over seven furlongs under David Probert. The pair reappeared at Lingfield over a mile the following month and she went in again, defying a penalty and putting the race to bed over a furlong out. By Charm Spirit and out of a Listed winning half sister to Group 1 winner Zambezi Sun, she could be a Stakes filly. She also looks like she will stay further than a mile, and the Listed Pretty Polly Stakes over ten furlongs at Newmarket's Guineas meeting could suit her well as an early turf target. Juddmonte could easily have had another dual winning filly from Kingsclere already this year, as **Copy Artist** has been beaten by just a head



McLEAN HOUSE winning his Maiden at Kempton Park

on two occasions this term. With only three starts in her career to date, she will surely go one better soon.

Richard Wilmot-Smith's homebred McLean House made it into my two-year-old selections for the Twelve To Follow competition last year, having shown plenty of promise in his early work. Injury delayed his debut until this year, but he quickly justified my faith, finishing third after a slow start over six furlongs at Southwell in January before winning readily over seven at Kempton last month. By crack sprinter Dream Ahead and from a lovely family, he should continue to flourish this year. Whilst McLean House was always expected to do well, the same could not be said for **Desert Cop**, who shows very little at home. He made an inauspicious start at Southwell in early January but was then narrowly beaten over seven furlongs at Kempton before dropping back to six furlongs at the same track and winning well under David Probert. Out of five furlong Listed winner Speed Cop and a sibling to good sprinters Desert Law, Desert Command, Top Cop and Fair Cop, a further step back in trip could see him do better still. He might be one for the five furlong handicap at Royal Ascot.

Paul Spickett's Berkshire Parts and Panels No1 Fanclub have had five winners already this year, which is five more than they had in the entirety of 2022! In addition to the exploits of Berkshire Rocco and Berkshire Breeze, **Berkshire Phantom** has added two to the tally, winning a seven furlong Maiden at Southwell before following up on handicap debut at Wolverhampton over the same trip, both times in the hands of David Probert. Placed on all four of his starts last term, he had always shown promise,



SUDDEN AMBUSH after getting off the mark at Lingfield Park

but gelding and a break has helped him. Some of his form from last year is working out well and there should be more to come from this son of second-crop sire Expert Eve. Another second-crop sire doing well over the winter is Cracksman, and Sudden Ambush boosted his statistics when cruising home at Lingfield in January under David Probert. Placed twice in fair company last year, he went off as evens favourite but never gave his backers any cause for concern. He should continue to give his owner-breeder Mr Hamad Rashed Bin Ghedayer good days this term. The same is true of Bernie McGuire's Star Of Mayo, a son of Bobby's Kitten who progressed with each of three starts last term before winning a mile Novice at Lingfield in early January under Josh Bryan. Nothing really went right for him on handicap debut at Wolverhampton next time, and his run at Southwell at the end of February was too bad to be true and can hopefully be ignored.

Opulence Thoroughbred's **Celtic Champion** had won well at Salisbury on his third start as a two-year-old, following placed efforts at Windsor and Goodwood. He was a beaten favourite on handicap debut at Chester in



CELTIC CHAMPION at Lingfield with connections from Opulence Thoroughbreds

September and again on reappearance at Southwell in January, but he returned to winning ways over six furlongs at Lingfield in February. A tardy start helped him settle under Josh Bryan and he stayed on well in the straight to win with a bit in hand, beating a field full of in-form horses. He should be able to build on this in the coming months.

The Season Ahead

With thoughts turning to the first Classics of the year, Dewhurst winner **Chaldean** carries the hopes of us all for a repeat of Kameko's memorable 2020 success in the Group 1 2,000 Guineas, although he will also hold entries in the Irish and French equivalents to keep all options open. Unbeaten in all his starts bar his debut last year, he has done well over the winter and Andrew is beginning to step up his work (much to the relief of his riders, to whom he has advertised his wellness through some impressive displays of exuberance!). The plans are for him to take in one of the traditional prep races for the Guineas, with the Greenham at Newbury the most likely candidate. He has plenty of speed on his dam side but Frankel is a good stamina influence as a sire, meaning Chaldean should get the mile at Newmarket without issue. The bigger field should also suit, and he has already proven that he is pretty versatile when it comes to the ground. He is a tremendously exciting prospect for the yard and for his owners, Juddmonte.

Our second entry in the 2,000 Guineas is Jeff Smith's homebred **Arabian Storm**. He is very unexposed, having been limited to one start at the backend of his two-year-old year, but he ran very well that day to be beaten by only a neck. His form is working out well with the third, fourth and fifth placed horses in that race all winning their next starts, and he is bred to be good, being by Irish 2000 Guineas winner Kingman (second in the Newmarket Guineas) and out of Juddmonte International winner Arabian Queen. He will probably run in a Maiden or Novice prior to the turf season and, if all goes well, will then tackle a trial.



THE FOXES (Oisin Murphy, far side) and THE GOAT (Charlie Richards, near side)

King Power's **The Foxes** is a half-brother to our 2019 Derby contender Bangkok and from an excellent middle distance family. Although his sire Churchill was best at a mile, he was second over ten furlongs in a Juddmonte International and has already sired a top class mile and a half performer in Arc second Vadeni. The winner of the Group 2 Royal Lodge last year, beating subsequent Group 1 winner Dubai Mile, The Foxes is likely to head to York for the Dante as his preparation for the Epsom Classic. It is possible that King Power might have more than one Kingsclere representative in the race, with impressive Kempton juvenile winner **Lieber Power** and recent Lingfield second **Legacy Power** also retaining entries.



GLENFINNAN (Rob Hornby, far side) and LIEBER POWER (David Probert, near side)

Lieber Power is a half-brother to Belmont Oaks winner McKulick and by Cracksman, who was third in the Derby before winning the Coronation Cup over the same course and distance the following year. He is likely to take in the Kentucky Derby Trial race at Kempton before heading to the Listed Burradon Stakes at Newcastle in early April. Legacy Power is a big horse who has taken some time to come to hand but he has always been well regarded at home and made a very encouraging start recently when second over a mile and a half, despite obvious greenness on a track that would not have been ideal for him. By Time Test, his half-sister was third in the Oaks and he could yet develop into a Classic contender.

Dual juvenile winner **Ndaawi** has a place in the Derby field by virtue of his victory in the Derby 'Wild Card' Conditions Stakes at Epsom last year – one of his two wins as a juvenile. He didn't handle the very heavy ground



NDAAWI and Jack Fox

in the Group 1 Criterium de Saint Cloud on his final start of 2022 but he is unlikely to encounter that at Epsom. He will be aimed at one of the Derby trials and we will know more about Sultan Ali's son of Cracksman after that. Haynes, Hanson & Clark winner Stormbuster does not currently hold a Derby entry but shapes as if he will be suited by a mile and a half and is likely to target the Epsom Derby Trial, which is a 'win and you're in' race for the main event. His mother was a dual winner of the Lancashire Oaks and his father. Dubawi, was third in the Derby, so he has the credentials for the race if he continues to progress. Fellow Jeff Smith owned colt Galactic Jack won well at Goodwood over ten furlongs last year and looks a proper stayer in the making. He may well run in a Derby trial but is probably more of a candidate for the Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot, a race we won in 2019 with Dashing Willoughby after he had placed in the Chester Vase.

Mick and Janice Mariscotti will be hoping that **Glenfinnan** gives them as much fun in his three-year-old season as Dashing Willoughby did in his. Second in the Convivial at York before making light work of a Yarmouth maiden over a mile, he is likely to start off in the Kentucky Derby trial race at Chelmsford in early April before hopefully stepping up into Stakes company. **Zu Run** is another we hope will develop into a Stakes horse at three, David Howden's son



GALACTIC JACK and Jason Smitsdorff

of Zoustar (a half-brother to Listed winner Nymphadora), having shown good form last year. He is likely to start out in the Class 2 Handicap over seven furlongs at Newbury's Greenham meeting, a race we won with Happy Power in 2019. **Holguin** already has Stakes form, having finished a very solid juvenile campaign with a second in the Listed Two-Year-Old Trophy at Redcar in October, and he should be a really fun horse for owner Jonathan Palmer-Brown this term. **Leadman**, who showed great promise in his two runs last year and in his work at home, has unfortunately met with a setback which will rule him out of the early part of the turf season, but we hope he will be able to realise his obvious potential from midsummer onwards.

The three-year-old fillies with firmer early season targets include **Clochette**, winner of her second start at Ascot last term – a race that looks to be working out reasonably well. Bred by her owner Sheikh Mohammed Obaid, she is pencilled in for the Group 3 Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury in April (the race in which Alcohol Free began her three-year-old campaign). By No Nay Never out of a six furlong winner, her pedigree suggests she may not stay further than the seven furlongs she will tackle there, but we



CLOCHETTE and Will Cox



COLTRANE under regular rider Chrissy Hannaford

should learn plenty about her future from that run, and she holds an entry in the 1,000 Guineas to keep that option open. Jeff Smith's **Frankness** has a bit more stamina in her family, being by Frankel and out of a sister to Arabian Queen, but she struggled over a mile in the Group 2 May Hill last term after two impressive victories over seven furlongs at Chester. She is likely to resume her racing over seven in the Group 3 Nell Gwyn at Newmarket's Craven meeting and it could be that she drops back to proper sprint trips in due course. Sprinting is also on the cards for Juddmonte's Newcastle winner **Chasseral**, for whom Andrew has in mind the Listed Chelmer Stakes over six furlongs at Chelmsford in late April, though she will start out in a handicap on route to that target.

Weldspec's Sea Of Roses won over a mile on heavy ground last year and has plenty of stamina in both sides of her pedigree. She has done extremely well over the winter and could shape up into an Oaks filly. An early sojourn to France is on the cards for her, with the French ground and the extended ten furlongs of the Group 3 Prix Penelope at Saint Cloud in early April likely to play to her strengths. Nottingham winner Sisyphus Strength, a daughter of Sea The Stars, should also improve for going up in trip and could start out in either the Cheshire Oaks or the Lingfield Oaks trial for Victorious Racing. Despite being by No Nay Never, Newbury winner Opera Forever should stay ten furlongs, being out of the Galileo mare Opera Gal who won three Listed contests for Park House over that trip and further, but she needs to learn to settle better before any firm plans are made for her. Kirsten Rausing's MIle Chanel, a good winner at Chester on debut before an awkward start hindered her at Listed level at Sandown, has done very well for an extended break. She should be a Stakes filly at three but will probably start out in a Novice to hone her fitness and give her some confidence. Qatar Racing's My Lion is another who looks to have improved plenty as she has matured over the winter months and should be able to build on her Windsor win. She too is likely to reappear in Novice company before hopefully moving on to better things. We hope to have a good year for Cheveley Park with their trio of three-year-old fillies, Beverley winner **Vetiver** and placed juveniles **Therapist** and **Eleanor Cross**, with all three being bred to improve with age and a step up in distance.

Amongst the older horses Coltrane was one of last year's superstars, winning the Ascot Stakes, the Listed Coral Marathon, the Group 2 Doncaster Cup and going agonisingly close in the British Champions Long Distance Cup back at Ascot. He has wintered well and all early roads will lead to the Berkshire track for the Gold Cup at the Royal meeting in June. He is likely to take in the Group 3 Henry II Stakes at Sandown as a prep race, perhaps preceded by either the Sagaro Stakes at Ascot or the Yorkshire Cup at Doncaster. Fellow stayer **Ranch Hand** is unfortunately once again on the side lines with a setback, but Spirit **Mixer** has returned from a break in good order and is likely to kick off his five-year-old campaign with a trip to Scotland for the Queen's Cup at Musselburgh on Easter Saturday. Three times a winner last term and also a memorable second to Trueshan in the Northumberland Plate, he will target all the valuable staying handicaps this year.

Group 3 winner Foxes Tales had rather lost his mojo by the end of last year, but a gelding operation and a holiday seems to have rejuvenated him. He ran a cracker on seasonal debut to be a fast-finishing third in the Winter Derby at Lingfield under Rob Hornby on just his second start on the All Weather. On turf he is at his best with give in the ground so his campaign will be dictated by the weather to some extent, but we are excited to see what he can achieve with his new outlook on life! Derby fourth Masekela was also gelded in the autumn and Andrew is very pleased with his progress to date this year. He ran over a variety of trips last year but will probably start out over ten furlongs this term, perhaps in the Group 3 Earl Of Sefton Stakes at Newmarket's Craven meeting. Masekela finished second to **Eydon** in the Listed Feilden Stakes at last year's Craven meeting and we are delighted that the latter horse has now joined the yard for owner Prince A. A. Faisal. A big, imposing horse with tremendous presence, his high level of ability was shown not only in the Feilden but also when fourth in last year's 2000 Guineas, before a series of setbacks kept him off the track for the rest of the year. It is early days for



MASEKELA (Michael Cheshire, far side) and BERKSHIRE ROCCO (Millie Parrington, near side)



EYDON and Matti Penrice

him at Kingsclere but he is doing everything right so far and is an exciting addition to our team of older horses.

The middle-distance division of that team will include Groundbreaker, who ran well at Royal Ascot last year before twice being stakes placed. A high-class performer whose dam was best at four, he will start off in handicaps but should end up back in Stakes company this season. A line can probably be drawn through **Nobel**'s last start, which was out of kilter with everything he had shown at home and in his two previous races, both of which he had won impressively. He has had a good holiday and we hope he will revert to winning ways early on this year. Another who has done particularly well over the winter is Teumessias Fox, who ran well in two Ascot handicaps last year including the King George V Stakes at the Royal meeting. Gelding appears to have helped him settle and, whilst he will again have handicap options at the Royal meeting, he is another who could make the progression from handicapping to Stakes races.

We should have a strong team for the opening meeting of the turf season at Doncaster, with both Notre Belle Bete and Al Marmar holding entries for the Lincoln and Imperial Fighter pencilled in for the Listed Doncaster Mile. A three time winner in 2022, Notre Belle Bete has not been out of the first three in all six of his starts on the All Weather since joining the yard, including when a good second at Lingfield last month, but he also has decent form on the turf and ran respectably in last year's Lincoln. Al Marmar had a busy 2022, with wins at Lingfield and Ascot, two seconds and a good fourth in the Al Rayyan Mile in Doha. He has had a good break and will be aimed at all the good mile handicaps this year. Imperial Fighter was a high class juvenile and finished third in both the Burradon Stakes and the Irish 2,000 Guineas at three before injury curtailed his season. Now a gelding, he looks fantastic in his early training and we have high hopes for him this term. At his best with give in the ground, he should have conditions to suit at Doncaster.

Berkshire Shadow was also a talented juvenile but stopped showing much at home as soon as his racing career began. He ran well at the start of his three-yearold campaign, finishing fifth in the 2,000 Guineas, a close sixth in the St James' Palace at Royal Ascot and third in the Listed Henry Cecil Stakes back at Newmarket, but his racing performances then began to emulate his homework. Gelding appears to have revolutionised his attitude at home and if he can translate this renewed focus to the racecourse then we have an exciting prospect for this season. He will probably start out in the Listed Lady Wulfruna Stakes over seven furlongs at Wolverhampton in mid-March and could stay at that trip, despite having raised exclusively at a mile at three.

At the speedier end of the spectrum, the marvellous King's Lynn remains in training as a six-year-old. Last year's Group 2 Temple Stakes winner will likely follow a similar program this term, with Royal Ascot an early milestone, although whether he contests the King's Stand, the Wokingham, or (as last year) both will be dictated by conditions and his wellbeing. Sandrine continued to fly the flag for the yard last year with her win in the Group 2 Lennox Stakes at Goodwood and placings in the Group 1 Falmouth and Group 2 City Of York Stakes. Dropping back to seven furlongs suited her well and she could yet turn her hand to sprinting this year with the Group 1 Platinum Jubilee Stakes over six furlongs at the Royal meeting one possibility. She will likely start out in the Group 3 Chartwell Stakes at Lingfield in May. Confirmed speedster Nymphadora will seek to add to her black type in the Listed Lansdown Stakes at Bath in April and should have plenty of options throughout the year, both in handicaps and Stakes company. Another filly who performed with credit last year and should have more to offer at four is Jim and Fitri Hay's **Typewriter**, who all being well will start off her season in the Listed Further Flight Stakes at Nottingham in April.

Sticking with fillies, we are delighted that Anita Wigan's **Orzo**, winner of her only start by five lengths before being side-lined for all of last year, is back in training and looking great. A half-sister to Group 2 winner and new sire Nando Parrado, we hope that she can realise her significant potential this year. ■



KING'S LYNN with apprentice Harry Davies



Entries are open for this year's 12 To Follow Competition! It will run from Saturday 1st April to Friday 1st December inclusive.

As last year we have an 'edited' list of the two-year-olds eligible to have results count towards this year's competition. Entries will still have to include a minimum of **five two-year-olds but they can only be taken from this list**. (We have excluded horses that might be slower maturing types, as well as later arrivals to the yard or those who have suffered setbacks during the breaking process).

- enter online at www.kingsclere.com/racing/twelve-to-follow

THE RULES

Each list must include at least **FIVE two-year-olds**. All runners from **April 1st until December 1st** count for scoring while they are trained by Andrew Balding this means **all flat, jumping, all-weather and foreign runners**. Entries are £10.00 each and you may submit as many lists as you

like. The pool will be divided 55% to the winner, 25% to the second, 15% to the third and 5% to the fourth and the person finishing

last will have their £10 refunded. Last year's pool was £1700. Scoring is as follows:-

12 POINTS TO THE WINNER OF A GROUP OR LISTED RACE
10 POINTS FOR ANY OTHER WINNER
8 POINTS FOR THE SECOND IN A GROUP OR LISTED RACE
6 POINTS FOR ANY OTHER SECOND
5 POINTS FOR THE THIRD IN A GROUP OR LISTED RACE
4 POINTS FOR ANY OTHER THIRD
1 POINT TO A FOURTH WHERE THERE IS PRIZE MONEY

We would encourage you to enter online via our website: www.kingsclere.com and pay online via PAYPAL at https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/120099040927879088

If that is not possible forms can also be returned by email to entry@kingsclere.com or by post to Emma Balding at Park House, Kingsclere, Newbury, Berks RG20 5PY. Entry fees can be paid by cheque to Emma Balding at the same address.

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

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

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LIST OF HORSES FOR

THE 2023 1 7 TO FOLLOW

COMPETITION

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Berkshire Parts & Panels Ltd No1 Fan Club COLTRANE 6 G Mastercraftsman Promise Me Mick & Janice Mariscotti KING'S LYNN 6 G HM The King & HM The Queen Consort Cable Bay Kinematic FIVETHOUSANDTOONE 5 G Frankel Promised Money King Power Racing Co Ltd FOXES TALES 5 G Zoffany Starfish King Power Racing Co Ltd NOTRE BELLE BETE 5 G King Power Racing Co Ltd Zoffany Angelic Guest SCAMPI 5 G Nayef Preveza Raceshare SPIRIT MIXER 5 G Frankel Arabian Queen Mr J C Smith

FOUR YEAR OLDS

AL MARMAR 4 G Kodiac Fraulein Al Shaqab Racing AUSTRALIAN ANGEL 4 F Australia Angel Terrace Mr G Strawbridge AZTEC EMPIRE 4 C Sea The Stars Azanara Isa Salman Al Khalifa **BERKSHIRE SHADOW** 4 G Dark Angel Angel Vision Berkshire Parts & Panels Ltd No1 Fan Club BIZARRE LAW 4 G Lawman Bizzarria Apollo Racing & Opulence T/Breds CITY STREAK 4 G Cityscape Daffydowndilly Lord Blyth EYDON 4 C Olden Times Moon Mountain Prince A A Faisal **GROUNDBREAKER** 4 G Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum Oasis Dream Guajara IMPERIAL FIGHTER 4 G The Gurkha Endure Mr M Blencowe JUAN BERMUDEZ 4 G Nathaniel Long Face The Bermuda Salman Morris Partnership LADY LABELLE 4 F The Gurkha Duchess of Marmite Team Valor MASEKELA 4 G El Kabeir Lady's Purse Mick & Janice Mariscotti NEANDRA 4 F Jukebox Jury Noble Rose DJT Racing & Partner NOBEL 4 C Lope De Vega Starlet Qatar Racing NYMPHADORA 4 F No Nay Never Bewitchment St Albans Bloodstock Ltd **OLD HARROVIAN** 4 G Sea The Stars Daivika Mr M Blencowe ORZO 4 F Aclaim Chibola Anita Wigan RING FENCED 4 F Kingsclere Racing Club Haafhd Victoria Pollard SANDRINE 4 F Bobby's Kitten Seychelloise Miss K Rausing

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THREE YEAR OLDS

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TWO YEAR OLDS

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Mr M Blencowe

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STORM STAR 2 C Night Of Thunder Dancing Star Mr J C Smith SUGAR ROAD 2 C Masar Muscovado Jeremy & Germaine Hitchins TOPANGA 2 F Siyouni Time Tunnel TURING 2 C St Albans Bloodstock & Fittocks Stud New Approach Rainbow's Arch UPSCALE 2 F Mick & Janice Mariscotti Kingman Dandhu Juddmonte URESHII 2 C Too Darn Hot Margaret's Mission Opulence T/Breds WILD WAVES 2 C Crystal Ocean Guenea Jeremy & Germaine Hitchins WORKS OF ART 2 F Zoffany Make Fast HM The King & HM The Queen Consort XXX 2 F Areion Maria XXX 2 C DahlBury Racing Australia Merville Brook Farm Bloodstock XXX 2 F Blue Point Indigo Lady Mr G Strawbridge XXX 2 F Blue Point Tisa River Mr Imad Alsagar XXX 2 F Blue Point Copplestone Sheikh Hamed Dalmook Al Maktoum XXX 2 F Calyx Mia Divina First Bloodstock XXX 2 F Churchill Najma Fiona Carmichael XXX 2 F Churchill Nayarra Victorious Racing XXX 2 C Cracksman Perfect Delight King Power Racing Co Ltd XXX 2 F Dabirsim Quemada Nick Bradley Racing XXX 2 C Dandy Man Perfect Beauty Al Shaqab Racing $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}$ 2 C Galileo After Mrs Fitri Hay XXX 2 C Invincible Spirit Tiana King Power Racing Co Ltd XXX 2 C Kodiac Vibe Queen XXX 2 C Al Shaqab Racing Land Force Humdrum HM The King & HM The Queen Consort XXX 2 C Masar Shalanaya XXX 2 C Qatar Racing/China Horse Club Night Of Thunder Ancestral Clipper Logistics Ltd XXX 2 F Oasis Dream Dutch Treat Mildmay Racing XXX 2 C Saxon Warrior Short Call XXX 2 C Mrs Fitri Hay Sea The Moon Partygorl Mr N Botica & Partner XXX 2 C Sea The Stars Natural Beauty King Power Racing Co Ltd XXX 2 F Showcasing Satsuma Hot to Trot & Whitsbury Manor Stud XXX 2 Č Study Of Man Alma Mater Sheikh Hamed Dalmook Al Maktoum XXX 2 C Too Darn Hot Turret Rocks Qatar Racing XXX 2 C Too Darn Hot Compostela Mr Saeed Suhail XXX 2 C Ulysses Marenko The Yippees & Partner XXX 2 F Zoustar Mab's Cross Qatar Racing

TWO YEAR OLD POINTERS Tessa Hetherington

Park House has welcomed what looks to be a stellar crop of youngsters this year, and I could have picked scores of them for inclusion in this piece. Space did not allow, so I have had to make some tough decisions! The horses below are amongst those that on pedigree, physical attributes and progress to date look to have the potential to do well this term, whether as early speedy types or as stouter bred individuals with the class to win later this year.

ARAGON CASTLE

Chestnut colt, Territories / Wearing Wings



This likeable colt was an instant hit with our team at the sales and we went to 120.000gns for him in Book 1 at Tattersalls for Mick and Janice Mariscotti. His sire was a winner and Group 1 placed at two before winning the G1 Prix Jean Prat at three and is capable of getting a decent two-year-old (such as Hoo Ya Mal, winner and Listed placed as a juvenile for Park House). Wearing Wings was limited to two career starts and her first foal was unraced until he was four, but she is out of a two-year-old winner and is a halfsister to two-year-old winners Ouqba and Foxhaven, both of whom progressed to be Stakes winners. Balanced, strong and straightforward, this colt is taking his early training in his stride.

ARRAY

Bay colt, No Nay Never / Joyeuse

One of the best bred horses within our squad of juveniles, this colt is out of Joyeuse, a half-sister to Frankel and Noble Mission. She herself was useful, winning on debut at two in late May before placing in the Group 3 Albany Stakes at Royal Ascot and winning the Listed Dick Poole Stakes at Salisbury, then adding a second Listed win to her CV at three. She has produced four winners from



her first five foals, three of which were Stakes performers and two of which were winners at two. No Nay Never was very precocious, winning from April and taking the Group 2 Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Group 1 Prix Morny. He tends to pass that precocity onto his offspring, and was responsible for two of the top five two-year-olds in Europe last year in Little Big Bear and Blackbeard. We hope that this smart colt can live up to his pedigree for owner-breeders Juddmonte.

CUBAN MELODY Bay filly, Havana Grey /

Jacquotte Delahaye



Havana Grey proved a sensation in 2022 with his first crop of runners, taking the first season sire title with forty winners, including five at Stakes level. He was himself a high class youngster, first winning in May before taking the Group 3 Molecomb and placing in the Group 1 Prix Morny and Group 2 Flying Childers. This filly's dam took until November to win in her juvenile year but she placed on debut in May and is a daughter of Mary Read, who was an early two-year-old winner who also placed in the Molecomb. Bred by Fiona Denniff and from the family of Beat The Bank and Kachy, this filly was bought at Book 2 of the Tattersalls Yearling Sale by Highclere Agency for 155,000gns. Attractive but with plenty of substance, she has caught my eye on my visits to Kingsclere.

FAST SOCIETY

Bay colt, Fast Company / The Singing Hills

This colt's strong body and big walk earned him the description 'belter' in my notes at the Tattersalls Ireland Yearling Sale, so I was delighted when he was bought by Luke Lillingston for Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds and sent to Andrew to train. Fast Company was a high class two-year-old, winning on debut in July before taking the Group 3 Acomb Stakes at York and placing second at the highest level in the Dewhurst. He has produced some good two-year-olds and these connections have had success with his stock - Flashcard was bought from the same sale and won his first two starts as a juvenile before coming second in the valuable sales race at the Curragh. This colt's dam was unraced and is by Nathaniel, who would not be an influence for precocity, but she is out of a juvenile winner and is a half to Kings Quay, who won the Listed Washington Singer as a two-year-old.

IMPERIAL EXPRESS

Bay filly, Inns Of Court / Soft Power

A gorgeous filly with plenty of depth and athleticism, this filly is a half-sister to Ebro River, who first won in May of his juvenile season before taking the Listed National Stakes at Sandown and the Group 1 Phoenix Stakes in Ireland, placing in a further four Group races in his debut year, and to Strong Power, who was second in the Brocklesby on the opening weekend of the turf season before winning in May. Their dam, Soft Power, did not run at two but is a half-sister to juvenile winner and Stakes performer Key Rose and to the dam of top sprinter Slade Power. Inns Of Court did not run until November of his two-year-old year but he won on debut before going on to win three Group races as an older horse, also placing in two Group 1s. His first crop impressed at the yearling sales in the autumn and we were delighted that Billy Jackson-Stops bought this filly for Michael Blencowe to be trained at Kingsclere.

INFINITY BLUE

Bay colt, Blue Point / Our Joy



There are quite a few youngsters by first season sire Blue Point amongst this year's intake and they all look nice, early types. This is perhaps not surprising, as Blue Point won on his juvenile debut in June before taking the Group 2 Gimcrack and placing in the Middle Park and the Dewhurst. He went on to win four sprint Group 1s and has the credentials to do very well at stud. Our Joy won at two in October but had placed on her debut in May. She is yet to produce the goods as a broodmare but she is from an excellent family, being a half-sister to Group 1 Hong Kong Mile winner Xtension (also a Group 2 winner at two) and to the dams of Harry Angel (Group 2 winner at two, dual Group 1 winner at three), Pierre Lapin (Group 2 winner at two) and Supremacy (Group 1 winner at two). We went to 250,000gns to buy this colt for Sheikh Mohammed Obaid in Book 1 of Tattersalls, and his early work suggests he should change the fortunes of his dam as a producer.

MOUNT ATLAS

Bay colt, Masar / Highland Pass Derby winner Masar is unlikely to be the first name that springs to mind when



thinking of likely sources of precocity amidst the first season sires, but he actually won on debut in May of his two year old season, also winning the Group 3 Solario Stakes and finishing third in the Group 1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagadere that year. Out of Highland Pass, a three-time winner for the Kingsclere Racing Club, this colt is already significantly bigger than his dam, bearing more of a resemblance to her half-brother Elm Park, winner of four races at two including the Group 1 Racing Post Trophy (now the Vertem Futurity). Capable of throwing some impressive shapes at the bottom of the gallop, this colt comes up it in a far more professional manner and could be one to watch this year.

NAHY

Bay colt, Lope De Vega / Tesoro This neat and easy moving colt is from a lovely family. His dam is a half sister to Group 2 winning two-year-old and new sire Land Force, and a full sister to US dual Grade 1 winner Theann. Her second dam is the incredible producer Cassandra Go, whose dynasty includes multiple Group 1 winner Halfway to Heaven and her Group 1 winning offspring Magical and Rhododendron (dam of 2022 Group 1 winning juvenile Auguste Rodin), plus Group 3 winner Tickled Pink (dam of 2022 Group 1 winning juvenile Victoria Road). Tesoro has had three previous foals, all of whom have won, with two winning as juveniles, including Enfjaar, a full-brother to this colt who beat our highly regarded Arabian Storm when winning on his only start to date at Newmarket last term. Lope De Vega needs little introduction as a sire but was himself a winner and Group 1 placed at two and gets plenty of good juveniles from midsummer onwards. This colt fetched 525,000gns in Book 1 at Tattersalls and has the pedigree to justify his price tag for owner Prince A. A. Faisal.

RELENTLESS WARRIOR

Chestnut colt, Soldiers Call / Iuturna We were very taken with the progeny of first season sire Soldiers Call at the yearling sales, a set of good walkers with strong backends and good attitudes. This colt was no exception, and as a slightly leggier model he looked like an improver when we bought him at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale. Soldiers Call won the Group 2 Flying Childers and was placed in the Group 1 Abbaye as a juvenile, having first won in June. Iuturna won three times at two including at Listed level and, whilst she has only produced two winners to



date, both were Stakes performers. This colt has already strengthened up a good deal and is relishing his work.

STORM STAR

Chestnut colt, Night Of Thunder / Dancing Star

This strong, racy colt is from a family everyone at Kingsclere knows well, being out of Group 3 Sceptre Stakes and Stewards' Cup winner Dancing Star, who is a half to no less than five further winners trained at Park House, including another Sceptre Stakes winner in Foxtrot Lady. Whilst the family tends to progress with age, Dancing Star, Dance Of Fire and Strict Tempo all won at two, whilst Foxtrot Lady was placed on four occasions including when third in the Listed Two Year Old Trophy at Redcar. Night Of Thunder did not run until October of his juvenile year but won on debut and picked up the Listed Doncaster Stakes before winning the 2,000 Guineas at three and the Lockinge at four. A very good sire, he is best known for his fillies but has produced some good juvenile colts, including last year's Group 2 Superlative Stakes winner Isaac Shelby. I have received multiple good words about this colt from my spies in the Kingsclere camp and hopefully he can continue his family's excellent record for the yard and owner-breeder Jeff Smith.

UNNAMED

Bay colt, Cracksman / Perfect Delight Whilst Cracksman himself only appeared once on a racecourse at two, winning his debut in October before excelling



at three and four, he is a half-brother to Group 3 Solario Stakes winner Fantastic Moon and his first crop of two-year-olds in 2022 were more precocious than many expected. He had seventeen individual winners including Group 2 winner Aloa, Listed winner Dance In The Grass, and dual Park House winner Ndaawi. Perfect Delight was placed at two (making her debut in July) before winning at three, and is a half-sister to juvenile winner and Group placed filly Perfect Tribute. She has produced two winners, one a winner at two and the other placed at two. This tank of a colt has impressed his riders at home and should add to her tally this year. He fetched 130,000gns from Al Donald for King Power in Book 2 at Tattersalls.

UNNAMED

Bay colt, Dandy Man / Perfect Beauty



This powerful colt is a first foal from a dam who did not race at two and was no great shakes as a racehorse at three, but is a full sister to the wonderful Librisa Breeze, who raced from three to nine and won six races including the Group 1 British Champions Sprint. There is not much indication of precocity on the dam side of this colt's pedigree but he is by a renowned source of early two-year-olds in Dandy Man, himself a Listed winner as a juvenile and producer of speedy youngsters such as Albany winner Dandalla, Windsor Castle winner Extortionist and Super Sprint winner Peniaphobia. Bought by Charlie Gordon-Watson for 120,000gns in Book 2 at Tattersalls, this colt is currently one of the most forward within our two-yearold squad, suggesting he will take after his father and do well this term.

UNNAMED

Bay colt, Invincible Spirit / Tiana

Another from a familiar family, this imposing colt is a half-brother to Kingsclere stars Beat The Bank (multiple Group 2 winner, Group 1 placed), Chil Chil (Group 3 winner and Group 1 placed) and Auria (Listed winner), in addition to the Group



1 placed Salt Island. The family tends to get better with age - neither Beat The Bank nor Chil Chil ran at two, and Auria did not make her debut until October of her juvenile year, winning on her second start in November. Salt Island, however, won on debut at two in August, and this colt has the benefit of a strong influence for precocity in his sire. A Listed winner at two before progressing to Group 1 level as a five-year-old, Invincible Spirit is a reliable source of good two-year-olds, his progeny including Kingman, Shalaa, Vale Of York and National Defense. Bred by Fiona Denniff and bought by Al Donald for King Power for 350,000gns in Book 1 at Tattersalls, this colt has consistently caught my eye on the gallops and looks a classy individual.

UNNAMED

Bay colt, Land Force / Humdrum

First season sire Land Force made his debut in April of his two-year-old season, winning in May and finishing third in the Group 2 Norfolk Stakes at the Royal meeting before taking the Group 2 Richmond Stakes at Goodwood. His first crop looked sharp, early types as yearlings at the sales, and this colt fits the same mould. He was homebred by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth out of her dual juvenile winner Humdrum, and will race for His Majesty The King and The Queen Consort. Humdrum is a half to juvenile winners Musical Comedy (later a Listed winner) and Kinematic, dam of Park House star and Group 2 winner King's Lynn. Humdrum has produced five winners,



all of which were placed as juveniles and two of which won at that age, including Park House victor Husbandry.

UNNAMED

Bay filly, Oasis Dream / Dutch Treat

Another homebred, this pretty filly is a daughter of the excellent Oasis Dream, winner of the Group 1 Middle Park as a juvenile and two Group 1 sprints at three. Although now in his twilight years as a sire, he is still producing good horses, as shown by last year's Irish 2,000 Guineas winner Native Trail (also a dual Group 1 winner at two) and Group 2 Vintage Stakes winning juvenile Marbaan. Dutch Treat was a winner and Listed placed for Park House as a two-year-old, and this is her first foal. Bred by Mildmay Stud and Denis Caslon, this filly is (like her mother) not the biggest, but has the strong quarters of her sire and could well be a pocket rocket!



UNNAMED

Chestnut filly, Showcasing / Satsuma I am sticking my neck out a little with this pick as she has not yet come into training, but her pedigree suggests she will be both early and quick, and it is worth remembering that Alcohol Free did not arrive at Park House until late Spring! Bred by Whitsbury Manor Stud who will race her with Hot To Trot, this filly is by Showcasing, winner of the Group 2 Gimcrack as a twoyear-old and a very good sire, particularly of juveniles. Satsuma won on debut at two in May and finished second in the Weatherby's Super Sprint. She is a half-sister to juvenile winner and Flying Childers second Astrophysics and has produced four winners, including Good Vibes, who won her maiden at two in April and the Listed Marygate Stakes in May, and Yakushina, a winner at two in Japan before progressing to Listed level at three.

UNNAMED

Bay colt, Too Darn Hot / Turret Rocks Bought by the Qatar Racing team in Book 1 at Tattersalls, this colt is by first season sire Too Darn Hot, who won at two from August and took the Group 1 Dewhurst on route to victory in the Prix Jean Prat and Sussex Stakes at three. He has a stallion's pedigree, being out of Yorkshire Oaks winner Dar Re Mi and a full brother to Group winners So Mi Dar and Lah Ti Dar. His yearlings were an attractive bunch at the sales and this colt fetched the highest price of all those offered, commanding 600,000gns. His dam, Turret Rocks, won on debut at two in June before winning the Group 2 May Hill and finishing second in the Group 1 Prix Marcel-Boussac. She continued to perform at a high level at three, four and five, and although many in her family are later developing types her first foal won at

two in June last year (having been beaten a nose on debut in May) and went on to place in two Group races. Strong and active, this colt is forward in his early work.

UNNAMED

Bay colt, Ulysses / Marenko

Ulysses was himself a later developer, running only once at two in October, and early signs are that most of his progeny share this characteristic, but he is getting some juvenile winners in the latter part



of the year and has the occasional earlier type, as evidenced by Holloway Boy, winner of the Chesham at Royal Ascot on debut last year and placed in four Group races. Like Holloway Boy, this colt was bred by Cheveley Park Stud and is from one of their good families. His dam, Marenko, won at two in July and placed in the May Hill and the Sweet Solera that year before winning the Group 3 Fred Darling as a three-year-old. She is a half-sister to four juvenile winners including Potapova (later a Group 3 winner) and her granddam is the legendary Russian Rhythm, a winner and second in the Group 1 Cheveley Park at two and heroine of four Group 1 contests as an older horse. Marenko is yet to produce a juvenile winner from her first three foals, but this colt is a good mover who skips up the gallop with ease and could buck that trend. We bought him for 40,000gns in Book 2 at Tattersalls. ■

Kingsclere Racing Club



Winning KRC members on a wintery evening at Kempton Park

he KRC got off to the perfect start this year with our first two runners both winners! It was brilliant to see Ring Fenced get off the mark, but Cello's Kempton Park success was particularly exciting and he looks a lovely prospect for the year ahead.

Alongside our gallop mornings in Kingsclere, our busy social diary for 2023 includes a trip to France, where we have a filly in training with Mathieu Brasme, as well as a trip to see our Pour Moi filly, Pourquoi, in training with David Simcock in Newmarket during the July Festival, followed by a picnic at the races.

The now traditional first Club event of the year is just around the corner, with a morning on the gallops and lunch at Park House on Cheltenham Gold Cup day. It is such an exciting time to be in the yard, with the turf season just a fortnight away, and we look set for a busy time ahead, with several of our 16-strong team of horses set to run in the coming weeks.

Since the Club's inception, we have had exactly 900 runners in our colours in the UK, 128 winners and over \pm 1.8 million in prize-money. However, there are still seven racecourses on the flat where we have yet to celebrate a winner – a challenge to the trainer for the season ahead to knock at least one of those off the list!

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, krc@kingsclere.com



CELLO winning impressively under David Probert

DARK HORSES

Some of our jockeys at Park House give their selections from the saddle

Josh Bryan Dark Horse – Glenfinnan

"He won his maiden last year and has strengthened up very well over the winter. He looks and feels way ahead of his handicap mark, so I'm looking forward to seeing how he gets on this season."

Two-Year-Old to follow – Unnamed colt by Invincible Spirit ex Tiana

"He's very well bred, being by Invincible Spirit and we have had three of the Dam's offspring here – Beat The Bank, Auria and Chil Chil. I think he is by the best stallion of the four and he's a nice big, strong individual who looks to have plenty of class. "

Will Carver Dark Horse – Arabian Storm

"He's very well bred, was a good second in a Newmarket maiden on his only run at two. I don't think he will be out of place in Pattern company this year."

Two-Year-Old to follow – Unnamed colt by Dandy Man ex Perfect Beauty

"He is going very well at this early stage, he's a good mover and is very straight forward."

Will Cox

Dark Horse – Desert Cop "He's still very unexposed having only run three times so far. I rode him on his second start and felt that he would have won if he'd had more of an idea about what was going on. He seems to be learning on the job and will keep improving for his race experience. His current mark of 79 seems very lenient to me and I'm sure we'll see him

winning races." Two-Year-Old to follow – Infinity Blue (Blue Point ex Our Joy colt)

"I haven't actually sat on many twoyear-olds yet, but the breeding of this horse took my eye and he's a great looking horse."



Invincible Spirit ex Tiana colt



SCREAMING EAGLE



Sea The Stars ex Natural Beauty colt



CYNOSURE

Harry Davies *Dark Horse – Ribal*

"He was very green last season and we didn't see much of him with only two starts, although he did place on his second start at Newmarket. I have ridden him in work recently and he gave me a really great feel, so I'm hopeful we'll see him winning this season."

Two-Year-Old to follow – Screaming Eagle (Saxon Warrior ex Lady Rasha colt)

"This is a lovely big strong colt with a good attitude who I really like the look of."

Callum Hutchinson Dark Horse – Arabian Storm

"This well-bred half brother to Spirit Mixer has only had one run, but it was a placed effort at Newmarket last year. His homework has all been really good, and I'm sure there is plenty more to come from him."

Two-Year-Old to follow – Unnamed colt by Sea The Stars ex Natural Beauty

"He has a really good pedigree, and seems to be doing everything right at the moment. He's a big strong individual and I'm looking forward to seeing how he progresses."

Oisin Murphy Dark Horse – Imperial Fighter

"He hasn't been seen since running down the field in the Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly. Forgive him that effort, he had a wide draw and ran his race in one breath. He's training nicely and I'm hopeful he can get back to winning ways this season."

Two-Year-Old to follow -Cynosure (No Nay Never ex Llew Law colt)

"I haven't ridden many two-yearolds yet but this colt is a beauty. He's quite tall and may go through a 'weak period'. Park House has tasted plenty of success with progeny of No Nay Never."

BACK IN THE SADDLE

by MARCUS ARMYTAGE



Aboard ante-post favourite for the Champion Hurdle, Constitution Hill

or one reason or another, mainly the fact that my hunter was out of action for the whole season and my children can all but drive themselves to school now, after a 25 year lapse I decided to start riding out again in the autumn. And now I wonder why I ever gave it up.

I rocked up at Nicky Henderson's with the caveat 'armchair rides only,' was put on Constitution Hill on my second morning - obviously I thought it was a spoof but it tells you how laid back he is – and have ridden a succession of, if not quite household names, some pretty decent horses a few of whom are Cheltenham bound.

I think they thought I was mad when I explained in the kitchen at breakfast on the first morning we used the Faringdon Road grass in the autumn how much I'd missed the smell of the soil and grass, the sensory overload I'd had at the back of the string.

Of course much has changed since I last rode out regularly in the 1990s, ('so last century' as my children keep telling me) including my weight. I had ridden a few bits of work when the trainer asked the inevitable question 'how much do you weigh?' (answer 12st) since when I have appeared less regularly on the work-sheet. I have had varying advice from the lads on how I should have dealt with the inquiry or, at least, skirted round it. 'You should have lied,' said the stable jockey. 'You should have told him it's a personal question and not answered,' said another while my favourite was that I should have come back at him with 'you can't weigh talent.'

In my day when we rode out lads smoked, now they vape. Instead of tobacco, you're just as likely to get a whiff of melon and mango at the top of the Downs these days. Back then there were three basic subjects of conversation; last night's television, sex and the horses, in pretty much that order.

But now with hundreds of channels to go at rather than just four, no one watches the same thing so television is no longer talked about. If they talk about sex they keep me out of it because I'm so old, so most of the conversation revolves around the horses.

I was, however, completely blindsided when Nico de Boinville asked me for my take on the Chancellor's autumn statement the previous day. On the basis of that one question alone I'd say the conversation in the modern stable yard has evolved into something more sophisticated.

What one forgets when you spend your life viewing horses through a pair of binoculars or on the big screen at the races, when they are just a name, number of form figure, is that each one has a very different personality.

Some communicate in an almost human way and you get to know their personalities and idiosyncrasies, little things like whether a horse prefers to go straight to his hay or his water when he returns from exercise. It is a bit like the human preference for tea or coffee.

Constitution Hill goes water first and gives you the hard stare if you haven't hung his water buckets up in his stable for his return. Captain Morgs (Pertemps Final) had a sense of humour failure when his hay wasn't waiting for him recently – you could see the bitter disappointment in his eyes.

Then there's one horse who likes to drink the bucket of warm water with a sweaty sponge in it (to do him up with) dry on his return. Every time without fail. Weirdo.

And when you are on a horse, you focus. You are blinkered, switched off from everything else, I even leave my phone in the car. On top of the mental side of it there is the physical side of exercise taken. We call it riding out and you can get paid for it. Modern society calls it mindfulness, writes books about it and charges you for it. ■





Nigel Walker

STAFF CHANGES

There have been a few changes in the yard and we are delighted to welcome back Nigel Walker. Nigel had been here at Kingsclere for over a decade before spending a year elsewhere, which included a spell in Japan, and returns as General Manager. He is helping Assistant Paul Morkan with the day-to-day running of the yard,

as well as supervising the veterinary work. We have also been joined by Fabrizio Specchio as a very experienced Barn Manager, and this season Isaac Morris will step up from Pupil Assistant to Barn Manager, with Maddy O'Meara becoming Riding Assistant. In addition, Peter Adams has joined the Maintenance Team.

APPRENTICES

We have a very promising trio of Apprentices for this season, in the form of William Carver, Harry Davies and Callum Hutchinson. They are all kindly sponsored again by King Power and will hopefully bring home plenty of winners for the team.



Apprentices (l to r) Will Carver, Callum and Harry, with Will Cox who rode out his claim last year

STAFF PARTY

On 11th February we had a party to thank the team for all their hard work over the last year. It was a great evening and many thanks to Becci Thompson for a brilliant job organising it. Congratulations must go to Becci and Sam Geake (an integral part of our Travelling Team), who after ten years together got engaged over Christmas!



Becci and Sam



Vishesh, Curt, Jack, Baz and Archie at our Staff Party

AWARDS

We are grateful to Spillers for sponsoring our Team Member Of The Month awards through the turf season. They are always well deserved and a great way of rewarding those who have really stood out across the season.



