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Above: Farewell to Kingsclere warrior and Group 2 winner TULLIUS, who died peacefully in his paddock at HEROS last month at the age of seventeen

Front cover: Cheveley Park's FORMAL and Oisin winning the Listed Surrey Stakes at Epsom

Back cover: QUAI DE BETHUNE with Oisin and Charlie Richards after his win in the Golden Gates Stakes at Royal Ascot

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INTRODUCTION

In the early years of my training career, I remember bemoaning the form of the horses that Spring to an elderly local gentleman. His reply has always stuck with me, 'The horses at Park House have never fired until the Sun shines.'

It is a statement that makes a lot of sense as I remember my father consistently struggling for form in the Spring and really hitting the target at Goodwood and York. This year the sun shone early, and I feel it must have had some influence on the success we have had to this point of the season.

We enjoyed an excellent start to the turf season with horses performing to a high-level and with consistency. Four winners at the Royal meeting and the leading trainer award at Glorious Goodwood meant the form carried on when it really mattered and at the time of writing we are lucky enough to have a particularly strong looking team heading to the Sky Bet Ebor meeting at York.

The highlights of the season so far are documented in Tess Hetherington's excellent review in this edition of the magazine, but it is probably easiest to describe it in numbers. Of the 691 runners we have had, 132 have won, 102 have finished second and a further 90 have filled the bronze spot. In terms of winners this is considerably more than we have achieved at this stage of any previous season and something of which everyone involved at Park House should be rightly proud. However, at this moment in time we have yet to win at the highest level and they are the results that really define a season - so rest assured that myself and the team will be pushing right into November to try and correct that particular statistic. ■



A big kiss from Noemi Jere for BEST ADVENTURE after his win at Newmarket in May

THE SEASON SO FAR

by Tessa Hetherington

At the time of writing the yard houses the favourite for the Arc, which is tremendously exciting. Juddmonte's scopey filly **Kalpana** is yet to win a race this year but last year's Group 1 British Champions Fillies and Mares winner has only cemented her reputation as a force to be reckoned with over middle distances this term. She began her season with a close third in the Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh behind Irish Derby winner Los Angeles and British Champions Stakes winner Anmaat, having been denied a clear run at a critical stage. Having missed the Middleton at York due to a dirty scope and the Hardwicke at Royal Ascot due to the quick ground, she headed back to Ireland for the Group 1 Pretty Polly Stakes at the end of June and was narrowly defeated by the progressive three-year-old and Oaks-second Whirl, to whom she was giving twelve pounds. Whirl has since confirmed her credentials with a trouncing of her rivals in the Nassau and sits just behind Kalpana in the Arc betting. Returning to twelve furlongs in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot, Kalpana powered clear two furlongs out and looked like she had the race at her mercy, only to be caught close home by the fast-finishing Calandagan, who was following up on Group 1 success in France the previous month. There will be

no Calandagan in the Arc as the race is not open to geldings, and with a softer surface a distinct possibility at Longchamp in October, it might just be Kalpana's turn to shine. She will likely have one more run beforehand, either in the Group 3 September Stakes at Kempton – a race she won last year and for which she will have no penalty, or in the Group 1 Prix Vermeille, run over the same course and distance as the Arc and held a week earlier than usual this year, making it better placed as a prep race for the main event. In any event she is a wonderful filly to have in the yard and has continued to make her connections very proud.

Owner-breeder Jeff Smith was also no doubt filled with pride when **See The Fire** put in a devastating performance to win the Middleton Stakes at York in May by no less than twelve lengths, making a Group 2 contest look like an easy piece of work in the hands of Oisin. Then supplemented for the Group 1 Prince Of Wales' Stakes at Royal Ascot, she justified the faith of her connections by running a good race to be third behind Ombudsman and Anmaat. The Group 1 Nassau Stakes at the Qatar Goodwood Festival had always been her primary objective, having finished a close second in the race last year, but in the end her chances were diminished by the weather,



SEE THE FIRE with owner Jeff Smith and stud manager David Bowe after winning the Group 2 Middleton Stakes at York

with the downpour prior to the race changing the official going from Good to Heavy and the presence of lightning in the area forcing a flag start which saw her give some five lengths to eventual and very impressive winner Whirl. See The Fire nevertheless managed a creditable third and will likely return to York, a track at which she is unbeaten, for the Group 1 Juddmonte International, the race won by her dam in 2015.

York has also been a happy hunting ground for **Flora Of Bermuda**, who won the Group 3 Summer Stakes there last year and finished a very close second to Inisherin in the Group 2 Clipper Stakes on her seasonal reappearance. Like See The Fire she put in a good performance at the Royal meeting to be third, in her case in the Group 1 Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes behind French raider Lazzat and Japanese raider Satono Reve, having had to switch right to make her run. She missed the break in the Group 1 July Cup having reared in the stalls and had no chance from then on, so a line can be put through that. She has had a break since Newmarket and is now being prepared for the Group 1 Haydock Sprint Cup in early September, a race in which she finished fifth last year after meeting trouble in running. Diminutive but plucky, she is a wonderful filly and will no doubt give her new owners Wathnan Racing more good days at marquee meetings.



MISS INFORMATION was the first of four Royal Ascot winners for the yard this year

Cheveley Park Stud's homebred **Formal** is another compact filly and joined the yard in the Spring on the retirement of Sir Michael Stoute. She had little luck on her debut for Kingsclere in the Group 3 Fred Darling Stake at Newbury but showed her true mettle on her next start with an eye-catching win in the Listed Surrey Stakes over seven furlongs at Epsom, beating subsequent Group 3 winner Saqqara Sands. Things have not really worked out for Formal since, and after disappointing runs in the Group 3 Criterion Stakes at York and the Group 3 Oak Tree at Goodwood, the decision has been made to retire her to stud. A daughter of super-sire Dubawi and Group 1 winner Veracious, she will make a lovely addition to the Cheveley Park broodmare band. Another to have retired is **Divina Grace**, who came to Kingsclere for owners Top Hat and Tails upon Rae Guest's retirement. A five-time winner for her former

trainer, she added to her tally with a first Group win on her debut for the yard, taking the Group 3 John Porter Stakes over twelve furlongs at Newbury under David Probert. Then third behind Bellum Justum in the Group 2 Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket's Guineas meeting, Divina Grace failed to shine when upped to fourteen furlongs in the Group 3 Bronte Cup at York and sadly injury has now called time on her racing career. A good-looking filly with plenty of size and scope, the daughter of Golden Horn should do well at stud.

Westerberg's **Serenity Prayer** was another to win at Newbury in the Spring, scoring over ten furlongs there in April on her career debut before finishing second to Whirl in the Group 3 Musidora at York in May. Inconvenienced by the draw and a rather rough passage in the Group 2 Ribblesdale at the Royal meeting she was disappointing in the Group 2 Lillie Langtry at Goodwood, looking not to stay the fourteen furlongs. Beautifully bred, she has now been retired to stud. **Blue Bolt**, a daughter of Blue Point purchased by Juddmonte as a yearling, was another Newbury winning filly, scoring there over a mile in June and in the process giving Irish jockey Colin Keane his first winner as retained rider for Juddmonte. Blue Bolt won at Newbury under a penalty, having broken her maiden at Windsor in May, and she made it a hat-trick when taking the Listed Coral Distaff at Sandown in good style in July, again under Colin Keane. A filly on the up, she holds Group 1 entries in the Matron Stakes at Leopardstown in September and in the Sun Chariot at Newmarket in October but could return to Sandown for the Group 3 Atalanta Stakes later this month, following a path trodden by the yard's Group 1 winner Blond Me in 2015.

Another daughter of Blue Point flew the flag for the Kingsclere fillies at Royal Ascot, with **Miss Information** winning the Kensington Palace Fillies' Handicap on the second day under an inspired ride from Oisin Murphy. This was her second win of the season, having annexed the seven-furlong handicap at Newmarket's Guineas meeting in May, and her fifth career win. Slow out back at Newmarket on her next start, she also ended up with plenty to do in the Shergar Cup Mile but can do better and will likely seek some black type to augment her pedigree page before the season is out. She has been a wonderful



NEVER SO BRAVE won the Buckingham Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot and followed up with a Group 2 win in the Summer Mile

servant for her owners Norman Court Stud and Susan Bunney. Blue Point filly **Enchanting** was a wide-margin winner over five furlongs at Goodwood in May under Hollie Doyle, having also won at the track last year. Rather keen when returning there for the Goodwood Festival in July, she could tackle the five-furlong fillies' handicap at York next.

Our next of four Royal Ascot winners was Saeed Suhail's **Never So Brave**, a dual winner at three last year for Sir Michael Stoute and kindly sent to Kingsclere upon his retirement. Beaten just a nose on his seasonal reappearance at Chester, he was sent off favourite for the Buckingham Palace Stakes over seven furlongs at the Royal meeting. He had to wait to make his run but once he found room he streaked clear under Oisin Murphy, winning by two and quarter lengths from a typically competitive field. It is often said that it takes a Group horse to win a Royal Ascot handicap and Never So Brave wasted little time in proving he was just that, securing the Group 2 Summer Mile over a mile at the same track on his next start, this time under David Probert. Having made great progress to date, it is hoped that he will maintain the same trajectory and the City of York Stakes over seven furlongs on the Knavesmire, now a Group 1, could be his next target.

Quai De Bethune had always shown plenty of promise, finishing third to Cosmic Year on his sole start at two, winning at Kempton in January, and finishing a good third in the ever-competitive London Gold Cup at Newbury in May. With his stamina for ten furlongs proven by that run he headed to the Golden Gates Handicap at the Royal meeting and, despite a slow start and some traffic issues, went on to score by a nose in the hands of Oisin Murphy for owners Gary Gillies and Team Valor. A son of French stallion Persian King and out of a half-sister to dual Group 1 winner Erveyda, Quai de Bethune has the pedigree and looks to match his obvious talent, and he went on to fetch 775,000gns from Wathnan Racing at the Tattersalls July Sale, a record price for the sale. Currently enjoying a break, he is due to return to the yard for his new connections and is likely to target races in the Middle East over the winter.

King Power's **Fox Legacy** was another to join the yard from Sir Michael Stoute, and won the Suffolk Stakes handicap at



FOX LEGACY has won impressively at Newmarket, York and Goodwood this term

Newmarket's Guineas meeting on seasonal reappearance in the manner of a horse some way ahead of his mark of 90. Raised six pounds for that effort, he was sixth in the Royal Hunt Cup at Ascot having perhaps been disadvantaged by the way the field split into three. He then travelled to York to contest the John Smith's Cup and impressed once again, winning comfortably in the hands of PJ McDonald to give King Power and the yard their third victory in the race in the past decade, following Pivoine in 2019 and Johnny Drama in 2021. The nine furlongs Bentinck Conditions Stakes at Goodwood was his latest assignment and there he made a mockery of his opposition, surging clear to win by five and a half lengths under Oisin. Since raised to a mark of 116 (for context, the Group 1 Sussex Stakes winner Qirat was raised to 115), he is proving hugely progressive and the Group 3 Strensall Stakes at York is likely to be next on his agenda.

Fox Legacy's Suffolk Stakes and John Smith's Cup are part of a host of famous heritage handicaps won by Park House this term. The marvellous **Spirit Mixer** added to the tally when taking the Northumberland Plate at Newcastle in June,



Mick and Janice Mariscotti with William Buick and Simon Clare of Coral after COLTRANE's Sandown win

battling on admirably under Rob Hornby, in whose hands he has secured three of his eight career wins. Now seven, Jeff Smith's homebred was not suited by the way the Shergar Cup Stayers evolved on his latest start. He runs at York next but may then return to Chester for the Watergate Cup, a race he and Rob won last year, before possibly tackling a Stakes race to further burnish the pedigrees of the fillies in his family. Saeed Suhail's **Plage De Havre** had won at Newcastle in February and been placed on three further occasions this year when, freshened up by a break, he made the trip to Haydock for the Old Newton Cup over twelve furlongs. Settling well in the hands of PJ McDonald he went on to score easily, winning by four lengths with a career best effort. Placed over fourteen furlongs at Wolverhampton in March, a setback has ruled out an Ebor challenge but he remains a lovely prospect.

It has been a while since **Coltrane** was seen in a handicap - three years to be precise, when winning the Ascot Stakes at the Royal meeting. His next start after that saw him win the Listed Coral Marathon at Sandown by ten lengths and it was this race that he won again in 2025, albeit by a slightly shorter

margin! Second in a muddling renewal of the Group 3 Sagaro Stakes on his seasonal reappearance, Coltrane then ran well again to be second to Trawlerman in the Group 2 Henry II Stakes at Sandown before finishing fifth behind the same adversary in the Group 1 Ascot Gold Cup. He richly deserved his ninth career win in the Coral Marathon, which took his career earnings beyond the £1m mark. Whilst perhaps not quite the force of old, Mick and Janice Mariscotti's warrior retains all his zest for life at home and on the track, and a return to York for the Group 2 Lonsdale Cup, a race he won in 2023, could be next on his agenda.

King Power's **Bellum Justum** won not far off £1m in a single start last year when taking the Nashville Derby at Kentucky Downs and, rejuvenated by first-time cheekpieces at Newmarket in May, he added to his coffers this term when winning the Group 2 Jockey Club Stakes at the Guineas meeting, posting a career best performance. Perhaps outclassed in the Group 1 Coronation Cup at Epsom, he ran a little flat in the Group 2 Hardwicke at Royal Ascot and has since had a break. Now back in training, he will be targeted at valuable races in the Middle East this winter. Sadly, another King Power flagbearer in **The Foxes** has had his season cut short by injury, having started the year with a fabulous second to Rebel's Romance in the HH The Amir Trophy in Qatar before cruising home in the Group 2 Huxley Stakes at Chester in May. We hope he will be back next term and foreign travel could once again be on his agenda.

Eydon has been plagued by niggles but when on form is a very talented horse, as he showed when powering home to win the Group 3 Aston Park Stakes at Newbury in May under Oisin. Temporarily sidelined once again after that victory, he is back cantering and Prince A A Faisal's gentle giant can hopefully pick up where he left off on his return to the track, though he may be confined to the All Weather as he prefers a sounder surface.

All Weather targets in the Autumn are also on the cards for Michael Blencowe's **Old Harrovian**, who is another to have suffered a setback having won at Newcastle in January before finishing second in the Easter Classic at the All-Weather Championships there in April. **Storm Star** went one better at the Championships, winning the Mile in the hands of Jason Watson after two wins at the track in January. Sidelined with an injury in late Spring, he will be back next year. **Teumessias Fox** is a four-time winner on the All Weather and secured some black type on the surface with a third in the Listed Magnolia Stakes at Kempton in April following a Class 2 handicap win at the track in March. Currently enjoying a holiday, he will return in the Autumn.

A round-up of older horses would not be complete without mention of the marvellous **King's Lynn**, who got his head in front in a Class 2 handicap over seven furlongs at Haydock



The gorgeous EYDON after winning the Group 3 Aston Park at Newbury

in July under PJ McDonald. This was a first win in three years for the eight-year-old but one which he had threatened on several occasions this term and he went close again in a Racing League handicap on his latest start – plenty of life in the old boy yet! **Mount Atlas** is half the age of King's Lynn but also feels like part of the furniture at Park House. A winner at Redcar and Ascot last year, he ran well at the Berkshire track when fifth in the Duke of Edinburgh handicap at the Royal meeting, staying on strongly on ground that was plenty quick enough for him. He returned to Ascot last month and was a ready winner of a Class 2 handicap over a mile and a half under David Probert. A knock meant he missed his intended engagement in the Group 3 Gordon Stakes at Goodwood but he is likely to divert to York for the valuable Sky Bet Handicap and will hopefully give the Kingsclere Racing Club a good day out there. Fellow four-year-old **Turquino** is already a winner at York, having secured his third win of the season (and his career) there in June when romping home over the extended fourteen furlongs under Oisin Murphy, winning by some seven and a half lengths. Unfortunately an injury has paused his progress but on his return he can do better still for Mick and Janice Mariscotti. Michael Blencowe's **Royal Approval** is



ALMERIC confirmed early promise when winning the Feilden Stakes at Newmarket in April

another four-year-old to have won on his latest start, notching up a third win over ten furlongs at Newcastle in June under PJ McDonald. Since sold at the Tattersalls July Sale, he may next be seen over obstacles having joined the yard of Gordon Elliott.

The yard has had a sextet of black type performers amongst its three-year-old colts. **Almeric** had shown good promise in his two starts last year, winning second time out at York in October, and his work in the Spring had been eyecatching. He duly met expectations when winning the Listed Feilden Stakes over nine furlongs at Newmarket's Craven meeting in April under Oisin, and went into many notebooks as a contender for the French Derby. Unfortunately a setback ruled him out of the Classics, but he is back cantering and will be aimed at Ayr's Listed Doonside Cup in September. He remains a lovely prospect for owner-breeder Kirsten Rausing.

Jonquil was another to win a Classic trial, taking the Group 3 Greenham Stakes over seven furlongs at Newbury in April on his first start since joining the yard from Sir Michael Stoute's. He then travelled to Longchamp for the French 2,000 Guineas where he was beaten just a head by Coolmore's Henri Matisse, already a Group 1 winner, with subsequent French

another fine race to be third in the Group 3 Gordon Stakes at Goodwood and retains plenty of potential.

Speedster **Tropical Storm** won the Listed Roses Stakes over the minimum trip at York last year and returned to the Knavesmire in May to record a second Listed success there, this time in the Westow Stakes but again over five furlongs and again in the hands of Oisin Murphy. He could never get involved in the G1 King Charles III Stakes at Royal Ascot and was eased down at the same track on his latest start but has bounced back from that and could tackle the five-furlong handicap on the opening day of York's Ebor meeting. He remains a horse with plenty of potential for owners Teme Valley Racing. Rex and Wendy Gorell's **Marvelman** had gone close twice last year and duly opened his account on his seasonal debut when taking a seven furlong novice at Kempton by five lengths under Oisin. Stepping up into Stakes company on his next start he was far from disgraced when finishing second to Cosmic Year in the Listed King Charles II Stakes over seven furlongs at Newmarket in May, with subsequent Listed winner Diego Ventura and Group 2 winner Symbol of Honour in behind him. Marvelman then finished mid-division in the Group 3 Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot before a fine third in the Listed City



GLADIUS putting his rivals to the sword at Goodwood under William Buick

Derby winner Camille Pissarro back in third. A drop back to six furlongs in the Group 1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot failed to yield dividends but he ran a better race to be fifth in a messy renewal of the Group 2 Lennox Stakes over seven furlongs at Goodwood. A return to a mile beckons, with the Group 2 Celebration Mile back at the Sussex track his likely next assignment. Fellow Juddmonte homebred **Windlord** was second in the Group 3 Classic trial at Sandown on his seasonal reappearance and then ran twice in Group 1 company as a pacemaker for Field Of Gold. A drop down in class saw him secure a deserved Stakes win, taking the Listed Gala Stakes over ten furlongs back at Sandown under Colin Keane. He ran

Plate at Chester, behind former Kingsclere legend Holguin and subsequent Group 2 Lennox Stakes winner Witness Stand. He is more than capable of a Stakes win and may tackle the Group 2 Hungerford Stakes at Newbury next, before a potential trip to visit his owners in Australia and contest the \$10m Golden Eagle at Rosehill.

At the other end of the distance spectrum to Tropical Storm and Marvelman, the lovely **Furthur** had shown plenty when second at Newbury in October last year and picked up where he left off with a win back at the track in April, surging clear to take the eleven-furlong maiden at the Greenham meeting by three and a quarter lengths under Oisin Murphy. He was



DREAM OUT LOUD (near side) winning in front of packed stands at York in June

scuppered by a poor draw in the Group 3 Chester Vase in May but seemed to relish the step up in trip to fourteen furlongs in the Group 2 Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot, staying on strongly to be second to Scandinavia despite having been keen early on. His run in the Bahrain Trophy at Newmarket's July meeting was disappointing but it was his second outing in a month on quick ground and he may not have appreciated that. He could tackle the Group 3 Geoffrey Freer Stakes back at Newbury or the Great Voltigeur at York next, and holds an entry in the St Leger. He should get his preferred conditions as we head towards the Autumn and give his owners The Merry Pranksters plenty more good days.

Berkshire Whisper came close to securing black type when fourth in the Listed Carnarvon Stakes over six furlongs at Newbury in May, having notched up a hat-trick of wins on the All Weather in the Spring, the third coming in the three-year-old championship on All Weather Finals day at Newcastle in April. Unable to make an impression in the Commonwealth Cup at the Royal Meeting, he unfortunately picked up an injury there and is just coming back into training now. He won't be rushed but retains plenty of potential for owner Paul Spickett. Sheikh Hamed's **High Stock** was another who was rather sore after Royal Ascot, having won the Wood Ditton at Newmarket on his career debut in April and then run a close second in the Listed Dee Stakes at Chester in May. He is back in fast work and making pleasing progress. Stakes races could also be on the agenda for **Gladius**, who has now won three of his four career starts, securing a debut win over a mile at Kempton in April and handicap wins over nine furlongs at Sandown in June under Oisin and on the final day of the Qatar Goodwood Festival under William Buick. A colt on the up, the son of Night Of Thunder can continue to do well for owners Qatar Bloodstock, China Horse Club and David Howden. **Regal Ulixes** is another with Stakes potential, having won the Haynes, Hanson & Clark Stakes at Newbury last year and scoring again under a penalty at Doncaster on his seasonal reappearance in June. He suffered a nasty injury in the Group 2 King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot and will sadly miss the

rest of the year, but should repay the patience of owner Gary Gillies in due course.

Before Quai de Bethune topped the entire July Sale, Al Shaqab Racing's **Humam** had topped the first day, selling to trainer Stuart Williams on behalf of Tony Bloom and Ian McAleavy for 190,000gns. Placed on both his starts at two, Humam kicked off 2025 with a pair of wins on the All-Weather, at Lingfield over seven furlongs under Jason Watson and in a Class 2 handicap at Southwell over six under Hayley Turner. Switched to the turf in May, he ran respectably in big handicaps at Ascot and Haydock before going in again over seven furlongs at York in June under Jason Watson. His form looks very solid and he should continue to do well for his new connections. Overall, the yard had a bumper July Sale, selling 23 horses for an aggregate of 1.87m guineas and finishing third on the consignors table behind behemoths Castlebridge and Juddmonte. Dahlbury Racing's Mehmas colt **Dream Out Loud**, never out of the first four in his seven career starts and a winner over six furlongs at Kempton in April and at York in June, made 100,000gns from Billy Jackson-Stops, whilst the promising maiden **General Admission** fetched 210,000gns. He will continue his racing for Al Watan Club in the nascent racing industry in Libya, along with Ahmad Al Shaikh's **Hi Ya Mal**, a winner at Hamilton in May under David Probert and placed on all his starts this term, and Westerberg's **Christmas Gift**, a winner on her third start at Windsor in June.

Other recent winners sold at Tattersalls in July include **Gallant**, a winner over a mile at Lingfield in May having not had things go his way in big handicaps at Newmarket and York, and **Time Allowed**, a winner of a mile novice at Southwell in June on his third start, having placed at Newmarket and Newbury. The latter is headed to Australia, having been bought by Victoria-based training combination Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young. **Pianoforte** was a winner over the minimum trip at Bath in June under Callum Hutchinson and had placed on five of his seven career starts. He sold to the Gallop Racing syndicate, whilst Camelot colt **Middle Ages** could be going jumping, the Ripon winner having sold to



Happy connections of MARCHOGION after his win at Newmarket in May

bloodstock agent Dan Astbury. Another Bottle Racing's **Big Sip** has joined Marco Botti, having won at Lingfield in March and placed at the same track in June. **Captain Harry** won over seven furlongs at Haydock just prior to the sale but failed to meet his reserve. He has since run well again for Opulence Thoroughbreds, placing third at Sandown when impeded in the closing stages.

Opulence Thoroughbreds are also the owners of **Marchogion**, seven length winner of a Southwell novice in January. He scored for a second time when taking a Class 2 handicap over six furlongs at Newmarket in May, in the hands of Ray Dawson. Fourth in the big six furlong handicap at Newmarket's July meeting he was disappointing in the Shergar Cup Sprint but can hopefully bounce back from that. **Best Adventure** was another to win at Newmarket in May, taking a ten-furlong handicap under Irish pilot Shane Foley, retained rider to his owner Mr Zhang. Oisin Murphy took the reins when he followed up two starts later at Sandown, and he has since run well at Class 2 level back at Sandown and at the Qatar Goodwood Festival, where he was disadvantaged by a wide draw. He can win again. The same is true of the progressive **Mister Winston**, who placed on his first three starts this term before going in over the extended seven furlongs at Chester in the hands of Jason Watson. He ran well at Class 2 level at Newmarket's July meeting despite being keen and, dropped down to Class 3 level on his latest start, was a wide margin winner at the same track, again under Jason. Straightforward and progressive, he is a lovely horse to have in the yard.

Golden Redemption is US-bred and began his racing career for owner Saeed Suhail on the dirt in Dubai. A switch to the UK turf has reaped dividends for the son of Medaglia d'Oro as he placed in handicaps at Newbury and York before scoring in a six-furlong maiden back at Newbury this month under Oisin. **Point Of Contact** was another Newbury winner in the same ownership, having broken his maiden over the mile at Newbury on his seasonal debut and second career start,

despite obvious greenness. Second under a penalty on his next start, he has since run well in competitive handicaps at Haydock and Goodwood despite things not really doing his way. He is open to further improvement and likely heads to York next. The same is true of Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds' **Fantasy World**, who placed twice at Windsor before winning his maiden over ten furlongs at Ffos Las under Rob Hornby before following up in a valuable Racing League handicap over the extended eleven furlongs at Yarmouth under David Probert. The son of Make Believe looks like he may well stay further and could head for the Melrose Handicap on the Knavesmire. Michael Blencowe's **Belgravian** is also a son of Make Believe and has now won three times this term, winning over twelve furlongs at Doncaster in June and scoring again at

the same track over the extended two miles in July, on both occasions under PJ McDonald before bringing up the hat-trick at Haydock under Jason Watson. He is working his way up the grades and can continue to progress. In the same ownership, **Express Train** was impressive when running out the five-length winner of a seven-furlong novice at Leicester under Callum Hutchinson last month. His subsequent run in a Racing



BEST ADVENTURE securing the first of two wins this term, under Shane Foley at Newmarket

League handicap at Yarmouth was too bad to be true, and soft ground and a stumble at the start offer legitimate excuses. He can bounce back soon.

Lope de Vega colt **Spanish Voice** looked exciting when winning a ten furlong novice at Newmarket in April on his second career start, beating subsequent Goodwood handicap winner Push The Limit. Spanish Voice has unfortunately been sidelined with an injury since then but is back in ridden exercise and remains a lovely prospect for owner Saeed Suhail. In the same ownership, **White Crown Star** had the smart Fearnot behind him when winning over seven furlongs at Kempton on his seasonal reappearance and then placed on his next four



FANTASY WORLD with members of Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds after winning at Ffos Las

starts. Too keen when caught wide at Chester on his latest run, he remains on a competitive mark. Also by Sea The Stars, Sheikh Hamed's **Star Of Dubai** was a winner over a mile at Bath in May and has placed twice since, whilst Cheveley Park's **Displaying**, a son of Kingman, has also been very consistent, placing on his first three starts this year before gaining a deserved first win at Doncaster in June. He failed to give his true running on his latest start at Windsor but can hopefully put that behind him.

Doncaster was the scene of an eye-catching win from King Power Racing's **The Cursor**, who ran out the three and a quarter length winner of a valuable twelve-furlong novice there last month under Jason Watson. The win gives him automatic entry into the St Leger, but a minor niggle has delayed his progress for the time being. Fellow son of Frankel **Tarriance** broke his maiden at Beverley in May by an even wider margin and has since won again, taking a Class 3 handicap over fourteen furlongs at Sandown in game fashion under Oisin Murphy. The Melrose handicap at York could be next for Juddmonte's homebred colt.

Veteran sire Oasis Dream is usually associated with sprinters and milers but his son **Topteam** has flourished for being stepped up in trip, winning three in a row – two over the extended ten furlongs at Chester and the latest over twelve furlongs at Thirsk. He paid the price for early exuberance in the Shergar Cup Classic but has plenty more to offer for King Power. **Jet Black** is another middle-distance winner by a speedy sire, the daughter of Kodiak having won over ten furlongs at Redcar in May. She didn't look to get home when tried over twelve furlongs at Salisbury on his last start but retains potential off her current mark. **Triple Gee** has more stamina in his pedigree, being by Masar and out of a Nayaf mare, and got off the mark over twelve furlongs at the third time of asking, winning at Salisbury in June. Slow out and then too keen at Sandown on his latest start, he can get back on track soon. Kingsclere Racing Club's **Nobleman** was a winner over twelve furlongs

at Wolverhampton in April and has not been beaten far in three starts since. He has now been gelded which should help his focus and he can win again. Highclere Thoroughbred Racing's **Respond** was gelded before making his debut in May and, after three promising runs, he got off the mark over ten furlongs at Haydock earlier this month. He looks the type to progress further, especially if he can learn to settle better in his race.

Sheikh Rashid Al Saud's **Way Of Stars** placed on all three of his starts last year and has been similarly consistent this term, gaining a deserved win when romping home in a fourteen-furlong maiden at Goodwood in June under Jason Watson, putting some seven lengths between himself and his nearest rival. He then returned to handicaps and ran well to be a close fourth at Class

2 level at Haydock on his latest start. He has risen twelve pounds in the handicap this season to a mark of 89 but remains competitive. **Candyman Stan** is on a similar mark, having paid the price for a facile victory over twelve furlongs at Brighton in April followed by a Class 2 triumph over the extended eleven furlongs at Lingfield in May. He has struggled in two big handicaps since but was not beaten far in the Shergar Cup Challenge in first time cheekpieces and can build on that.

Chaldean's half-sister **Kassaya** looked full of promise as a juvenile, having won at Nottingham before getting no luck in the Queen Mary at last year's Royal Meeting. Then sidelined for a prolonged period with an injury, she made a winning return at Sandown in July, taking a Class 2 handicap over the minimum trip under Colin Keane. She was not disgraced in the Listed Queensferry Stakes at Chester on her latest start but got rather outpaced on the tight track. Different conditions should see her in a different light and Juddmonte's daughter of Kingman is well capable of adding to her already impressive pedigree page. Newsells Park Stud's **Hatysa** is also beautifully bred, being by Derby winner Sea The Stars and out of a half-sister to Derby winner Harzand. She is not quite at their level



ZGHARTA, a daughter of Ghaiyyath, won well at Newmarket under Hollie Doyle

but gained a valuable win in a fourteen-furlong handicap at Southwell on her latest start and could yet stay further. Mrs Al Thani's **Golden Thorn** is another filly to have won on her latest start, scoring over a mile at Windsor under Jason Watson having been knocking at the door for much of the year. Imad Al Sagar's **Boubyan** also won in July, scoring over a mile at Newbury under Hollie Doyle before selling at Tattersalls. In the same ownership, **Zgharta** was the deserved winner of a ten-furlong fillies' maiden at Newmarket in May, having been just denied at the same track on her previous start. She had no luck in the mile fillies' handicap at Goodwood on her last start but can do better next time and should be capable of securing black type in due course.

Sheikh Juma's **Star Chorus** is the third offspring of four-time Kingsclere winner Summer Chorus to be trained at Park House and the third to win, having scored at Southwell in January and at Windsor in July, both times over the minimum trip. He was undone by heavy ground at Goodwood last time out but he can put that behind him, especially if he settles which he does not always find easy! **Soul Dance** is also the daughter of a four-time Kingsclere winner in the shape of the lovely Be More, and she made a mockery of her opening mark when running out the five-length winner of a fillies' handicap at Nottingham in June. Having filled the runner-up spot on her next two starts, she can add to her tally this season.

Dance In The Storm's dam Strictly Dancing only won once for Kingsclere but her offspring have notched up a total of twenty wins between them, including two Group 3 wins from Dancing Star and Strict Tempo. Dance In The Storm has contributed two of those wins, scoring at Wolverhampton in January and at Sandown in June, and very nearly added a third when just pipped at the post in the seven-furlong handicap at the Goodwood Festival, a lengthy stewards' enquiry failing to reverse the placings. She can gain compensation for that soon and could be a Stakes filly in time, her family all improving with age. Also owned and bred by Jeff Smith but from a family we know less well, **Musical Angel** was a winner at Brighton in June under Jason Watson, whilst **Cuban Girl**, owned by Jeff but bought as a foal, got her head in front at the same track in June under Callum Hutchinson before selling at Tattersalls in July.

Callum also rode **Tuscan Star** to his second of three consecutive victories on the All Weather this winter, and Jonathan Palmer-Brown's likeable colt was also placed at Wolverhampton in March and at Southwell in July. He very sadly suffered a fatal injury when running in the twelve-furlong handicap at Goodwood. We were also extremely sorry to lose Southwell winner **Spirit Of Summer** in an accident at home after his impressive maiden win in March. Both horses are much missed by all connected with them, and particularly by their grooms George Holmes and Shakti Rathore.



The much-missed TUSCAN STAR after winning at Kempton in February

TWO-YEAR OLDS

Cheveley Park homebred **Humidity** faced no less than seventeen rivals when making his debut at Newbury in May but proved undaunted by the task, making all and seeing off persistent challenges to win by a short head. A full brother to Holloway Boy, who won the Listed Chesham Stakes at the Royal meeting on his debut, Humidity headed to Ascot with the task to emulate his sibling and duly completed that mission, cruising clear in the colours of his new owners Wathnan Racing to win by a length under James Doyle. A consummate professional with a great attitude, he was therefore disappointing in the Group 2 Vintage Stakes at Goodwood, although not helped by a wide draw. Hopefully he can bounce back from that and the Listed Ascendant Stakes at Haydock is likely to be his next target.



HUMIDITY carries the colours of Wathnan Racing to victory in the Listed Chesham Stakes



SANDS OF SPAIN has won twice and placed third in the Weatherbys Super Sprint

Old Is Gold is another from the yard to have been purchased by Wathnan Racing, the son of Mehmas having started out in the colours of Opulence Thoroughbreds, for whom he placed third in a hot novice at Ascot on debut before winning the Class 2 Two-Year-Old Trophy at Beverley in good style under PJ McDonald. Sent off favourite for his new owners in the Listed



The bonny BERKSHIRE BOOM winning at Chester under Jason Watson

Windsor Castle Stakes at Royal Ascot, he ran a fair race, finding himself a little outpaced when the leaders kicked for home but finishing fourth in his group and eighth overall. A step up to six furlongs looked in order and he confirmed this when finishing a close third in the Class 2 nursery at the Goodwood Festival on his latest start. He heads to the nursery at York next.

Andrew's mother and I got in terrible trouble with the trainer for going over the agreed budget when buying **Sands Of Spain** at the Tattersalls Somerville Sale last year, and I confess that at the time I cowardly (if not entirely unfairly) pinned the blame on my accomplice. This means, however, that she can now claim all the credit for having bought a very nice horse! Very green on his debut at Goodwood in May, he put that experience to good use when winning at Carlisle under Danny

Tudhope next time out before following up in a valuable novice at Newcastle under a penalty, this time ridden by PJ McDonald. He had to carry more weight than many in the Weatherbys Super Sprint at Newbury last month but nevertheless put in a great effort to finish third behind Anthelia and Havana Hurricane, giving that pair nine pounds and four pounds respectively and still showing signs of inexperience in the closing stages. He ended up on the wrong side in the Group 2 Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood and could yet make his mark at Stakes level, but Javier Maldonado's likeable colt can try six furlongs in one of the big sales races next.

Saeed Suhail's **Comical Point** was the yard's first juvenile winner of the year, scoring on debut over the minimum trip at Salisbury in May under David Probert, and then stayed on well to finish fifth in the Group 2 Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot. A step up to six furlongs looked in order but he was too keen out in front in the Group 2 July Stakes at Newmarket and so could drop back to five in the Listed Roses Stakes at York next. **Factual** was another two-year-old to win at Salisbury on his debut, finishing strongly to take a six-furlong novice under Oisin Murphy in June. Unfortunately, he has had to have surgery since and will be out for the rest of the season, but the son of Sioux Nation will be an exciting prospect on his return. **Berkshire Boom** is another to have had his progress delayed by injury, Paul Spickett's son of new sire Supremacy having won nicely over seven furlongs at Chester on his second start. He too should make a full recovery and will be one to look forward to in due course.

Chester has been a happy hunting ground for the yard's juveniles, with both Laazm and Sir Albert also winning there this summer. **Laazm** scored on debut earlier this month in the hands of PJ McDonald, defying his inexperience and handling the tight track and quick ground well. Sheikh Hamed's son of



LAAZM with Charlie Tucker and PJ McDonald after his Chester win



SIR ALBERT is a tough cookie and has already won three times this term

Mehmas looks to have a bright future. The same is true of **Sir Albert**, who took a couple of starts to get the hang of things but has proven highly progressive since, winning over six furlongs at Newcastle in June before following up in a seven-furlong nursery at Chester under a penalty, and then taking the Class 2 nursery over the same trip at Goodwood with a gutsy performance under Oisin Murphy. Raised six pounds to a mark of 90, he may yet defy that for owner Mrs Al Thani. Sir Albert was the yard's second juvenile winner at Goodwood, the first having come in the shape of **Stellar Sunrise**, a son of new sire Space Blues and owned by the Royal Ascot Racing Club. An eyecatcher on the gallops in the Spring, Stellar Sunrise finished second to a more experienced rival on his debut at Goodwood in March before running third in a York maiden where both first and second have won since. Quicker away when returning to Goodwood for the six-furlong maiden at the Festival, he put on a professional display to win well under

Oisin. His opening mark of 88 looks workable and he likely heads to the seven-furlong nursery at York next.

Michael Blencowe's **Rising Empire** is from the first crop of Kingsclere Group 2 winner and all-round good guy Bangkok and it was most heartening to see him win on his second start at Windsor, having finished fourth to subsequent Group 2 Richmond winner Coppull in a hot maiden at Leicester on debut. Michael Blencowe's colt had a poor start and was initially outpaced in the Woodcote Stakes at Epsom's Derby meeting but rallied well to finish fifth. He has had a slight niggles since but is back in work and could aim for one of the sales races or the big median auction race at Doncaster's Leger meeting on his return to the track. Rabban Racing's **Gewan** is by a more established sire in Night Of Thunder and out of a juvenile winner who was also Listed placed at two. He wasted little time in getting off the mark, scoring on debut at Newbury in the hands of Billy Loughnane. The form of that race looks strong, and Gewan will likely head to the Acomb Stakes at York, following a similar path to that taken by Chaldean three years ago.

We had to wait until August for the first juvenile filly to win this year, when **Entailed** got off the mark over five furlongs at Sandown on her second attempt, having got stranded in the middle of the track on her debut at Newbury the previous month. A daughter of Harry Angel and a granddaughter of Group 1 winner Peeress on her dam's side, she can continue to progress for owner-breeders Cheveley Park Stud.

As ever there are a host of lovely horses who have not made it into this already lengthy report, including many unexposed two- and three-year-olds who could well thrive in the latter part of the season. Much to look forward to – onwards and upwards! ■



A big gang of Royal Ascot Racing Club members greet Stellar Sunrise after his win at Goodwood

THE 2025 12 TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

At the midway point in the competition the lead is held by Andy Johnson and Garnet Bounds, Kingsclere locals and dedicated work watchers for many years. They have done particularly well with their older horse selections as only one of their two-year-old picks has run! Hot on their heels come work riders Alfie Redman, Macie Harris, and Charlie Richards, whose first-hand knowledge of the juveniles on the gallops in the Spring has clearly reaped dividends. There is plenty of racing left in the calendar and, with the later developing and soft ground horses likely to thrive in the autumn, much could change from here on in!

These are the scores up to 8 August 2025.

1 A Johnson/G Bounds (B)	180	35 Anne Soul	123	68 Bob Humphreys (A)	105
2 Alfie Redman	176	36 Archie Burgess	122	70 Peter Bedford	104
3 Macie Harris	173	36 Billie Robinson-Gay	122	71 Eamonn Duggan (A)	103
4 Charlie Richards	170	38 Andrew Balding	120	71 John Feane	103
5 Angie Cheshire (C)	158	39 Julia Reardon Smith	119	71 D Powell	103
5 Jamie Richards	158	40 Javier Maldonado	118	74 Adrian Hodgkins (A)	102
7 Keith Derbyshire	153	40 Marie Perrault	118	74 Richard Hutton	102
8 Amy Read	149	40 Paul Spickett (B)	118	74 Jan Lees	102
9 Charlie Tucker	148	43 Jack Osborn	117	74 Alan Read	102
10 Pedro Springer	146	43 Gerry Rafferty (C)	117	78 Gary Chong	101
11 Miles Brandi	144	45 Toby Balding	116	78 Sue Ellen (A)	101
12 Maya Mcnelis	143	45 Sue Ellen (B)	116	78 Sam Gay	101
13 Roland Francis	142	45 Leanne White	116	78 David Gay	101
13 Barry Lewis	142	45 Richard Wilmot-Smith	116	78 Valerie Slade (B)	101
15 David King	141	49 Maggie Robinson-Gay	115	83 Michael Bettaney (A)	100
16 Wayne Bolton	139	49 Fabrizio	115	83 Jeremy Carey	100
16 Bryan Jennick	139	51 Philip/Corinne Robertson	114	83 John Morse	100
18 Ed Prosser	137	52 Ben Corke	113	86 Andrew Slater	99
19 Jonno Balding	136	53 Graham Clark	112	87 Vic/Nick Rhoades	98
20 Barbara Bullion	133	53 Michael Payton	112	88 Emma Balding	97
21 Sam Geake	132	55 Sarah Cundy	111	88 Iris Hoare	97
22 Barney Bonner	131	55 Catha Hoare (A)	111	88 Barry Hale (B)	97
22 Jon Rea	131	55 Amira/Angela Rhoades	111	88 RCB Michaelson	97
22 Tom Smyth	131	58 Richard Dangar	110	88 Clive Stansby (B)	97
25 Flora Balding	130	58 Mark Hutchinson	110	93 Sue Gay	96
25 Felicity Simpson	130	60 Graham Jones	109	93 Roger Hetherington	96
25 Martin Slade (A)	130	60 A Johnson/G Bounds (A)	109	93 Jack Hulme	96
28 Anderson King	128	60 Don Smith	109	93 John Wright	96
28 Lily Jessup	128	60 Stephen Woolley	109	97 Jason Clifford	95
30 Tessa Hetherington (B)	126	64 Lesley Duggan (B)	108	98 Shippy Ellis	94
30 Simon Humphries (A)	126	64 Mary Gee	108	98 Simon Humphries (B)	94
30 Camilla Richardson	126	64 Gary Rhoades	108	100 Bob Humphreys (C)	93
33 Eamonn Duggan (B)	125	67 Jeff Smith	106	100 Mick Mariscotti	93
34 Jack Fox	124	68 Tessa Hetherington (A)	105	100 Paul Spickett (A)	93

103 Richard Hoare	92	124 Laurence Jinks	81	145 April Rafferty (B)	65
103 Dr MJ/Mrs DO'Brien (C)	92	124 Clive Stansby (A)	81	146 Candy Boonzaier	64
105 Werner Aeberhard	91	126 Simon Gee	80	147 MG Wooldridge (A)	62
105 Rachael Holmes	91	126 Dr MJ/Mrs DO'Brien (A)	80	148 Alan Dickinson	60
107 Anna Lisa Balding	90	128 Bob Humphreys (B)	79	149 Charlotte Clarke	59
107 Michael Bettaney (B)	90	129 Jamie Mckinnon	77	149 Catha Hoare (B)	59
107 Stuart Mcphee	90	130 Angie Cheshire (B)	76	149 Martin Slade (B)	59
107 Dr MJ/Mrs DO'Brien (B)	90	130 Sharon Woolley	76	152 Jemima White	57
111 Ellen Bower	89	132 Angie Cheshire (A)	75	153 MG Wooldridge (B)	56
112 Adrian Hodgkins (B)	88	132 John Gale	75	154 April Rafferty (A)	48
112 Tyla Macfarlane	88	132 Gerry Rafferty (B)	75	155 Boris Balding	46
114 Doris/Georgia Balding	87	132 Laura Spickett	75	156 Andrea Morse	44
115 Kelly Corke	86	136 Josh Gay	74	157 Phil Dowson	41
115 Lesley Duggan (A)	86	136 Janice Read	74	158 John Knight	35
117 Barry Hale (A)	85	138 Sarah Bettaney	73	159 Valerie Slade (A)	34
117 Jane Pearson	85	139 Liam Walsh	72	160 Sarah/Will Gay	32
119 Lucy Dowson	84	140 Jora Boonzaier	71	160 Matthew/Emily Slade	32
119 Sarah Paddock	84	141 Des Oates	70	161 Sally-Anne Jinks	29
121 Gary Richards	83	141 Gerry Rafferty (A)	70		
122 Ann Brook	82	143 Fiona Hutchinson	68		
122 Sally-Anne Phipps Hornby	82	143 John Soul	68		



BELGRAVIAN was leading point scorer even before his recent Haydock win!

TOP SCORING HORSES

BELGRAVIAN	33
BLUE BOLT	32
SIR ALBERT	31
FOX LEGACY	30
TARRIANCE	30
TOPTEAM	30



William Huntingdon, Andy and Garnet on the gallops

SELECTION OF THE LEADERS

A Johnson/G Bounds (B)		Alfie Redman		Macie Harris		Charlie Richards	
Jonquil	20	The Foxes	12	Almeric	12	Berkshire Whisper	11
Kalpana	21	Turquino	10	Windlord	25	Mount Atlas	10
Windlord	25	Kalpana	21	Urban Glimpse	13	Furthur	18
See The Fire	22	Nobleman	2	Furthur	18	Tropical Storm	12
Blue Bolt	32	High Stock	18	Kalpana	21	Kalpana	21
Kassaya	10	Music Piece	12	Berkshire Whisper	11	Bermuda Longtail	8
Displaying	28	Dream Out Loud	27	Kingmaker	13	Windlord	25
Well Versed	0	Humidity	22	Stellar Sunrise	20	North Beach	0
Humidity	22	Generic	0	Comical Point	10	Comic Hero	10
Lifeguard	0	Comic Hero	10	Ghost Mode	8	Sir Albert	31
Imperial Ballet	0	Rising Empire	11	Humidity	22	Stellar Sunrise	20
Herleva	0	Sir Albert	31	Galiyan	0	Storm Flag	4

Kingsclere Racing Club



Happy members of the KRC collecting the trophy for the win of Mount Atlas at Ascot

Mount Atlas got the summer started for the Kingsclere Racing Club with a comfortable win at Ascot in July, one month on from a fine fifth in the Duke of Edinburgh Stakes at the Royal meeting. It was fantastic to have a runner at Royal Ascot and, unsurprisingly, it was a very well-attended day's racing by Club members! He is likely to head to York next and we are hoping he can go on to establish himself at Pattern level in due course.

Several of the three year olds are ready to run and should keep us busy in the coming weeks, while we look forward to getting the careers underway for some of our nine-strong team of two-year-olds, with Kameko colt Cape Fear and Elm Park's half-brother Itica two to note for the future.

There have already been several Club events this season, including mornings on the gallops at Park House and a wonderful visit to Chris and Claire Bonner's pre-training yard, as well as pre-raceday tour of Ascot last month, followed by an excellent lunch in the Thoroughbred room.

We have once again passed the £100,000 prize-money mark for the campaign and are eagerly awaiting what promises to be an exciting second half of the season. ■

The Kingsclere Racing Club is full for 2025, but we are accepting applications to join the waiting list for 2026. For further information, please contact Nathaniel Barnett on 07890 672435 or by email, admin@kingsclere.com

SALES SEASON

As the days shorten our thoughts turn to the yearling sales and the exciting process of trawling the sales grounds to find lovely young horses to join the yard. Members of the team will be at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale at Doncaster (27-28 August), Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale (2 September), BBAG Premier Yearling Sale (5 September), Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale (23-24 September), Goffs Orby Sale (29-30 September) and Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (7-17 October). Please get in touch if you would like to be involved. ■



Dual winner and Super Sprint third SANDS OF SPAIN was bought at the Somerville Sale last year

STAFF NEWS



David Probert

Many of you will have seen the news that regular Kingsclere jockey David Probert is heading to Hong Kong, having been granted a part-season licence by the Hong Kong Jockey Club to ride out there until mid-February 2026. David will be joined on his trip by fellow UK rider Richard Kingscote and will see some familiar faces on the racecourse in Harry Bentley and Andrea Atzeni, who have been riding there for some time. Gaining a licence to ride in Hong Kong is a significant achievement and we wish Dave the very best of luck for the season, which starts on 7 September.



Taffy with G1 winner DONJUAN TRIUMPHANT

The Kingsclere gallops will also be missing Michael Cheshire, who has recently retired after some 43 years as a work-rider and groom at Kingsclere. Known to almost everyone as Taffy, Michael has been associated with many top horses during his time at Park House, including Group 1 winners Kameko and Donjuan Triumphant. As familiar with the routines and history of Kingsclere as almost anyone on the premises, Taffy's retirement is the end of an era and we wish him all the best for the future, although we will still see plenty of him as he lives on site with his wife Angie, who is not allowed to retire yet! Our rider ranks have also lost Curt Platjies, who joined the yard in 2022 from South Africa and quickly established himself as a highly skilled and reliable pilot, becoming regular rider of Chaldean from an early stage and often handling the yard's trickier customers. Now working in Australia, we are sure Curt will continue to do well in racing.

We have recently welcomed Asa, a new member of the maintenance team working alongside Jimmy Ferry,

who has made an excellent start to his time here. Whilst not a member of staff (yet!), we were also delighted to welcome a new baby into the Park House community when Head Lad Ben Corke and his wife Kelly recently had their second child, Joshua, a brother for Ava. As well as a birth we have also had two marriages this summer – former assistant Nigel Walker married Sam, long-time headperson to trainer Richard Bandey, at Hannington in July, and earlier this month Kevin Hunt, our most longstanding head lad and a pivotal member of the Kingsclere team, married Debbie at a local ceremony with celebrations that lasted well into the night. We wish both couples every happiness in the future.

In other staff news, Charlie Tucker has recently received his apprentice licence. A talented rider whose skills have improved immeasurably during his time at Park House, we are sure his first winner will not be long in coming.



Charlie Tucker



Andrew with prize winners at the swimming gala

Away from work there have been several successful staff events. Racing Staff Week was celebrated with a barbecue and swimming gala organised by Leanne



Don't they scrub up well! Staff members at Royal Ascot

and Candy, at which members of the team got to test their fitness in a different way and much fun was had by all. King George weekend saw the now traditional 'parents' evening', with the families of staff invited



SIDE GLANCE with the Park House Pirates' opening batsmen

for a barbecue and rounders match, followed by a morning on the gallops. Andrew's team inevitably won the rounders, but he did not fare quite so well on the bucking bronco...

In July the Park House Pirates welcomed the Newmarket XI to Kingsclere for a limited-overs cricket match. The contest had it all – storm threats, dropped catches, vocal appeals, a visit from a Group 1 winning racehorse – and, whilst the scoring was a little dubious at times, Newmarket were the clear winners in the end. We can expect the Pirates' manager to bring in some fiendish ringers next year... ■



Not only a cricket mascot, SIDE GLANCE also escorted Kingsclere rider Jemima White to her school prom!



Some of the lads enjoying a night out at Newbury



AWARDS



We are very grateful to Spillers for their continued support of our Employee of the Month awards. The whole team have put in a stellar effort over recent months to keep the horses in top form throughout a very busy season, but special recognition goes to the latest winners, who are:

Liam Daffey – For sterling work in his role as pupil assistant, bringing great horsemanship, a can-do attitude and a willingness to learn to every task he has been assigned – including leading 775,000gns sale-topper Quai De Bethune through the ring!

Ruth Inman – For making great progress in her first role in a racing yard – working hard, doing her horses immaculately every evening and developing her riding skills.

Edmund Skelton – For approaching the transition from a dressage yard to a racing yard with a great attitude and for great improvements in his riding, enabling him to cope with more challenging horses.

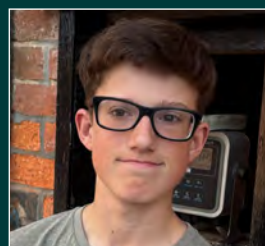
Mariana Martins – For being a valued member of the ground-staff team, dedicated to her horses and always focussed and alert to changes in their demeanour or well-being. ■



Liam Daffey



Ruth Inman



Edmund Skelton



Mariana Martins

MAGNOLIA CUP

The Magnolia Cup charity race is a well-established highlight of the Qatar Goodwood Festival and this year we were delighted to help Lois Logan with her preparation for the race. An accomplished showjumper, Lois showed great dedication in her switch to the new discipline of race riding and spent many mornings at Park House, riding out on the gallops and having training sessions on the equicizers with Leanne.



Lois and Andrew

On the day, Lois rode Kingsclere apprentice horse Little Miss Magic, trained by Patrick Chamings, and was supported by her parents Kenny and Gabby and her twin brother Reuben. Looking very stylish in her Rixo-designed silks, she put on an equally stylish display in the saddle and rode a lovely race to finish fifth. Well done Lois – you are welcome back at Park House any time! ■

KINGSCLERE MAGAZINE – THE FUTURE

The magazine has now been dropping through your letterboxes for 26 years, the first edition in 1999, known as 'The Kingsclere Quarter'. Since then it has gone through many changes in its content and in the technology used to produce the final publication.



Given the ever-increasing accessibility of racing results and other yard information through the internet and social media channels, we have decided to have a slight re-think on the format and content of this magazine. From 2026 we are considering a plan to go down to two issues a year – a bumper edition in December with a full overview of the season, and a lighter edition in the Spring with the launch of the Twelve To Follow competition and some interesting feature articles.

We would welcome any thoughts on these plans, including elements of the magazine you value and/or topics you would like to see covered

in features, please do let us know by emailing reply@kingsclere.com.

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