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LA GRANGE NEWS



Contributer, our Royal Ascot winner!

Welcome

The above photograph shows a picture of our Royal Ascot winner, Contributer. As I am sure you can imagine, this winner was a welcome relief and a huge boost for the yard. It has been a difficult time for everyone and I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work.

One can never be certain but the horses look better, their recent work has been much more encouraging and we will hopefully have some two year olds to run in the near future.

Ed Dunlop

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More Beau

More Beau Triumphs At Redcar

More Beau got the ball rolling for La Grange with a cosy win in a six furlong handicap at Redcar. More Beau was having his first run in handicap company. He was held up for the vast majority of the race before taking the lead a furlong out, winning comfortably by three and a quarter lengths. Paddy Aspell has ridden this son of More Than Ready in all his starts and has built up a good relationship with him on the track and at home. We look forward to seeing him run again and he looks like an interesting sprinter, for the future.

Oasis Fantasy Scores At Goodwood

Oasis Fantasy showed plenty of determination when stretching clear of his rivals at Goodwood this month. He did not have the clearest of runs and had to be switched two furlongs out, before running on strongly and winning comfortably by two lengths. Oisín Murphy was having his second ride on this son of Oasis Dream and he made up for his narrow defeat in his previous race at Brighton. Oasis Fantasy has been a very consistent horse for his owners, Windflower Overseas and John Dunlop, winning twice and being placed twice, from his five, lifetime starts. He has been in great form at home since then and will be looking to make it three wins, from six starts, soon!



Oasis Fantasy

Royal Ascot Winner; Contrib-



Contributer and Muhammed

Royal Ascot Highlights

La Grange Stables sent six runners to Royal Ascot, resulting in some really promising performances. Two of the most notable runs, came from Zarwaan and Trip To Paris. Zarwaan ran a fantastic race under Paul Hanagan in The Britannia Stakes Heritage Handicap, finishing fifth out of the thirty runners. He raced on the stands side and the jockey reported he was rather unlucky, as he got stopped in running a few times and was only beaten two lengths. He could possibly head to The July Festival at Newmarket for a Listed race or The Bunbury Cup.

Trip To Paris delighted his owners in The King George V Stakes when finishing sixth of the eighteen runners under Luke Morris. He was held up in midfield for the majority of the race and stayed on well in the final furlong. He was unfortunately struck into and had to receive a few stitches, but he is happy and well at home and will be back on a racecourse soon.

Contributer was outstanding in The Wolferton Listed Handicap at Royal Ascot, ridden by George Baker. Contributer sat last for the majority of the race, after jumping slowly from a poor draw. He was given a patient ride by George, who unleashed his mount wide in the straight, getting a beautiful, smooth run to win comfortably by half a length, beating the Queen's horse, the favourite, Bold Sniper. This was George Baker's first winner at Royal Ascot and we are delighted to have provided him with the opportunity We are also delighted for Contributer's owner, Mr George Bolton, who flew over from America for the race. This is Mr Bolton's first horse in training, in England and he has proven to be a fantastic purchase by David and Angie Loder. Contributer has won four of his nine starts and has only been out of the placings once. We would also like to say a massive well done to his work rider, Muhammed and his groom, Faizul. What a great team effort!



Trip To Paris and Wendy Steele

Teeth Time: Meet Our Equine Dentist, Dream Team!

Normandy based Jean-Yves Leroy has been associated with Ed for over twenty years having previously worked for the late Alex Scott at Gainsborough Stables.

“Jean Yves has been my dentist since I started training and although I am biased, I believe he is the best in the business and he has a huge number of clients on both sides of the Channel.”

Jean-Yves Leroy has always loved horses and used to enjoy trekking and showing as a young man. He started his own equine dentistry business in 1977 and he is also a qualified Osteopath. He is based in Normandy and travels over to England at least once every month with his wife of 10 years, Sophie, who is also a fully qualified equine dentist and between them they look after our horses.

Jean-Yves recommends that young horses have their teeth checked every three to four months. The two main reasons are firstly so the horses can eat properly and therefore benefit from the nutrition in their feed and secondly so that the teeth meet most comfortably in the mouth, enabling the riders to have better steering and control.

Jean-Yves and Sophie have a great working relationship and they are a crucial part of the La Grange team. When asked who the boss of the husband and wife working team is, they both said each other but we think it's definitely Sophie!!



Two Year Old Focus 2014

Red Tycoon

(Acclamation - x Rugged Up) Colt

Owner: The Hon R J Arculli

Red Tycoon is a forward going son of Acclamation who is a gentleman to ride. His dam was unraced and is by Marju who was a top class horse over eight to twelve furlongs for Ed's father, John.

"This son of Acclamation was our first two year old runner of the year and although he did not cover himself with glory we still have faith in him."



Red Tycoon

Justice First

(Zebedee - x Nelly's Glen) Colt

Owner: Mr Robert Ng

This colt by Zebedee was purchased at the Tattersalls October Part 2 Sale. His dam, Nelly's Glen, won over seven furlongs and his sire had explosive speed over five furlongs as a two year old. He is a handsome bay colt with a great character.

"Justice First is a strong, scopey individual who has been coming along nicely. He is yet to do any fast work but will step up to this soon."



Justice First

Fieldsman

(Hard Spun (USA) - x R Charlies Angel) Colt

Owner: Highclere Thoroughbred Racing

Fieldsman's sire, Hard Spun, comes from the famous Northern Dancer breeding line. Hard Spun won Grade races from seven to nine furlongs. He was second in the Breeders' Cup Classic behind the mighty Curlin.

"This colt was purchased at the Breeze Up Sales and is a handsome horse who moves beautifully. He has done some pleasing fast work and looks a nice prospect."



Fieldsman

Illogical

(Paco Boy – x Logic) Filly

Owner: Mr s R J Gredley

Illogical is a striking looking filly with a big white blaze. Her dam, Logic, is by Slip Anchor and was fifth in The Fillies Mile (Group 1) at Ascot.

“This daughter of Paco Boy is an attractive neat filly who we are taking our time with. She is a filly for the latter part of the season and will shortly start to do some fast work..”



Illogical

Arethusa

(Rip Van Wrinkle (IRE) – x Acquirer) Filly

Owners: The Serendipity Partnership

Arethusa was bought at the Tattersalls December Yearling Sale. She is by first season sire Rip Van Wrinkle, who has already sired a stakes winner. Her dam and Grand Dam, Llyn Gwynnant, a multiple stakes winner over a mile, were trained by John Dunlop.

“This filly is from a family I know well and she has been pleasing me at home. She is progressing nicely and will shortly make her debut.”



Arethusa

Tocororo

(Teofilo – x Firecrest) Filly

Owners: The Brooke Kelly Partnership

Tocororo is full sister to Bantam, who has won two races so far for us and is still in training. Her dam, Firecrest, won five races, including a Listed race at York, as a three year old and was owned by Sir Thomas Pilkington, who is also part owner of this filly.

“I train this filly's full sister, Bantam. She is a tall, scopey individual who is rather similar in stature to Bantam and looks a nice prospect for the future.”



Tocororo

Pictures of the Month



Birds eye view



Lifejacket and Cape Summit stretching out nicely on The Limekilns



Federica and her favourite filly, Musalaha



Red Avenger and Stephen Nicholson



Thursday; weigh day



Red Cadeaux enjoying a visit from South Lee School



Island Remede's fan club



Ian Quy and Mrs D enjoying a Champagne lunch at Epsom



Rebecca and her favourite two year old, Illogical



Red Galileo and White Nile

South Lee School Visit La Grange Stables



South Lee School made their annual visit to the yard this month on a beautiful, sunny morning. It was an unusual experience for Ed's youngest daughter, Martha, as she left the house for school; to then return an hour later, with her fellow class mates, for a guided tour around her normal stomping ground!

The students seemed to really enjoy their morning on the gallops and especially enjoyed stroking and feeding the horses carrots. Telegraphy received a lot of attention and Trip To Paris was also rather popular with the youngsters. Mrs Dunlop made sure her favourite horses, Bantam and Red Runaway, got plenty of carrots.



Staff Profile: Amedeo Dal Pos

Amedeo is 42 and was born in Conegliano, Italy. Amedeo started his working life alongside his father in the family run factory, making brushes. He went on to open his own factory with his cousin, making fireplaces, which is still in business to this day. However, horses and racing in particular, have always been Amedeo's passion, so he decided to follow his heart and enter the racing world.



Amedeo is a successful amateur jockey who rode a winner on his first ride! He has ridden 25 winners from 250 rides. Amedeo was also successful at training, having a few horses for pleasure, with great results. He bought an ex Dunlop horse at Tattersall's called Mu-baashir, who he owned, trained and rode to victory in Italy.

Amedeo and his partner, Federica, made the decision to leave Italy due to the Italian racing industry downturn. They joined La Grange two years ago and are a great addition to the team. Amedeo has proven to be a rather lucky man, choosing both Amazing Maria and Red Galileo as yearlings. His favourite days' racing so far, have been when Amazing Maria won her first race at Goodwood and when Red Galileo finished fifth in this year's Derby. His favourite horse however, is an unraced two year old called Dark Red.

"I believe in this horse. I like his character; he is a clever horse and I see him improving day after day." You heard it here first!!!

Amedeo is a joy to work with. He is always smiling and has a charismatic laugh. He is a man who lives, breathes and dreams, horse racing and is devoted to his horses.

Eight To Follow Update

Miss Valerie Griffiths, is currently leading the competition with 80 points. Mr Robert Gray is in second position with 75 points. Contributor is our leading horse on 45 points.

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