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## LA GRANGE NEWS



*Mahsooba after her win at Newmarket with Sheikh Hamdan's Racing Manager Richard Hills and her groom Lauranne.*

### **Welcome**

I can't believe it is already the end of August! The season seems to have flown by and thankfully the difficult times appear to be behind us. On the whole the horses have been running very well and in particular the two year olds are showing real promise. My personal highlight however, was Red Avenger winning at Glorious Goodwood, as this is the meeting that is close to my heart for obvious reasons.

*Ed Dunlop*

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# This Months Winners



*Red Avenger*

## Red Avenger Wins At Glorious Goodwood

**Red Avenger** battled hard to win the lucrative Betfred Mile Heritage Handicap at Glorious Goodwood this month. Jimmy Fortune took the ride on Red Avenger and settled him towards the rear of the seventeen runner field before switching him left two furlongs out to take the Heritage handicap with the last stride, by a neck. This was Red Avenger's fourth win taking his prize money earnings over £140,000. He is a wonderful, compact horse who will hopefully have a winter campaign in Dubai. Congratulations to our winning owner, Mr Arculli.

## Prince Gagarin Wins Stylishly At Newmarket

**Prince Gagarin** showed great promise when he finished third first time out in a hot Newbury maiden last month. He followed this up with a fantastic win at Newmarket Racecourse in The Silver Jubilee Novice Stakes winning by two and a half lengths. Ryan Moore took the ride on this son of Dubawi and sat second in the three runner contest before unleashing Prince Gagarin two furlongs out, quickening impressively away from his rivals. The lack of runners had no reflection on the quality of the race as both Lexington Times and Zephuros had won Newmarket maiden races. This horse looks to have a very promising future for his owner/breeder Mrs Patino.



*Prince Gagarin and Ryan Moore*





*Mahsooba and Jason Tate*

## Mahsooba Scores At HQ

**Mahsooba** is another one of our two year olds who has followed up a promising run first time out, with a win on her second outing. Mahsooba is a lovely, strong looking individual by the American sire, Hard Spun. David Probert rode this filly and settling her towards the rear of the field in the seven furlong maiden contest before having to overcome a few traffic problems before securing a winning run inside the final furlong. This is a tough filly who loves her work and will hopefully keep on improving.

## Taqneen Makes All At Thirsk

**Taqneen** went on to win on the same day as Mahsooba completing an across the card double for La Grange Stables and owner Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum on Saturday 2nd of August. Taqneen had been knocking on the door for some time and had finished second on his last three starts. The heavens opened at Thirsk and the ground quickly change to soft but this did not affect Taqneen, as he made all under Paul Mulrennan, winning comfortably by three and a half lengths. Taqneen was wearing first time blinkers and these seemed to have the desired effect on this gelding.



*Taqneen*

## Loch Ma Naire Bolts Up At Chepstow



*Loch Ma Naire and Jessica Cooley*

**Loch Ma Naire** has been very consistent for La Grange Stables, finishing in the first three in seven of her ten starts but a win had eluded her until last month when she won stylishly at Chepstow. This daughter of Galileo commanded the race and kicked clear of her rivals winning comfortably by 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  lengths. Graham Lee was on board this filly for the second time and made good use of her in this one mile, two furlong handicap. This was an impressive victory for this striking grey filly and we are delighted to get a win on the board for St Albans Bloodstock. A special well done to Loch Ma Naire's lass Jessica who rides and looks after this filly and who has not stopped bragging about her win!

## Arethusa Wins Again!

**Arethusa** had another fruitful day racing when winning at Goodwood under Jim Crowley. This daughter of Rip Van Winkle tracked the leaders before making her move in the last furlong, winning comfortably by half a length. This filly has had three starts now, finishing second on her debut at Kempton and then going on to win at Newmarket on her second outing. Arethusa is certainly no stranger to the winner's enclosure and she really enjoys her work and her racing. Well done to The Serendipity Partnership who own this tough filly and a special well done to Laura Uff who rides this filly and who was delighted to have led up her first winner.



*Arethusa, Jim Crowley & Laura Uff*





*Lifejacket gleaming*

## Lifejacket Wins At Lingfield

**Lifejacket** won his first handicap at Lingfield under a perfect ride by Andrea Atzeni. This lovely gelding by Notnowcato seemed to really appreciate the first time blinkers and travelled well in behind the main group, before being shaken up by Atzeni and driven through a tight gap to go on and lead 50 yards out, winning comfortably by half a length. Well done to the Milti Consortium who have been patient with this horse and we now hope that he has got his head in front; he will go on and win again!

## Light Fantastic Battles Hard At Kempton

**Light Fantastic** battled hard to win the fillies maiden at Kempton under William Buick. This two year old filly by Acclamation impressed first time out when finishing third at Newmarket under Pat Smullen over seven furlongs. She gained valuable experience from that first run and showed this at Kempton when challenging the leader two furlongs out and knuckling down for a dual, just defying the 6/4 favourite, Commandaria by a neck. This was a great win for the Racing Fillies who are a new syndicate at La Grange Stables. Well Done Ladies!



*Light Fantastic and Muhammed*

## Burwaaz Has Retired

**Burwaaz** has been a fantastic horse for La Grange Stables and has some very impressive form, especially as a two year old. He was just denied victory on his first start when he was beaten by a nose but went on to win on his second start at Leicester under Richard Hills. His great attitude and explosive burst of speed, led to a leap up in grade for his third career start at Royal Ascot in the Group 2 Norfolk Stakes where he ran a wonderful race finishing fourth, beaten 2 ¾ lengths. The field split that day and he raced on the stands side and was first of that group. Burwaaz was also second at Glorious Goodwood in the Molecomb Stakes Group 3 behind the Michael Tabor owned Requito who now stands at Coolmore Stud. A third in the Gimcrack Stakes Group 2 at The Ebor Festivals at York followed and then he arguably ran the race of his career in the Flying Childer Stakes Group 2, just being denied again by Requito, on the last stride. Burwaaz's three year old career was marred by a pelvis injury incurred in the stalls at Kempton. He returned back to somewhere near his best the following year at Glorious Goodwood in The Stewards Cup Heritage Handicap where he finished third of the twenty seven runners. Burwaaz has been such a wonderful horse to be around. He is a handsome, clever, relaxed horse who has the most fantastic nature and attitude. A recurring, niggling joint issue called time on his career but we wish him well in his retirement and his presence will be greatly missed on the yard, especially by Jane and his lad Faizul.



*Jane, Burwaaz and Faizul*



*Burwaaz and Jane Duncan*



## Ouija Boards Son, Australia Wins Again

**Australia** has been following in his mothers foot steps and has been cleaning up Group 1's this season. We are delighted for Lord and Lady Derby who bred this wonderful horse and who have been great supporters of La Grange Stables. Australia still has a few more Group 1's to win to catch up with Ouija Boards record of seven!!



# Meet Stephen Byrne

## Our Osteopath

**Stephen** has been living in England for the past seventeen years after leaving his native Ireland. He grew up on Old Town Stud, Naas, County Kildare and has been involved with horses all his life. Stephen met his wife Louise whilst training at the European School Of Animal Osteopathy in Brighton, where they specialised in equine manual therapy. They decided to join forces and set up their business, "Back On Form" in 2006 and have clients all over England, Ireland and France and treat horses in many different disciplines. Stephen loves treating racehorses in particular and has successfully treated many thoroughbred stars including treating The Derby winner Authorised and The Grand National winner Silver Birch in 2007.



Osteopathy is a holistic approach and the treatment methods range from massage, stretching and mobilisation of joints, to specific high velocity thrust techniques. Stephen says it is important to check the horse as a whole unit and look for any misalignments. The aim is to release any muscles or joints that are not working to their full potential and could be causing discomfort or even pain. Osteopathy also helps with blood supply and with the lymphatic drainage and nerve supply, to insure the horse's well-being as a whole. Stephen says his job is highly rewarding and he loves seeing horses he has treated winning at big meetings, especially at The Cheltenham Festival. Outside of work Stephen loves shooting and regularly attends shoots at The Green Man which he also recom-

good steak! He loves classic cars and owns two Audi Quattro's and is also planning on adding an Austin Healey to the collection.

All our horses are now being assessed and treated by Stephen and we are delighted to have his fantastic knowledge and services available for our owners.

# Two Year Old Focus 2014

## Rafeeq

**(Raven's Pass – x Alzarroof) Colt**

**Owner: Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum**

Rafeeq is a big, strong individual who has great presence. He looks remarkably like his Sire Raven's Pass who won the Breeders Cup Classic, breaking the course record at Santa Anita.

*"This colt is out of a filly I trained for Sheikh Hamdan and is a lovely scopey individual who has been showing positive signs recently. He won't be rushed but look like a nice type for next year."*



**Rafeeq**



**Beach Samba**

## Beach Samba

**(Lope de Vega – x Braziliz) Colt**

**Owner: Mr Paul Roy**

This attractive colt was bought at The Craven Breeze Up Sales. His dam Braziliz has produced seven winners from seven runners and his young sire had his first Stakes winner last month when Belardo won a Listed race at Newbury.

*"This horse is a beautifully bred individual with some great form lines on his dam's side. His sire has started his first season of runners well and this horse is shaping to be a nice prospect. He ran well on his first outing and looks to have plenty of speed."*

## Souk Al Tahab

**(Arcano – x Quiet Dream) Colt**

**Owner: Mr Mohammed Jaber**

This colt was purchased at The Goresbridge Breeze Up Sales. His sire Arcano was a very good sprinter winning The Prix Morny at Deauville, creating a new course record.

*"Souk Al Tahab was bought at The Breeze Ups in Ireland. He is a typical Breeze Up horse and we are taking our time with him so he learns to relax. He looks a sharp horse who has plenty of scope."*



**Souk Al Tahab**



## Mahsooba

**(Hard Sun – x Ishraak) Filly**

**Owner: Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum**

This filly is by the exciting stallion Hard Spun, who has produced Group 1 winning Wicked Strong, Questing and Hardest Core, to name a few. Mahsooba is very athletic and is a nice forward type.

*"Mahsooba is a strong filly who has won for me already this year. She has a great attitude and is a filly who will hopefully come on again with more racing."*



**Mahsooba**

## Ex Dispute

**(Summer Bird– x Dispute) Filly**

**Owner: Mrs Susan Roy**

This striking filly was bought at The Keeneland Sales and is by the exciting American sire, Summer Bird who won four classic races including The Belmont Stakes. Her dam, Dispute was a very classy individual on the track winning multiple Group races including The Kentucky Oaks.

*"This filly has a great pedigree and is another scopey type. She was bought at The Keeneland Sales and we are taking our time with her at this stage."*



**Ex Dispute**

## Lamsa

**(Invincible Spirit– x Golden Flyer) Filly**

**Owner: Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum**

Lamsa is an attractive daughter of the wonderful Invincible Spirit who is also the sire of Kingman. Lamsa's second dam won six races including The Palomar Handicap (G2) at Del Mar.

*"This filly was bought at the Guineas Breeze Up Sales by Shadwell and she is a beautiful, scopey type who moves well. She has been doing some fast pieces of work and she will hopefully run next month."*



**Lamsa**



# Pictures of the Month



*Mahsooba & Jess*



*Bantam & Mrs D galloping with Quenelle & Tom*



*Taqneen, Richard Hills & Youngy*



*The Dunlop football team at The Astley Club 5 a side competition*



*Beach Samba & Tom (far side) galloping with Feildsman & Jane (near side)*





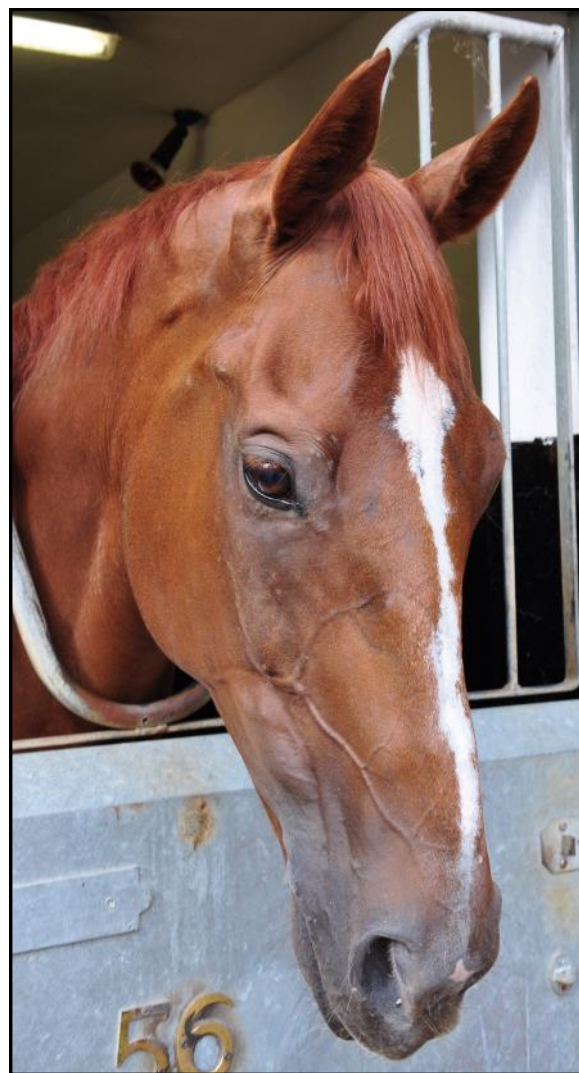
*K Fallon with Mr Millmos's daughter and grandson*



*Maude & Gworn*



*William Buick in the Racing Fillies colours on Light Fantastic*



*Red Cadeaux*



*Palace Princess (Red Cap) galloping with Loch Ma Naire*



## Life After Racing



Last Three Minutes (above) and Stone Of Scone (below) are just a couple of our ex racehorses enjoying life after their racing careers. Last Three Minutes won twice for us and had his last outing on a racecourse in 2010. He has recently completed his first one day event and even has his own Facebook page!

Stone Of Scone was a lovely big horse who looked to have a bright future but unfortunately had his career cut short due to tendon issues. He won twice from five life time starts. He is now enjoying life as a general all purpose horse doing a bit of showing, jumping and hacking.



## Staff Profile: Andrew Stringer

**Andrew** Andrew is 52 and is originally from Leeds. Andrew has always loved horses and racing in particular. He rode as a child and regularly hunted with The Bedale Hunt in North Yorkshire. He headed to David Nicholson's yard in Stow-on-the-Wold at 16 and soon started riding as an amateur jump jockey. Dual purpose trainer, Denys Smith had spotted Andrew's



natural talents and offered him the job as his stable conditional jockey at his yard in Bishop Auckland. Andrew enjoyed fantastic success as a jockey, riding two Cheltenham Festival winners as well as having four rides in the greatest steeplechase in the world, The Grand National. He won The Topham Trophy around the Grand National fences at Aintree on a horse called Fabulous. A horrific fall at Kelso, resulting in a fractured skull, cut short his riding career at the tender age of 24. Andrew had a stint as a dual purpose trainer before making the move to Newmarket to work for Barney Curley; a working relationship that spanned 17 years. One of Andrew's favourite racing moments was being part of the largest gamble in racing when he helped produce 3 horses to win that Barney famously masterminded, taking £4,000,000 from the bookmakers. Andrew also enjoyed travelling Joshua Tree to Canada where he won The Canadian International for the third time.

Andrew, along with his wife of 17 years, Alyson, joined La Grange Stables at the beginning of the 2013 season and he has filled the position as Head Lad/Travelling Head Lad. Andrew has a 27 year old son Martin and a 14 year old daughter Samantha. He enjoys watching football in his spare time and is a devoted Leeds United fan and also like sampling different types of real ale!!

### Eight To Follow Update

**Mr Martin Mitchell & Sir Anthony Pagewood** are leading the competition with 130 points.

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