

June 2015

## LA GRANGE NEWS



### Welcome

We might not have been fortunate enough to experience a golden summer, with the weather barely warmer than the mid-teens, but gold has well and truly been the colour at La Grange over the past few weeks courtesy of Trip To Paris and his sensational victory in the Gold Cup. The fairy tale story of a cheap breeze-up purchase landing the ultimate prize at Royal Ascot is one that will not grow old for some time, so forgive us for flaunting it repeatedly throughout this month's edition, but that Thursday was so special for us all.

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# Trainer Talk

When the Gold Cup was first mooted for Trip To Paris in early May, I thought my owners had lost the plot completely. Shortly after TTP crossed the line in the Chester Cup, some were suggesting his successful visit to the Roodee should finance a supplementary entry for Royal Ascot. For a four-year-old who working his way up the handicap ranks, the most prestigious staying prize on the planet seemed nothing but the sort of rose-tinted fantasy that fuels the dreams of those who pay the bills in this game.

Seven weeks on and that marvellous piece of gold now occupies the mantelpiece while that marvellous slab of horseflesh stands in his box unbeknown the joy he has provided. To emulate my father, who won the race in 1974 with Ragstone, is one of the highlights of my career. Equally as satisfying is to see a group of wonderful owners, who are far-removed from the powerhouses that dominate the game, top of the tree. As I said in the blog at the time, this really is one for the dreamers and my God it feels good.

I like to think that the Trip To Paris story contributed to what was a magnificent Royal meeting all told. The international presence was superb, and while the raiders from outside of Europe - bar Wesley Ward - were forced to return home empty handed, I hope they are still as en-

thusiastic about coming back next year, for this was a spectacle never seen before on British turf.

If there has to be a gripe it must be the ground, which was very quick from day one and was frankly much too fast by the Saturday. The Ascot team face an extremely difficult balancing act when trying to prepare the surface for a five-day meeting, and unsettled and unreliable weather forecasts make that even more tricky. However, the decision not to water on the Tuesday evening seemed an odd one at the time, and so it proved later in the week as the sun continued to beat down.



I said here a couple of months ago that we were in danger of lacking any standout performers to really set this season alight. Thankfully, that prediction appears not to have come to fruition, with the Derby winner Golden Horn looking simply magnificent, Gleneagles a miler out of the top drawer and our horse a stayer who could really stamp his authority on the division for some time.

As it should do, Royal Ascot has set us up beautifully for the second-half of the summer. We now head towards the July meeting and Glorious Goodwood with the sense of excitement and anticipation still as strong as ever. Everything, then, appears to be in order.





# Photos Of The Month: 2YOs on Warren Hill



*Al Hamd*



*Charioteer leads Cafoo*



*Rockery*



*Fun Money*



*Toffee Apple*



*Global Avenger*



*Rock Of Gibraltar x Manoeuvre*



*Dora's Field*



*Mustatrif*



*Nordenfelt*



# News Round-Up

## Best of Twitter



Mark @mark\_elwell · Jun 21

The old adage outsider of 3 goes in again as Europa & Richard Kingscote wins @ponteraces for @EdDunlopRacing



Steve Roe @Shadwellsteve · Jun 27

Well done to @EdDunlopRacing with the Zarwaan win he deserved that.



Newmarket Racing XI

@RacingXI



Following

Many congratulations to our opening bat @EdDunlopRacing for his victory in the Gold Cup (Gp1) - raise your bat!!! #triptoparis #ascot2015



Ed and Mrs D recently returned from a well-earned four-day break in Majorca following a hectic week at Royal Ascot and, as you can see, the sun shone and there was plenty of fun had in the Balearic Islands! The forecasters are suggesting they have brought the good weather back as well!

## 8-To-Follow Leaderboard

Mark and Georgina Newcombe top the standings following the Gold Cup success of Trip To Paris.

1. Mark Newcombe 145

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3. Jamie Strauss 140

4. The Leys Turf Club 120

4. Jimmy Strauss 120



## School Visits

We enjoyed visits from two local schools this month. Pupils from both Moreton Hall School and South Lee School made their way from Bury St Edmunds to look around La Grange Stables and to meet the team!

Pictures below show Moreton Hall pupils rewarding Trip To Paris for his big win with some carrots! 11 South Lee students weighed the same as Red Cadeaux on the horse scales! And finally some girls from South Lee found what looked to be their school colours in the form of Jon Haseler's silks.



# June Winners

## Trip To Paris (Champs Elysees x La Grande Zoa)

### Owner: La Grange Partnership

Some fairy tales are so far-fetched they are scarcely worth writing. But every now and again, in that once in a lifetime moment, the ultimate dream becomes a hard and fast reality, and that was the case at Royal Ascot when Trip To Paris, beaten in a Kempton handicap ten weeks prior, landed the most prestigious prize at the most prestigious meeting when running out a one and a quarter-length winner of the Gold Cup.

Supplemented for a fee of £35,000 at the five day stage after hours of anxious deliberation amongst his loyal band of owners, TTP had already secured his place in La Grange folklore by landing the Chester Cup in May. But he elevated his standing from heritage handicap winner to the best stayer in Britain when Graham Lee, who maintained the partnership following the defection of Clever Cookie, thrust him up the inside rail, led over a furlong out and stayed on resolutely to repel the challenge of Kingfisher.

Having been trapped wide a little early, TTP was settled in the second half of the field as twenty lengths separated first and last entering Swinley Bottom. The solid early pace was maintained heading down the back, and as the field turned for home long-time leader Forever Now began to wilt as ho favourite Forgotten Rules tanked into the race on the outside.

But Graham, ice cool as always, took the brave man's route up the inside and the gap appeared in dream-like fashion, allowing him to quicken to the lead and appear in no danger thereafter, with Ryan Moore enduring a troubled run on Kingfisher and Forgotten Rules unable to go with them inside the last.

It is impossible to overstate the importance of this success to the yard. We are exceptionally privileged to house the global superstar that is Red Cadeaux, but we know his story can't last forever, and to have a horse of a similar ilk is both hugely exciting and incredibly fortuitous.

So many people deserve the utmost plaudits in the TTP story. Darkie, the ultimate professional who rides the horse every day, has done a superb job with him as has Steve, who turns him out immaculately. Graham Lee, who guided Amberleigh House to Grand National success 11 years ago, has ridden him fantastically this season but most of all the plaudits must go the La Grange Partnership, who never shirk a challenge and are the ultimate sporting bunch.

Thank you for all of the kind messages of congratulations – we appreciate them greatly. This will take some time to sink in. We will all treasure this momentous day for an awful long time.



*Trip To Paris beats Kingfisher and Forgotten Rules*





*The La Grange Partnership welcomes TTP into the winners' enclosure*



*Graham Lee give TTP a well deserved pat*



*The Gold Cup presented by Her Majesty*



*The proud team welcomes Paris home*



*TTP finishes a length and 1/4 ahead of Aidan O'Brien's Kingfisher*



*Sophie Wessex cheers Paris home!*



*Paris crossing the line*



*V for victory!*



*Ed congratulates Robin and Steve*



*We have James Teacher to thank for this beautiful poem following Trip To Paris' victory at Royal Ascot. James teaches English in Lima, Peru and is nephew of Sir Anthony Page-Wood, who is a member of the Gold-Cup-winning La Grange Partnership.*

### **The Gold Cup, Ascot 2015**

To Royal Ascot on Ladies' Day twelve brave young runners came,  
Their goal to win the prized Gold Cup and upon it print their name.  
The bookies' tip Forgotten Rules was invincible, couldn't be beat  
Or barring that R. Moore's fine steed would surely be the treat.

Yes, Lingfield and Ripon were decent wins and the Chester Cup's damn fine,  
But Group Two racing's another class which Group One does far outshine.  
And at Sandown Park La Grange's hope was second to Vent de Force,  
And though Trip to Paris has the ring of France, it's not a similar horse.

So the race began and the pack went off on the two and a half mile race  
And Forever Now, with red body and cap did set a fearsome pace.  
With a mile to go the favourite's third, his noseband following keen,  
While Scotland's last but still has a chance on this English racetrack green!

Half a mile to run and Dettori's colt still leads the horses in  
With Vent de Force still close behind... now hear the crowd's fierce din!  
Two furlongs left and here comes Lee, he's shifting to the rail!  
A furlong now, he's pushing through – what speed! The others tail!

It's too late now, Kingfisher's boxed, the favourite's race is shot,  
It's number twelve in dark blue and red who's blazing, burning hot.  
The crowd roars on, the line is crossed; the National jockey's won the prize!  
The champagne explodes and on the trainer's face Ragstone glimmers in his eyes.

Now hail the Queen in her sublime light blue, celestial as the sky,  
And all around the punters cheer; not a single cheek is dry.  
La Grange raise the cup, Newmarket's pride – all Suffolk now hurrah!  
O glorious day, a wondrous tale to be told both near and far.

James Teacher

# June Winners Continued

## Hanno (Henrythenavigator x Archstone)

**Owner: Mrs Patricia Moseley**

After four seconds and three thirds we thought the day might never come, but Hanno finally managed to break his duck at the twelfth time of asking when landing the one mile handicap at Brighton at the end of May.

Having finished an unlucky third at Lingfield last time out, as he was checked when mounting a challenge against the stands' rail, Hanno could have been construed as a winner without a penalty in this 0-70 heat. Reigned back off decent early fractions, Hanno was switched inside the furlong by jockey Pat Dobbs. As the field hit the rising ground he stayed on resolutely in testing conditions to get the better of Gannicus by an eased-down neck, winning in the manner of a horse with more to offer.

Congratulations to Mrs Moseley, who has shown great patience with this horse.



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## Invula (Aqlaam x Reason To Dance) Owner: Mrs Gaynor Rupert



Invula built on her promising debut effort at Nottingham to run out a cosy winner of the mile fillies' maiden at Goodwood towards the beginning of the month.

Having finished fifth on her racecourse bow, she became the fourth subsequent winner to have emerged out of that contest when holding Ella's Honour by three-quarters of a length under an excellent ride by Richard Hughes.

Settled towards the head of affairs by the champion jockey, Invula made smooth headway inside the three before taking up the running with a quarter of a mile left to run. Having looked as though she would be swamped inside the last, with challengers emerging on both flanks, Invula fought gamely to repel all comers and was ultimately in control at the line.

Congratulations to her owner, Mrs Gaynor Rupert, who is a major figure in South African racing as the owner of Drakenstein Stud, home to Duke Of Marmalade.

This was an important win for a filly with such a striking page – she is a half-sister to champion South African mare Dancer's Daughter - and she has subsequently been allotted a pleasing opening mark of 67.



# June Winners Continued

## **Europa (Arcano x Easy Sunshine) Owner: Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum**

Bred in Germany, trained in Newmarket and a winner in Yorkshire. That was the story for Europa, who got off the mark at the second time of asking when landing the mile and a half maiden auction at Pontefract late in the month.

Well beaten on debut having looked badly in need of the experience at Lingfield, Europa was much more streetwise second time of asking, travelling nicely under Richard Kingscote as the three-runner field went a steady gallop early.

Odds-on favourite Faith Matters was in trouble rounding the home turn, and while the free-going Spring Dixie looked briefly to have stolen a march half-way up the run-in, Europa ground her way into contention and led inside the last 100 yards.

While it would be unwise to get carried away with the level of form she has achieved, Europa

got the trip well and remains open to further improvement. She looks like she will get at least an extra couple of furlongs and should make her mark once handicapping.

Congratulations to Sheikh Hamdan and all of the team at Shadwell.



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## **Red Avenger (War Front x Emotional Rescue) Owner: Mr Ronnie Arculli**

Not even the width of the wire could separate Red Avenger and Eutropius at Newcastle as our horse got his season back on track when dead heating with Alan Swinbank's charge in a thrill-

ing finish to the mile handicap.

Following a trio of lacklustre performances, Red Avenger had slipped to an appealing mark judged on his win in the Goodwood Mile last summer, and reunited with Graham Lee he battled bravely inside the final furlong to join Eutropius on the line.

The pair were nicely clear of last-time-out winner Lacan, but a stronger gallop and genuinely firm ground will suit our horse, so he might well be able to combat a rise returned to those conditions in the middle of the summer. A trip back to the Glorious meeting next month would now have to come under strong consideration.

Congratulations to his owner Mr Arculli, who deserved a change of fortune, and to his lad Johnny, who was leading up his first winner here.



# June Winners Continued

## Zarwaan (Dutch Art x Develyn) Owner: Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum

Zarwaan finally gained reward for a host of commendable efforts when landing the seven furlong handicap at Newcastle on Northumberland Plate afternoon, defying the welter burden of ten stone to come with a sustained late challenge under Paul Hanagan.

Having landed a six furlong maiden at two, Zarwaan had plied his trade admirably in leading handicap company as a three-year-old, finishing second in the Silver Bowl at Haydock and fifth in the Britannia Stakes at Royal Ascot having met trouble in running.

He continued that theme in the early part of this season, running sixth in the Lincoln when not getting home over a mile and seventh in the Victoria Cup having sat too close to the ferocious early fractions in a race where it paid to be held up.

We had originally planned to run this horse in the Wokingham, but very firm ground on the final day of the Royal meeting scuppered that plan. While the ground was quickening up at Newcastle, it was deemed safe for him to run, and he vindicated that decision by beating Lulu The Zulu by

a head, appreciating the switch to hold-up tactics.

Given the early fractions were steady enough in that contest, we think Zarwaan was value for more than the winning margin, and we will try and land a prestigious pot with him. He holds entries in the Bunbury Cup and the International Handicap, both of which are over seven furlongs, while we are not adverse to trying six furlongs again, with races like the Stewards' Cup and the Ayr Gold Cup of interest.





# Two-Year-Old Focus: Runners So Far

## **Sharaakah** (Roderic O'Connor x Lanark Belle)

### **Owner: Mr Mohammed Jaber**

This filly is from the first crop of Irish 2000 Guineas winner Roderic O'Connor, sire of Listed Sprint Stakes winner Great Page. She is half-sister to the Italian Listed-placed mare Quissisana and the 90-rated Diamond Geezah. Sharaakah made her debut at Lingfield in June, breaking slowly and running green in the early stages, but she stayed on nicely late in the day and looks sure to improve significantly with that experience under her belt.



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## **Girl With A Pearl** (Dutch Art x Pointed Arch)

### **Owner: The Racing Fillies**

This filly races in the easily recognisable Harlequin silks of the Racing Fillies partnership. She is by Dutch Art, sire of sprint sensation Slade Power and recent Jersey Stakes scorer Dutch Connection, and she is a half-sister to Farquhar, who landed a red-hot mile and a half handicap at Newmarket in the autumn. Girl With A Pearl has raced twice over six furlongs, running on well on both occasions, and like her pedigree implies she will do better when tackling further.



## Cogent (Paco Boy x Logic)

### Owner: Mr and Mrs Gredley

This colt is by three-time Group 1 winner Paco Boy, whose first crop included Tercentenary Stakes runner-up Peacock. He is a brother to Illogical, who won once for Ed last year, while he is a half-brother to Group 3 runner-up Crowley's Law, who is trained by Tom Dascombe. Cogent has raced three times, improving with each outing, and he looks the sort to make an impact when upped to seven furlong nurseries later this month.



*Ed and a group of two-year-olds on a racecourse side work morning.*



# Staff Profile

## Tory Hayter

**Position:** Barn Leader

**Age:** 35

**Started at EDR:** 1st May 2015

**What experience did you have in racing before joining EDR?**

I had ridden in point-to-point races and trained point-to-pointers with my mum. I was then assistant to Ferdy Murphy before becoming head traveller for Marco Botti.

**How did you get interested in racing?**

I grew up watching my mum train point-to-pointers and hunter chasers and so have been involved in racing all of my life.

**Which is your favourite racecourse and meeting?**

Ascot is my favourite course and I love the July meeting here in Newmarket.

**Who is your favourite racehorse of all time:**

Big Fella Thanks. Although I also loved Larry The Lamb, who was the first horse I pointed on - he really looked after me!

**What do you most enjoy about your role at EDR?**

Enjoy working as part of team and seeing horses out of my barn win!

**Where do you see yourself in ten years time?**

Hopefully training horses myself.

**If you weren't working in racing what would you be doing?**

I used to want to be a police woman, so perhaps I'd have pursued that, although I can't really see



*Tory riding Gloryette*

myself not working with horses.

**What has been your best bet?**

I don't bet!

**Who is your racing hero?**

Sir Henry Cecil.

**Any pets ?**

A Norfolk/Yorkshire terrier called Bertie.

**Tory's horse to follow (general)?**

Time Test

**Tory's horse to follow at EDR?**

Raasmaal (Pet's Voice x Luminda)

# Royal Ascot Eye-Catchers

*Chris picks his five-to-follow from the Royal meeting:*



***Ayaar winning the Spring Cup at Newbury***

## **Ayaar - Royal Hunt Cup**

(Luca Cumani)

Posted a career best on his return when landing the Spring Cup at Newbury and was heavily backed to follow up in the Hunt Cup at Royal Ascot. Travelled supremely well on that occasion before weakening late on, but probably paid the price for sitting too close to the strong early pace and ultimately shaped like he has another big pot in him. Holds entries back at seven furlongs in both the Bunbury Cup and the International Handicap at Ascot and would still look well handicapped should he turn up for either of those engagements.

## **Disegno - Tercentenary Stakes**

(Sir Michael Stoute)

Well supported back on fast ground, could only manage fourth in the Tacentenary Stakes but was disadvantaged by the way race was run, proving keen in the first-time visor having been held up when the principals raced prominently. The winner looks a Group 1 horse in the making, while the second and third are solid yardsticks, so there is

reason to believe he is worth another chance, potentially upped to a mile and a half.

## **Easton Angel - Queen Mary Stakes**

(Michael Dods)

Went into the Queen Mary seeking a hat-trick and ran a blinder from stall one, only bumping into the freak that is Acapulco. The right horses occupied the placings and they were nicely clear of the rest, and this scopey daughter of Dark Angel, while not lacking in speed, boasts the physical scope and pedigree to think she could get further this year while also making her mark as a three-year-old.

## **King Bolete - King George V Handicap**

(Luca Cumani)

Landed a hot Newbury handicap on his penultimate start before finishing a solid fourth in the King George V Handicap, putting in his best work late. Wasn't given an overly hard time by Frankie once his chance of winning had gone, but the race usually works out a treat and he could remain well treated when faced with an extra couple of furlongs.

## **Suzi's Connoisseur - Wokingham Handicap**

(Stuart Williams)

Blazed a real trail in the Wokingham and was virtually last off the bridle having led the smaller group towards the far side. Began to tread water late after those earlier exertions took their toll, but shaped like there was life in her mark when returned to an easy surface under more waiting tactics, and might be one for the Ayr Gold Cup towards the back end.



# Photos Of The Month



*James and Senior Whim*



*Tegan and Chestnut Storm*



*Jess and Snow Pixie*



*Vicky, Luke and Anne*



*Paul Hanagan on Qeyaadah*



*Lauranne photo-bombing Blushes' photo!*



*Nikki with Sharaakah having a roll*



*Harriet and Vivre Pour Vivre*



*First Lot circle at the Rowley mile after a gallop*





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