



Welcome to our July 2017 newsletter...

Trip to France - looking to find more winners

It was great to get the opportunity to make a trip out to France for two days in early June. We went to have a look at the youngsters that my father has an interest in and also looked at possibly purchasing a youngster.

On the first day we went to the Cypres's Stud who have a lovely bunch of youngsters and broodmares. My father has a share in several of the youngsters which might one day end up here at Stockton Hall. The stud has a great reputation for breeding winners and hopefully the graduates that we acquire will carry on the tradition.

On the second and final day, we were lucky enough to visit very successful trainer Emmanuel Clayeux's yard. It was great to see what different methods such a successful French trainer uses.

Emmanuel trains a few for a syndicate which a couple of our owners are involved in. The aim of the syndicate is to buy the horses as foals before looking to sell them on to mainly British owners after they have raced as 3 or 4 year olds in France. I was lucky enough to train for them this year

when Gris de Pron was moved here from Francois Nicole's yard in the autumn time before we managed to get 2 wins out of him in novice hurdles.

He was then sold at Doncaster May sale and it was a successful season for both horse and his owners.

Eric Brook has been one of my most loyal and long standing owners, and I'm pleased he decided to purchase half of a horse with Emmanuel which if all goes to plan will end up at Stockton Hall in the coming season.



Flat string coming along nicely and hopefully winners in the waiting.

We are bringing the flat horses on steadily but they are all starting to show their best form now and we have been unlucky not to have a winner so far on the turf this season.

Stable star **Rock Warbler** has taken quite a long time to come to hand since coming back in but is certainly starting to show his spark again and has come out of his very pleasing run at Haydock in very good form (as you can see below - he loves a good wash!) . We will be aiming to go back to Haydock on the 21st of this month for a mile apprentice handicap. He has been dropped 3lb by the handicapper for his last run and we feel he should be very competitive off his mark now.

We have two new recruits to add to our string, **Arty But Poor** has shown plenty in 3 starts and looks on a fair opening handicap mark.

Partry Flyer was slightly disappointing on his only start to date but we have had him gelded since and should run much more respectably next time.



Omatesando has been unlucky not to get his head in front since joining us but is another on a respectable mark so it shouldn't be long before he returns to the winners enclosure.

Dual all weather winner **Spirit Of The Vale** will be looking to become a turf winner when she returns to action in the next month. She has been ultra-consistent since joining us and seems to have enjoyed her small break back at the Salmon family's home.

We have two new recruits to add to our flat string. Firstly **Bobs Boy** has been purchased by Guy Myddleton to provide his son Harry with some experience in flat amateur races before probably reverting to hurdles. He should provide him with plenty of fun.

Our other new flat recruit is **Never A Word** who was bought at the Doncaster May sale. He is a very good looking 3 year old son of highly promising sire 'Lonhro'. He was placed in a competitive maiden on his second and most recent run. He looks like the type who could progress massively this year and hopefully win his maiden before running in valuable handicaps. He also looks the type who could make a juvenile hurdler and has already shown the appetite for jumping.



Unfortunately we lost **Arthurthe delegator** last week which wasn't easy for us especially for owner Eric Brook who has had the horse since we bought him as a yearling. He will always be remembered for being our first 2 year old winner (pictured above).

The stores coming along very nicely.

I couldn't be happier with the bunch of unraced 3 year olds we have for next season. We were delighted with the five lovely 3 year old geldings that we managed to acquire at Doncaster sales. They are all by fashionable sires in Stowaway (See right), Multiplex, Sulamani, Morizov and Court Cave. We have had a lot of success buying 3 year olds in the past couple of seasons when being able to sell them on at future sales, following successes in their point to points.

We managed to add a lovely Fame and Glory filly to join the boys when we made the



trip over to Ireland for the Goffs Land Rover sale. It's a sale we have always had plenty of luck at and hopefully this smashing looking filly can carry on the tradition. She has a good page and everything looks set on paper for her to be a very promising type.

We couldn't be happier with how they are all going and they are all cantering upsides now and jumping over hurdles on the all-weather ring and on the grass. I'm very excited about them all and think it could be the best bunch of youngsters we have had here at Stockton Hall.

Horses for sale

Never A Word - He is a very good looking, well-bred 3 year old and having joined us he has done nothing but impress. He is working well and seems to be enjoying it. He had two runs for Godolphin, finishing 6th first time out when favourite and then 3rd out of 11 on just his second run with both the 2nd and 4th winning on their next starts. He still looked very green on that occasion and looks the type to win his maiden before stepping up into valuable handicaps. He has been schooled over hurdles already and could be a type for juvenile hurdles.

Unnamed 3 year old filly by Fame and Glory – She was purchased at the Land Rover sale in Ireland in June and she looked very good value in a very strong market. She is a smashing looking type with a good page to back up her looks. She is cantering very nicely upsides as well as showing a good attitude for the hurdling game.

Leskinfere – He is a smashing 4 year old son of Darsi who finished a close 3rd in his only start in Irish point to points. The winner has since been sold for £160,000 and the second, who finished just half a length in front of him, made €100,000 so he looks like he could be somewhat of a bargain as he is only going to improve for time and a summer on his back. I'm very excited about him.



3 to follow competition final scores

Top Point Scorers

1, Rock Warbler	46pts
2, Desert Sting	43pts
3, Spirit of the Vale	28pts
4, Jaunty Thor	24pts
5, Arthurhedelegator	21pts

Congratulations to our joint winners Clayton and Mark.

The Leaderboard

1, Mark Astbury	76pts
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3, Josh Guerriero	73pts
3, Dave Bostock	73pts
5, Ian Popham	72pts
5, Richard Hewit	72pts

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