



HOMEBRED'S DEBUTANTS READY TO STEP OUT

Ready for the off!

The next few weeks will be a busy time for Homebred members. Our three racecourse debutants (from L to R) Lawn, Quidditch and Henna all run for the first time and our winning hurdler Prince de Galles also makes a welcome return from his break.

All are in excellent shape and there are particularly encouraging reports of Quidditch and Henna. Quidditch continues to please Peter Bowen who is now putting the finishing touches to her preparation for a mile and a quarter maiden at Lingfield. Prince de Galles, who he always describes as 'lazy', is clearly well having carted his rider the full length of Peter's very steep gallops! Lawn, who has recently made her debut at Folkestone where she also blotted her copybook, was expected by Peter to be placed in her first run. Despite significant public support (she was backed from 33-1 to as low as 6-1 3rd favourite on the course) she ran out at

halfway. Peter said "She's a bit of a madam and simply suffered a bit of stage fright. We'll give her a racecourse gallop before she runs again at Fontwell on Feb 3rd - I'm sure she'll be fine". Henna has already worked on the all weather at Lingfield with Gerry's string and he's aiming her for a run at Sandown in early February "I don't think she'll disappoint us" he says.

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With runners coming up shortly please register your interest in a complimentary owners badge with the office.



Meet 'Bugsie'

This is Prince de Galles baby brother (by Safawan ex Royal Brush) who is a strikingly good looking chesnut. His dad was an outstanding miler winning the Group 2 Lockinge Stakes. 'Bugsie', as yet officially unnamed, will enter training this year to see if he's up to the new series of National Hunt Flat races for three year olds.

A healthy environment



At the stud we try to ensure optimum conditions for all the horses. This has had a noticeable effect on the flora and fauna of the farm in the 14 years we've been there. Hedges have been laid and renovated, banks and walls repaired, trees planted, ponds created and grassland maintained organically. The result has been a spectacular increase in wild flowers, birds and animals all pointing up that we have a healthy environment. Most recent arrivals are barn owls who've taken up residence in the roof of the mare and foaling boxes and who produced a noisy brood of youngsters themselves this summer.

Course fact file: Ludlow

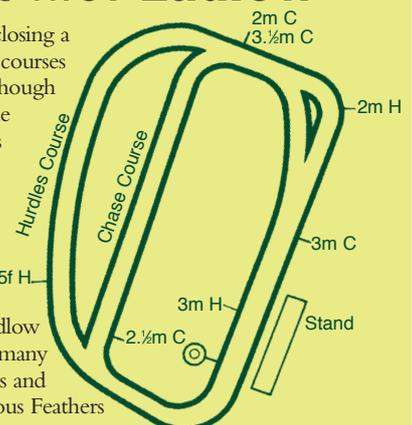
An oval circuit of 1½ miles enclosing a golf course. Hurdles and chase courses are separate and generally flat though there is some undulation on the hurdles track. The racecourse is crossed by several roads. Going gets rarely heavy.

Location: London 162, Birmingham 39 and Hereford 24 miles

Telephone: 01584 856221

Trains: From Newport to Ludlow

Celebrations: Ludlow boasts many good Michelin rated restaurants and is also home home to the famous Feathers (01584) 875261



Trainer Profile: Peter Bowen

Peter first came to the racing public's notice through the exploits of multiple winner Brunico. This was quickly followed by success with other cheaply bought horses including Kinnescash, Dreams End and Stately Home who

won 11 chases in 12 months and earned Peter the coveted Channel 4 Trophy for the most televised winners in a season. Peter is a quiet family man who prefers his horses to the talking. With wife Karen they do most of the work themselves - including driving their own horsebox the length and breadth of the country - and still find time for their bouncing brood of 3 boys - all still small enough to be jockeys! Peter has a modern purpose built yard and no effort is spared on the horses. The boxes are air conditioned, there's a solarium, automatic walker and adjacent



Peter Bowen Targeting Kempton

Welsh wizard back on tra

RACEHORSES and motorways. Peter Bowen knows a lot about both, writes Lee Mottershead. Training at Haverfordwest in the far west of Wales, for Bowen there is no such thing as a local course. Wincanton is a 300-mile round trip. On days like Saturday, it feels like a lot less. Swansea Bay, the novice chaser who has never run in a novice chase, was landing his

Man in the New

sixth win over fences when scooping the Badger Brewery Handicap Chase, in the process providing Bowen with his richest success. "Everything was in his favour," says Bowen. "The track suited him, the ground suited him, and he'd never come off

fields provide the added luxury of horses in training to be turned out at grass. This regime is one of the secrets to the Bowen string maintaining their form for extended periods. Peter is a firm believer in cantering horses every day and his all-weather gallop is a

serious examination of any horses ability and attitude. Of the Homebred horses Quidditch is a firm favourite 'She's special' he says. 'But Prince de Galles and Lawn hold out the prospect of plenty more fun to come on the track too'.



Homebred mares in action

This is Snowy Mantle striding away to a facile victory over 1 mile at Nottingham. By Group 1 winning sprinter Siberian Express, 'Snowy' is now in foal to successful sprinting stallion College Chapel. Her foal is due in February and should be a speedy type to join the Homebred string in a couple of years. Snowy Mantle already had her first foal before she joined us - a Most Welcome colt who will be a 2-y-o in training with James Bethell in 2003. Watch this space for news!

Stable visits

We're currently organising a stable visit to Peter Bowen's yard at Letterston near Haverfordwest in Carmarthenshire. There'll be the opportunity to see the Homebred and other horses and see them work in the gallops and discuss plans. This is likely to be a Sunday. Please call the office if you'd like to be included.

Stallion Profile: Most Welcome



Ch.1984, 15.3h by Be My Guest - Topsy (Habitat). Group 2 winner including Lockinge Warning. Other top performers beaten by Most Welcome include Mtoto, Risk Me, Don't Forget Me and Zilza.

Most Welcome finished second in the Derby (to Reference Point) achieving a Timeform rating of 131 which would normally be a superior mark to most winners. From the first 10 crops to race his progeny have won over 450 races, £5million

and include Group 1 winners Suances, Artic Owl and Sasuru. He stands at the Barton Stud near Newmarket. Homebred mare Celtic Chimes is currently in foal to Most Welcome (due in May) and Pastures Green (dam of Lawn) is due to be covered by him this spring.

We'd like to hear from you

Let us have your ideas and views...



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Inside Track

Visitors to the password protected area of our website www.homebredracing.co.uk will have seen the whispers for Mr Ed. He finished second after being unplaced on his first start. He'll be seen to better advantage over longer distances and in handicaps. Battle Warning obliged at Doncaster having been pulled up in his previous race. The website is regularly updated whenever there's more news.

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Michael Palmer winner of our "Name this filly" competition. His suggestion for our filly, by Pharly out of Pastures Green, is Pharafield. This will ultimately be her racing name when she gets to the course in a couple of years