



Prince back on track...



Prince de Galles made his long awaited return at Ludlow finishing a close and very promising fourth in a big field after 7 months off the track. Jockey Barry Fenton reported that it was only lack of a recent run that found him out in the closing stages. Once 'in the groove' Leo has proved to be very consistent so we now look forward to some good form in a spring and summer jumping campaign. We hope that he'll soon be re-united with his favourite jockey Paul Flynn who gets on with him so well. Leo's ideal conditions are a flat track over 3 miles plus and a truly run, fast race. We shall hope to see him in the winner's enclosure before too long.

Homebred's new arrival

This gorgeous little filly by top sprinting stallion College Chapel arrived in the early hours of March 6 after a long, wet and very windy night at the stud. Chesnut with a prominent white star she's likely to soon turn grey, just like her mum, winning miler Snowy Mantle.

It's a strange fact that grey horses are never born grey but change colour as the months progress. Very wobbly in her first half hour of life she soon found her feet and was skipping around the box.

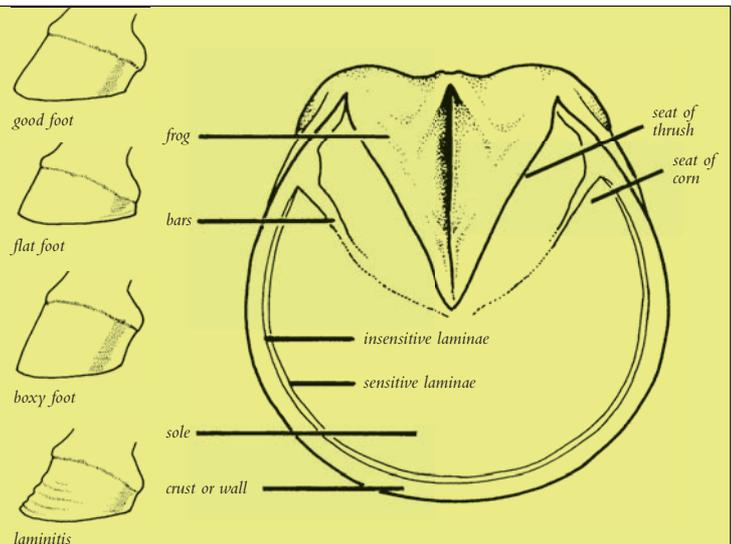
The photo shows her first venture out into the big wide world - at just 72 hours old - in the paddock with mum Snowy Mantle. The mare was useful on the racetrack at all distances up to

a mile and was just beaten on her 2-y-o debut in a big field. Being by one of Europe's top sprinters College Chapel and out of a winning mare by Group 1 sprinter Siberian Express our new arrival has the pedigree to make a good 2-y-o. We've given her the stable name 'Ani' - and welcome any suggestions for a racing name for when she reaches the racetrack.

No foot - no horse

The foot is a vital and extremely complex structure - its disproportionately small area carries the full weight of horse and rider through all paces. Hooves wear down naturally in the wild but otherwise need regular trimming by the farrier to maintain size and shape, improve movement and balance and to prevent future problems. Our little foals must learn to stand willingly whilst being attended to because foot problems can cause joint

damage in fast growing limbs. The farrier is also able to extend the careers of racehorses predisposed to foot problems like thin soles, misshapen, brittle or flat feet which can all lead to severe lameness. Horses in work are shod with steel shoes to prevent excess hoof wear but on racedays these are swapped for light weight aluminium racing plates to help performance and grip.



Trainer Profile: Gerry Enright

Gerry, now based at Old Lewes Racecourse high on the Sussex Downs, trained our first winner Backpacker at 100-1. Since then he, and his wife Midge, have been closely involved with all our horses having trained – and won with various different generations.



Gerry with our first Homebred winner Real Madrid

Gerry was born in County Limerick and started racing on the flat – he and Pat Eddery both made their debuts in the same race

at Epsom. Gerry changed codes to ride over jumps and spent most of his time retained as a hurdle jockey by the powerful Josh Gifford stable at Findon, and is best known for his association with top class hurdler Kybo. Gerry took out a training licence in 1985 and initially set up at Bolney in mid Sussex and soon trained his first winners. He seized the opportunity to buy a new purpose built yard in Lewes two years later from where he currently trains. With the old racecourse on the doorstep, training is away from the hustle and bustle and set amidst beautiful Sussex downland.

Inside Track's gone tipping mad!

Information on the password protected area of our site (www.homebredracing.co.uk) is for fun rather than serious gamblers wanting a tipping service. Nonetheless several of you have told us that you've enjoyed some really good odds. These are all the snippets of info we've provided since November with the relevant results (we fear that the success rate can only decline!)

Widemouth Bay	won 5/2
Dutch Dyane	won 25/1
Swansea Bay	won 14/1
Mr Ed	pl. 7/1
Battle Warning	won 7/2
High Point	won 6/1
Prince de Galles	pl. 25/1
Misdemeanour	lost 40/1
Carly's Bay	won 12/1
Cresswell Quay	won 9/4
Henna	lost 66/1

Thanks to Gerry and Peter for being in such good form!

It's a small world...



...particularly if you're a fifteen year old apprentice Gerry Enright (ringed right) pictured here in Lewes on the night local horse Charlottown won the 1966 Derby. Pubs and bookies in Lewes (where Charlottown was trained) ran out of beer and cash respectively. But coincidentally our farrier at the stud in West Wales – Nigel Berny Smith (ringed left) – was also celebrating in the same pub that night. We've since reintroduced Gerry and Nigel on their visits to the stud – some 30 years later!

Can't get to the races?

We appreciate that not everyone can drop everything and rearrange their diaries at short notice to take in a day's racing. But there are lots of ways to check on your horse's performance... The Racing Post's website (www.racingpost.co.uk) provides live text commentary for every race – as well as runners and detailed results in every edition. Alternatively bookmaker's sites and betting shops also provide live coverage and commentary is provided by premium call services advertised on the racing pages of the national press. Sky Sports have a daily Racing News Slot



Photo finish prints are available for all races

and Attheraces broadcast live coverage of all races. For a permanent record photos are available from course photographers (just call the office) or Racetech (020 8947 3333 or www.racetech.co.uk) can supply broadcast quality videos of individual races and prints of photo finishes.

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Course fact file: Lingfield

'Lovely' Lingfield Park is now mostly known as one of the country's 3 all weather tracks. But its turf course also holds dress rehearsals for the Oaks and the Derby as its layout and downhill turn to the straight resembles Epsom. The all weather is sharper with tight bends and suits nippy, fast accelerating types.

The new Polytrack is now acknowledged as the world's best artificial surface.



Location:

London 27, Brighton 28 and Maidstone 32 miles

Telephone: 01342 834800

Trains: From London Victoria direct to the course

Celebrations: Haxted Mill – small family run restaurant – especially good for fish 01732 862914