

# Linda Jewell Racing Newsletter



## Autumn 2013 Issue

After a relatively quiet summer as far as racing is concerned, with the majority of our horses being National Hunt, we are now very busy as a potentially exciting jumps season kicks into life. We have held a successful Owners' Open Day and supported Peter Oppenheimer in another ride in the Newmarket Town Plate, both of which you can read about inside. There have been some "goodbyes" and some "welcomes" but now the team is concentrating on getting the horse ready for what we believe will be an exciting and successful time over the next few months. We hope that you will be able to share the experience with us and look forward to seeing you at the races and here at Southfield.

Linda and Karen

# In The Frame



**Kingscombe** made the long trip to Wolverhampton on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October and rewarded each way backers when he finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, under top weight, in a 1 mile handicap. Available early on at 20/1 he was backed down to 12/1 before the off. Ridden by Seb Saunders, as Steve Drowne was unavailable, he ran wide, keeping out of the kickback, in 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> position for the majority of the race and he stayed on into 3<sup>rd</sup> place up the straight but was no match for the easy winner or the prominently ridden second being beaten 3 and a half lengths and 5 lengths.

**She's Humble** finished 4<sup>th</sup> in a 2 mile 6 furlong handicap chase at Fontwell earning (15/8/2013) earning £135.



## Best Turned Out

**Karen** won £100 for “Best turned out” with **Rowe Park** at Ascot on 26/7/2013.

# Owners' Open Day

Back in June the Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September was chosen as the date for the Owners' Open Day because September was always dry and there were no race meetings that day that would attract runners from Southfield. Typically, the long, hot summer was forecast to end on the Friday and as poor ground conditions had prevented Rowe Park from running at Newmarket and Bath one of the few remaining options was Wolverhampton on September 28<sup>th</sup>! Despite the forecast the day remained dry, bar a couple of spots of rain that required no shelter, and Rowe Park managed to appear in the Southfield parade and at Wolverhampton.

The team had worked hard preparing the yard and the horses and then took on the serving duties as owners were greeted with canapés and Pimms while they had a leisurely look around and chatted about times past and races to come.



Presentations were made to the winners of the 2012/3 "Three To Follow Competition" then the horses were paraded in front of proud owners, while Linda gave a commentary detailing their breeding, past successes and prospects for the season ahead.



Following the parade there was a delicious buffet in the house and lively conversations continued until it was time to leave. Linda would like to express her thanks to all those who worked so hard to make it a success, and the owners would like to say a big thank you to Linda for making us so welcome and putting on a great display as usual.

# Mixed Emotions



Peter Oppenheimer, aged 63, had his final competitive ride in this year's Newmarket Town Plate, a race he has ridden in several times before. With a large band of supporters in attendance, and riding Knock Boy, he finished out of the frame, but their efforts raised a fantastic sum, in excess of £3200, for Macmillan Cancer Support. All those present had a great time sharing the atmosphere and dining in style. Peter trained really hard for this final effort and fully deserves to have raised so much for a deserving cause. Although he says that it is definitely his last attempt to finish in the first three, the bug might just get to him again next spring and you never know!



Sadly we have to report the passing of Bob Watson (above), one of our loyal owners, after a spirited fight against cancer. He really enjoyed his racing and embraced the whole ownership experience, being a regular Saturday breakfast visitor and playing a leading role in an owners' visit to Ireland. He had many successful days at the races, frequently at Plumpton, where She's Humble won three times for him and Hereditary once. There was a great turnout at his funeral, many from the stables, that showed what a popular man he was. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. His wife Carol has taken over his ownership interests and we wish her continued pleasure and success.

# Team Update

## Goodbyes

We say goodbye to Shannon, Frankie and Cassie.

Shannon came back from her scholarship time working in South Africa having enjoyed it so much that she had already started arrangements to move back there permanently. She returned to South Africa at the beginning of September.

Frankie also moved on to pastures new during the summer.

Cassie left us recently to work for her father.

## Hellos

We say a big welcome to Katie. She will be going to the Racing School at Newmarket in November for her foundation course.

Emmelia is now back with us after completing her university degree and is helping in the office as well as doing riding and general work around the yard.

## On The Sidelines

James has been out of action following a knee injury. He is itching to get back to work and riding. We hope and expect that he will be playing a full role here again soon.



## New Equine Career

For those of you who remember Craig Messenger, stable lad and conditional jockey here a few years ago, we can report that he has just begun a new career working for the mounted division of the Metropolitan Police. We wish him well.



# Staff Profile



**Name:** *Barbara (Linda's mum)*

**Age:** *82 and rising*

**Why did you come into racing?** *By invitation! Linda was keen to let me experience her passion and I have enjoyed my trips to the races and now being part of the set up here at Southfield, helping where I can especially on the social occasions.*

**If you had to have a different career what would it be?** *A bit late to be thinking about that now but even so I wouldn't change.*

**What has been your best moment in racing?** *Watching Rowe Park win.*

**What is your ambition in racing?** *My ambition is for Linda to continue to be successful and turn out plenty of winners.*

**Do you have an ambition outside racing?** *Not now. I'm happy with what I have achieved, enjoy being at Southfield and just want it to continue.*

**What has been your most amusing moment in the job?** *Nothing specific, but it always makes me smile to watch the rest of the team work all hours in all weathers when I'm warm inside.*

**Who do you most admire in racing?** *Not surprisingly, Linda and Karen.*

**Favourite racecourse and why?** *Plumpton, because it is a friendly course and has also been a lucky one for Linda.*

**Favourite meal?** *Saturday breakfast with the owners and staff.*

**Favourite music?** *Neil Diamond*

**Favourite non equine sport?** *Bird watching.*

**Interests other than horses?** *Dogs, and there are plenty of those at Southfield too.*

# Southfield Stables Three To Follow Competition

Once again we are running our popular Three to Follow competition.

*All you have to do is choose three horses from the list below + one substitute horse. Your three horses earn points (1<sup>st</sup> = 5 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 3 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 2 pts and 4<sup>th</sup> = 1 pt. There are bonus points for top class races - class 1 = 4pts, class 2 = 3 pts, class 3 = 2 pts and class 4 = 1pt.) Should one of your three selections fail to run at least twice for Linda your substitute will count if it scores better. The competition will continue until Saturday 28th June 2014. It is £10 to enter. (Cheque or cash to Linda). Only points gained after your entry is received will count.*

*Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> = 65% of stakes, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 25% of stakes, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 10% of stakes.*

**Horses:**

Clonusker	5-y-o	Flat/NH
Fleeting Indian	4-y-o	NH
I'm Lucy	2-y-o	Flat
I Told You	7-y-o	NH
Kayflin	5-y-o	NH
Kingscombe	4-y-o	Flat/NH
Lena Player	2-y-o	Flat
Malachi	5-y-o	NH
Red Anchor	9-y-o	NH
Rowe Park	10-y-o	Flat
She's Humble	11-y-o	NH
Spirit Of Xaar	7-y-o	Flat/NH
Strategic Action	4-y-o	Flat
Redinga	7-y-o	NH

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Horse 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Horse 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Horse 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Substitute \_\_\_\_\_

# Competition

**Congratulations to Gillian & Martin, who were first out of the hat, having correctly answered last issue's question. Name the racecourse.**



**Answer :- Lingfield Park**

**This issue's question:- Rearrange the letters of :-  
THREE WOLF STICK to make two parts of a horse.**

**Once again there is a bottle of wine for the winner.**

**Answers to – Southfield Competition c/o R Young 17 Redsell's Close  
Maidstone Kent ME15 8SN**

**Or e-mail to richardyoung\_020@fsmail.net**

**In the event of a tie, the correct answers will be put into a hat and the  
winner drawn on January 11th 2014.**

## More News

**Dick** has recently been to the Racing School at Newmarket as part of his training for obtaining a trainers permit.



**Public Open Day** will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Watch the horses on the track, meet the trainer and staff, and find out about the racing lifestyle.