

Linda Jewell Racing Newsletter



Winter 2015/16 Issue

The weather has not been kind to us recently with two of our intended race meetings abandoned due to waterlogging and now we have just had our first really cold snap of the winter. However it has reinforced the benefits of our all weather gallops and the availability of all weather racing to keep the show on the road. Some of the horses have been kept waiting for better ground, but if it is not in their best interests to race so be it, as their welfare is paramount. It is therefore great that we have such understanding owners.

It was sad to see the AVC scheme, for topping up prize money, discontinued after the 31st December as it gave that extra incentive to run and our owners definitely benefitted from it.

When we have been able to race the horses have given us excitement and cause for encouragement and we look forward to the next few months with optimism. We wish you all a happy and successful 2016.

Linda and Karen

Winning Post

It's Maccabees' Moment.

Having made the frame a couple of times in the autumn, Maccabees got the victory he richly deserved in the long distance handicap hurdle at Plumpton (14/12/15). Ridden by Tom Cheesman he settled in the rear half of the nine runner field for the first circuit then closed up going down the hill for the second time, taking the lead into the straight. Following pre-race plans, Tom gave him a breather up the hill, allowing the field to close. Again going down the far side he started to stretch them and by the turn into the home straight there was only one to worry about. It was a good battle over the final two flights but Maccabees always looked as if he would just hold on, which he did winning by 1 and a quarter lengths at odds of 8/1.



Maccabees leads the field past the stands.



Maccabees (right) after the last.

In The Frame



Maccabees finished second in a three mile plus handicap hurdle at Fontwell (6/11/15). Ridden by Thomas Cheesman, he looked keen going to post and didn't seem to want to settle. He was close in touch as the field went on their three laps. Due to the deteriorating ground in the rain, the field ran wide under the trees in the back straight and on the stands side in the home straight looking for better ground and adding another half furlong to the distance. On the final circuit Maccabees started to drop back as the leading two runners pulled away, but as is his custom, he stormed up the home straight reeling in all but the winner, who carried a light weight, going down by 24 lengths.

It's A Sheila Thing made the long trip to Wolverhampton worthwhile when she showed improved form, according to official ratings, to finish third in the claiming race (30/11/15). Upped in trip to 9 and a half furlongs and ridden by Steve Drowne she was always close to the pace. She came up the rail in the home straight where she was hampered, but switched out she ran on to finish third under three lengths behind the much higher rated winner.



In The Frame (continued)

Fine Tune made the frame for the first time when finishing third in the opening Novices' hurdle at Plumpton (3/1/16). Ridden by Tom Garner he was kept in midfield early on before moving into 4th going out on the final circuit. However he seemed to have done his running when dropping back to 6th on the bottom bend. But as others cried "enough" in the testing conditions (racing was abandoned two races later) he seemed to enjoy slopping through the mud and he plugged on past tired horses to finish third and earn some prize money for his much deserving owner, Rosemary Watson.



A bedraggled Fine Tune and connections after the race.

After finishing 5th and then fourth in his previous two races, **Claude Greenwood** went one better by finishing 3rd at Kempton(17/1/16). We were pleased when jockey Rab Havlin told us that there would be no pace on, as we wanted Claude to get an easy lead. Trying a mile and a half for the first time, he broke well and got the lead he wanted. He led at his pace, sometimes 3 lengths clear, before the field closed up on the turn for home. Rab had left a little in the tank to stretch for home but by a furlong out he was down to third. Two more horses came alongside him, but this time he was able to show battling qualities and pulled away from them in the final 100 metres to claim a clear third, beaten a neck and 2 and a half lengths but one and a quarter lengths ahead of the fourth placed horse.



Claude is led in after finishing 3rd.

In The Frame (continued)

Kingscombe returned to Southwell (21/1/16), a track where he has won seven times before, and showed his liking for the fibresand by finishing 2nd. Jockey Rab Havlin got him out well from his number 6 draw, in the 9 runner field, and carefully edged over to towards the rail to take up second position, a horse width out, entering the first bend in the mile and a half handicap. He maintained this position until 4 furlongs out where he had to be pushed along. He was in third place rounding the turn for home but responded to the pushing and ran on well into second place at odds of 25/1. He was never going to catch he winner who beat him 5 lengths but had the favourite three quarters of a length behind him in 3rd.



Kingscombe battles for second nearing the line.

In The Money

Red Anchor Lingfield 10/11/15 4th £250

Claude Greenwood Chelmsford City 17/12/15 5th £200 AVC

Itoldyou Fakenham 20/12/15 6th £350 AVC

Claude Greenwood Chelmsford City 22/12/15 4th £210

Best Turned Out

Yes I Will Plumpton 2.11/15 Frankie £50

Kingscombe Fakenham 20/12/15 James £50

Sun, Sea And Lots Of Sand!

With a month's worth of rain in a couple of days followed by temperatures plunging to minus 6 degrees Celsius, it was good to be able to give the horses a relaxing workout on the beach at Camber.

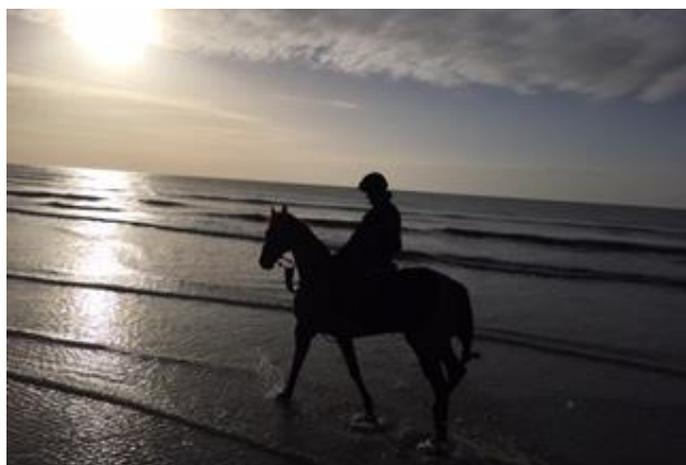


There is plenty of galloping room on the vast expanse of sands.

The horses enjoy the change of scenery and the chance to play “King Of The Castle”. It freshens them up for racing.



A chance to relax and climb the dunes.



And an opportunity for atmospheric photos.

View a video at: https://youtu.be/8OKie5_WClg

Another Trip To The Emerald Isle.

In November we organised another trip for our owners to Ireland. We were able to stay at Pat Jones' luxury house and everyone was free to spend their time as they wished, which included hunting, looking at horses, admiring the countryside, good eating and drinking and arranging fishing trips for the future.



Luxury base at Bunglasha.



Areas with outstanding views.



Out with the hunt.



Left: A view of Bunglasha from the saddle.

We hope to arrange another trip or two this year, so please let Linda know if you would be interested in going and what you hope to do or see so that we can pick the best time of year to suit.

Dreams Of The Future.



Frankie on Itoldyou.

Frankie Pullar, featured in the Summer 2015 Newsletter Staff Profile, has gained her amateur riders licence and is looking forward to her first ride for the stable. At the moment the plan is for her to ride Claude Greenwood in an amateur riders' race at Southwell on February 9th. If she goes there expect a big turnout of supporters

Thoughts On The Past.

We took 4 horses to Plumpton on January 3rd, including Itoldyou who was hoping to retain his Sussex National title. The rain hammered down but after an inspection with stewards, jockeys and trainers (including Linda) racing went ahead. By the end of race three conditions had deteriorated so much that racing was abandoned, meaning that Itoldyou, Maccabees and Fifi L'Amour were unable to run. Looking back, both the decision to race and later to abandon were correct at the times they were taken. No horses fell in the races run and the jockeys rode at a sensible pace. Disappointing though the final outcome may have been, it did allow Fine Tune to make the frame for the first time by finishing 3rd in the opener.



Staff Profile



Name: *Oliver Brophy*

Age: *17*

Why did you come into racing? *I love the horses and I love the speed.*

If you had to have a different career what would it be? *A bricklayer.*

What has been your best moment in racing? *Riding Rowe Park round the track in front of all the owners.*

What is your ambition in racing? *To become a jockey.*

Do you have an ambition outside racing? *To become successful and make my family and friends proud.*

What has been your most amusing moment in the job? *Falling off First Attempt (stable name Barney) five times up the hill gallop! (Barney was probably the quietest horse in the yard at the time!)*

Who do you most admire in racing? *Karen Jewell because she never gives up on any of us, even if we mess up really badly. Also she has taught me everything I know in racing.*

Favourite racecourse and why? *Fontwell, because it was my first lead up.*

Favourite meal? *Pizza.*

Favourite music? *House music.*

Favourite non equine sport? *Boxing*

Interests other than horses? *My dog Trevor.*

Southfield Stables Three To Follow Competition

This year's Three To Follow competition is going along nicely with over half the entrants having scored points already. With the competition running until June 25th there is plenty of time for things to change as different horses make it to the track. Standings on 21/1/16:-

Name	TOTAL
Gillian Ransome	12
Pauline Reynolds	12
Rosemary Watson	10
Fay Wyatt	10
Richard Young	9
Fiona Meekins	4
Barbara	4
Barry Morton	3
Trevor Wyatt	3
Tomas Maidment	1
John Reynolds	1
Derek Maidment	0
Matthew Maidment	0
Rachel Maidment	0
William Maidment	0
Sally Stanier	0
Carol Watson	0

Competition

Congratulations to Fiona Meekins, whose entry was first out of the hat, having correctly answered last issue's question. *MANY FACES LIE BACK* is an anagram of which two horses in Linda's yard?

Answer :- Kayflin & Maccabees

This issue's question:- Which former jump jockey rode on the flat for Linda in 2015?

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**

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In the event of a tie, the correct answers will be put into a hat and the winner drawn on April 9th 2016.