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Kate and I would like to welcome you all to our Open Day as we look forward to the 2025-26 National Hunt season getting underway. It's always a pleasure to welcome you all here today and we thank you for your continued support and ownership.

Despite the continuing increase in the cost of training and owning racehorses, our string once again looks to be competitive with some exciting new bloodstock giving us plenty to look forward to in the months ahead.

Highlights from last season included a winning return for Saint Palais after a long period of rehabilitation following an injury he sustained at the 2023 Cheltenham Festival. It was certainly an emotional moment for many of us and I'm happy to say he will be back in action this season as part of our Plantation Racing Syndicate, which you can find out more information in this brochure.

Our stable jockey Harry Bannister recorded the 300th win of his professional career, which we congratulate him for. He's already on his way to notching up the next century. His continued support, feedback whilst riding out, schooling at home and post-race debriefing whilst riding all our horses highlights his professionalism and dedication to our team. The third musketeer is the very rarely seen but hugely appreciated Adam Tucker, whose dedication, advice, suggestions and often finite decision making continues to aid our horses progression and success. I thank them both.

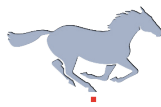
It's a similar story for my fantastic staff at Plantation Farm who continue to make the care of our horses their top priority. Sam Walker continues to excel as my assistant trainer, being the perfect role model for the rest of the team and remains unafraid to boss me around. Our band of work riders Roni, Lucy, Chris, Freya, Kat, Tom and Harriet, who has also taken on the role of racing secretary for this season, continue to do a fantastic job week-in, week-out on the gallops and at home. The yard team led by Jackie, Rosie, Charlotte, Naomi, Stacey, Zara and Gemma keep the stables in top order for which we're all very grateful. Janet continues to have her hands full after a busy stud season with 18 mares foaled and now her attention turns to our string of ponies!!! It's certainly one of the hardest jobs in the yard but she manages it superbly and takes a weight off my mind. There's a never ending list of maintenance jobs, but Chris is always on top of the things that need doing. I can't thank the team as a whole enough for their continued hard work.

Kate's stud season was slightly curtailed in March but nevertheless she has spent her free hours sorting out office and keeping the show on the road. She bounced straight back, full steam ahead, with mares in July and August and I'm sure we will have a busy stud season once again.

We head into this season full of optimism. Our horses have been working well since their return from the summer break, putting us on the front foot for the season ahead. I hope you all enjoy today and once again thanks to all my staff for their hard work on one of the busiest days of the year. I'm sure you'll agree, the horses and the yard look spectacular.

Here's to a great, successful 2025-26 season.





THE TEAM

Assistant Trainer

Sam Walker

Stable Jockey

Harry Bannister

Yard Staff

Jackie Beaton and Rosie Lucas,
assisted by Gemma Dentith, Stacey Hartley, Naomi Conway and Zara Davison

Work Riders

Veronika Spinkova, Freya Martin, Chris Boreham and Kat Dougall
assisted by Harriet Tice and Tom Bishop

Maintenance

Chris Baker

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Kate Bandey and Harriet Tice

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Jamie Knapp, Kingsclere Vets and Kate Bandey, Plantation Farm Veterinary

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I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our hard-working staff and work riders at Plantation Farm, we just couldn't operate without them.





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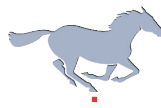
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HORSES IN TRAINING 2025/26

ARCTIC STREAM (GB) 2017 Bay Filly by Dylan Thomas (IRE) ex Arctic Flow (GB)

Owned by Mrs Heather Dunn



A 8yo Dylan Thomas mare who was only able to have the three starts last season due to a very dry spring. She's now has a rating and should be able to progress in handicap hurdles this season before looking to fences later on. From the family of Midlands National winner Regal Flow, she should improve with a longer distance and experience.

ARDMORE LASS (IRE) 2020 Bay Filly by Harzand (IRE) ex Eyes On The Stars (IRE)

Owned by Mr. J. Palmer-Brown



5yo mare by the increasingly popular sire Harzand. She's a scopey and powerful filly who has done nothing but please us since arriving at Plantation Farm. Half sister to the black type chaser Hillside, this family isn't short of speed and she's no different. She went nicely in a racecourse gallop in the spring and will start in bumpers this autumn.

BRULURE NOIRE (GB) 2017 Bay Gelding by Califet (FR) ex Julia Glynn (IRE)

Owned by Miss A. M. Reed



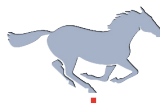
Going into his fourth season with us and is now part of the furniture. This 8yo is a three-time winner but had a disjointed season last year and only managed to get on the race track three times, running very well on two of those occasions. Everything he did at home last year suggested he's a stronger and more robust individual now and granted a clear run of health this season, he will be able to show this on the track.

DESERT HALO (IRE) 2019 Bay Gelding by Arctic Cosmos (USA) ex Dushy Dante (IRE)

Owned by Mrs Joanna Jensen



6yo Arctic Cosmos gelding who had a very busy campaign in the 24-25 season. Sadly he was showing us plenty of ability in the mornings, but found it hard to reproduce on the track. The one day he showed us what he can do was when he quickened well to finish 2nd at Lingfield in December. He had problems with his feet last season and we've given him lots of time to get them in a much better place. He's very nicely treated off a mark of 102 if he can put it all together this winter.



DODGING THE BULLET (IRE) 2022 Bay Gelding by Shaman (IRE) ex Fanci That (IRE)

Owned by Plantation Racing Syndicate - SHARES AVAILABLE



3yo Shaman gelding who has shown plenty of ability on his two starts for us this summer. A laid back character who sees out his races well and will appreciate a longer distance going forward. He has the scope to jump a hurdle and should be a lot of fun as a dual purpose prospect for the racing club going forward.

DUFFRY TRIXS (IRE) 2019 Chesnut Gelding by Mahler (GB) ex Miracle Trix (IRE)

Owned by The Caulkheads Partnership



Classy 6yo Mahler gelding who won on the third time of asking at Taunton in February. This forward going type also stays well and left a disappointing bumper run behind him when switching to hurdles in the new year. He went very close at Plumpton in January before going one better at Taunton. Rated 115, he will go handicapping this autumn and will start at 2 and a half miles, but will get further in time. There's a lot more to come from him.

FLINTARA (GB) 2015 Bay Filly by Kayf Tara (GB) ex Flinders (GB)

Owned by Leith Hill Chasers



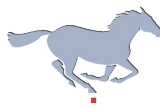
Four-time winner for the yard and now a veteran of the string. She ran consistently last year without getting her head in front but still gave connections a lot of enjoyment, particularly when finishing 4th at Cheltenham in April. Her handicap mark is more workable this year and we look forward to another competitive season with her. She can get her head in front again.

HOWAYA NOW (IRE) 2018 Bay Gelding by Califet (FR) ex Howaya Pet (IRE)

Owned by Mr S. Cross



Only a 7yo still but it feels like he's been with us for longer. This scopey gelding has always promised to be a chaser but jumping mistakes have halted his progress. He was another who didn't have a clear run of health last year and showed some form over hurdles in three starts before running a massive race when switched back to fences at Ffos Las in April. There's plenty more to come from him as a chaser if he can build on that run and is the sort to contest quality long distance races in the future. One to look forward to.



ICAQUE DE L'ISLE (FR) 2018 Bay Gelding by Free Port Lux (GB) ex Quetsche de L'Isle (FR)

Owned by The French Link 2



A very likeable 7yo gelding who now embarks on his fourth season at the yard but still has improvement in him. He was ultra consistent in five starts last season, switching to hurdles for the last two of these. A good jumper in the main but the odd mistake has been costly over fences at times for him and the switch to hurdles really suited, finally getting his head in front at Lingfield in February. There's lots more to come off a hurdle mark of 100 this term, with the option of switching back to fences at a later date.

ILOT DE L'ISLE (GB) 2018 Chesnut Gelding by Vision d'Etat (FR) ex Sariette de L'Isle (FR)

Owned by Mr Stephen Appelbee



Classy 7yo who's been plagued by injuries since joining the yard. He's a rangy horse who's always shown plenty at home and given a clear run with injuries and some cut in the ground, he should have a good season.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR (FR) 2020 Bay Gelding by Authorized (IRE) ex Quartre Bleue (FR)

Owned by The Bellamy Quintet



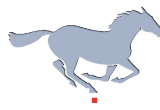
A new recruit for the coming season, this 5yo gelding by Authorized has shown plenty of ability in his two point-to-point starts in Ireland. A scopey and forward going type who will appreciate the switch to rules racing and may well start in bumpers before going hurdling. A classy sort from a quality family, we are very pleased to have him.

KNOWN WARRIOR (FR) 2020 Bay Gelding by Karakter (IRE) ex Burma (FR)

Owned by KNR Racing



5yo gelding who showed lots of ability in his only start last season, finishing 4th and only beaten 3L at Doncaster in a bumper in March. He is a keen going sort and if there had been a stronger gallop he may well have gone even closer. He will now switch to hurdles and will start over 2m but may get further in time, but will certainly jump a fence too. Another nice youngster to have.



LITTLE WHITE SPOT (GB) 2020 Bay Filly by Telescope (IRE) ex Bastante (FR)

Owned by The Plantation Prosecco Partnership



Unraced 5yo Telescope mare out of winning pointer Bastante. She was too weak to run last season but has shown a good attitude in her work and should be ready to start her race career this autumn. A good jumper, she may go straight over hurdles.

MACLAINE (GB) 2017 Chesnut Gelding by Masked Marvel (GB) ex Aisance (FR)

FOR LEASE

Classy 8yo gelding who sadly missed most of last season after sustaining a injury at Exeter in October. A classy winner at Newbury in March 2024 over 2m 6f, he's unexposed over further and although he will start a bit later than most should have more to offer this season.



MASTER DANCER (FR) 2017 Bay Gelding by Masterstroke (USA) ex Perle d'Ainay (FR)

Owned by The Dancer Quartet



Burst onto the scene for the yard back in the 22-23 season with a good win at Stratford and followed that up by finishing a close 3rd in a competitive Cheltenham handicap. Sadly not a lot has gone to plan since then, with glimmers of form scattered amongst soundness issues. He still shows plenty of ability at home and if we can get on top of his physicality issues, he should be able to find his form again.

PURE OCEAN (IRE) 2021 Bay Filly by Crystal Ocean (IRE) ex Through The Lens (IRE)

Owned by Mr. J. Palmer-Brown



5yo Crystal Ocean mare out of a half sister to Champion Hurdle winner Binocular. Another who was in training last year and showed up well in her work but wasn't ready to run. A honest sort with a good attitude, she will start in bumpers this autumn.



RAP SOUL (FR) 2019 Bay Gelding by Kamsin (IRE) ex Natacha Hilda (FR)

Owned by The Soul Searchers



6yo Kamsin gelding who finished second in his only point-to-point in Ireland in November, before joining the team. He travelled strongly in his only start for the yard in a bumper at Ffos Las in April, before weakening into 7th. As tall a horse as we have, he went weak on us in the spring but felt he needed the run for experience. He will start over hurdles but is very much one to look forward to over fences later on.

SADLER'S BAY (GB) 2017 Bay Gelding by Black Sam Bellamy (IRE) ex Cormorant Cove (GB)

Owned by Mr Tom Wheeler



8yo Black Sam Bellamy gelding who joined the team at the back end of last season, where he just managed to get the one run in at Ffos Las in April. He finished 5th that day, but showed more than the finishing position suggested. Returning on a very workable mark of 98, he should be able to leave that rating behind and could contest a better long distance contest later on in the season. A horse we are delighted to have on the team.

SAINT PALAIS (FR) 2017 Bay Gelding by Saint Des Saints (FR) ex Ladies Choice (FR)

Owned by Plantation Racing Syndicate - SHARES AVAILABLE



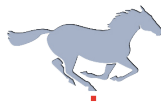
Stable legend and five-time winner, who returned from a very serious injury to manage four starts last term including a very gutsy win at Uttoxeter in February. It was great to see him back and in the winners enclosure and although his rating may have slipped from his exploits in the 22-23 season, the fire still burns and he should be very competitive again this season. He owes us nothing.

SEVARANA (IRE) 2020 Bay Filly by Shantou (USA) ex Eva La Diva (GB)

Owned by Syderys & Burkes



5yo Shantou mare who has contested two bumpers this season, finishing 2nd at Fontwell in May before improving to go one better at Uttoxeter in July. She still showed greenness that day and it's very hard to tell where her ceiling lies, which is exciting. A well bred filly, who has the option of another bumper but could go hurdl-ing. The mares final at Newbury is a realistic target for her in the spring.



SLADE SHORE (GB) 2019 Brown Gelding by Telescope (IRE) ex One Of The Last (GB)

Owned by Forever Friends Syndicate



6yo Telescope gelding who has been racing through the summer and made his chase debut a winning one at Worcester back in June. That was a win over 2 and a half miles and he's sure to be a better horse over further. Rated 106 and a half brother to grade 1 winner Kylemore Lough, we are excited to see what he can achieve for the rest of this season and beyond.

SPANISH DANCER (FR) 2019 Chesnut Gelding by Spanish Moon (USA) ex Aurore Celtique (FR)

Owned by The Make It So Partnership



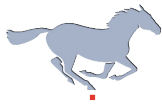
6yo Spanish Moon gelding who's not stopped growing and developing since the day he arrived as a store. He made a very promising debut when finishing 4th in a competitive bumper at Chepstow in November, before hanging his chance away when looking to be in contention at Ffos Las in April. He was subsequently found to have an abscess that day. Very much the stamp of a chaser he will start his career over hurdles this autumn and although he still has a lot to learn, he's a very exciting prospect.

THEATRE MAN (IRE) 2016 Bay Gelding by Ocovango (GB) ex Theatre Bird (IRE)

Owned by Burkes & Syders



Another stable stalwart who has helped us get noticed over the years. 9 turning 10 this season he will be reaching veteran status which will open up a couple of new avenues for him. Despite not winning in the 23-24 season he ran some cracking races but things never got going for him in 24-25, illness and injury meant he only made it to the track three times but did show much better form on his final start at Newbury in March. Down to a workable mark of 129, more relaxed now and nearing veteran status, this should be an exciting season for Theatre Man.



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