



*Welcome to our February 2016 newsletter...*

### The season so far

We headed to Chaddesley Corbett at the end of December with two runners, both of which were ridden by Ed Glassonbury who will hopefully ride the majority of my horses again this season.

In very soft ground, and a highly competitive field, Our Crusade put in a credible performance in the opening conditions race. We expect him to improve on this when he drops back in grade and encounters slightly less gruelling conditions.

We then moved on to Desert Sting (pictured above right) in the 2 mile 4 furlong Restricted. He ran a massive race, being beaten by a neck into second, having led right until the line!

Next stop was the Yorkshire Point to Point Club meeting at Sheriff Hutton on the 17th January. This had originally been scheduled for the week before but was postponed due to waterlogging. We took 5 runners to the Yorkshire track. The yard star Threapwood made his seasonal reappearance in the conditions race, partnered by



Ryan and ran a solid race in 5th. He always improves a lot for his reappearance and I expect to see a big performance by him next time. Ed rode the other four runners. Capellanus made his debut for the yard and ran a very solid race in 4th in a competitive race and I expect him to provide Mr Hewitt with plenty of fun this year!

Next up was Desert Sting who was aiming to improve on his runner up performance 3 weeks earlier. Unfortunately he couldn't do that but still ran with credit, finishing fourth in a big field. The long track probably didn't suit him and we will now try and find him a opportunity at a short track or try and find another 2 mile 4 restricted such as his reappearance.

### Looking ahead

We plan to have plenty of runners on the 7th February, when we will have entries at Brocklesbury, Chaddesley and Larkhill.

Our Crusade and Threapwood are likely to head to Brocklesby, where we would hope that both improve for their seasonal debuts and would have each way chances.

Mr Parkin's duo of Funny Star and Modulus could both run at Chaddesley as well as The Ibbster. I would be hoping one of the trio could pick up a victory!

Capellanus and Desert Sting will also have entries this weekend.

We will then move on to Thorpe Lodge on the 14th where we could be represented by Desert Sting and Quantum Theory.

This is a meeting where we enjoyed a double at last year so hopefully that can be repeated!

Bangor on Dee's first meeting is the week after on the 21st of February. We are planning on having quite a few runners at our local track and hopefully can nick a winner or two.

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## Trainers course

I have now completed the three modules that are needed for a successful trainer application. This means I can now be granted with a dual licence to have runners on the flat as well as under national hunt rules.

I still plan to have pointers here at Stockton hall and hope they will successfully work alongside each other and help each other along at the same time.



## The Boys So Sharp

I have got a lovely two year old gelding who I hope will make his debut on the flat some time in April. He is owned by a great local bunch who know how to have a good time!

He was purchased with the idea that he will hopefully be a precocious 2 year old type with his dam being a smart 2 year old herself and his sire having a decent record with 2 year old sprinters. The dream for the boys is the Lily Agnes stakes at our local track Chester!

The syndicate enjoyed a morning on the gallop as can be seen right.



## Our Aintree hopes!

We plan to aim both Funny Star and Oyster Shell at the Aintree Foxhunters in 2016!

The plan is for Funny Star to get his season underway at Chaddesley Corbett on 7th February before heading to Taunton for a hunter chase later that month. He will then hopefully be qualified for the big race in April!



Oyster Shell is likely to be aimed at a Hunter chase in his quest to get qualified! He needs to finish in the first 3 in a hunter chase to meet the qualifications needed. This shouldn't be a problem and is going nicely now.

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