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Walkers Sykes Vienna

It was very sad that Walkers Sykes Vienna was withdrawn from the mare grading because of grass sickness. She was put to sleep a few days later when it was clear that she would not recover.



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Report from your Chairman - Susan Attew

With a glorious summer behind us we have to prepare ourselves for the winter ahead and the additional work this brings us as horse owners. We are though, for those of us who breed, getting closer to the exciting new arrivals of Trakehner Foals in 2014.

We were delighted with the quality of horses shown for grading at our Annual Show this year and particularly happy to have such a high percentage of mares achieving premium marks. It was also a first to have two approved Stallions this year which illustrates the quality of the stock being bred in UK.. Full details and results from the show can be found later in this Newsletter.

We are seeing signs that the market is becoming more buoyant again for the sale of quality sports horses and hope this continues. The Trakehner horse has so much to offer to both the serious competition riders and the pleasure riders alike. Our job is to spread the word about this wonderful breed of horse.

Our AGM is later this year and will be held on 14th December 2013 commencing at 14:00. Coffee and Mince pies being served from 13:00. After the formal business of the AGM there will be an opportunity for members to chat and discuss all things Trakehner. If you have items you wish to discuss please email me with your topic so that it can be added to the agenda. We look forward to welcoming as many members as possible and have included some AGM documents with this Newsletter. Please confirm or decline attendance by email chairman@trakehners.uk.com or call 01767 685705 before 25 November 2013

I take this opportunity to wish all our members a Happy Christmas and Health and Happiness for you and your horses in 2014.



Susan Attew

Marketing Director's Report – Marion Fuller

It was very encouraging to see how well Trakehners scored at Futurity this year, and to see how well the off spring of several of our stallions on the Stallion Plan scored. I hope this encourages Stallion owners to sign up for 2014.

I am including an application form with the news letter for all Stallion owners. You can also fill in and apply on line at www.trakehners.uk.com To benefit from advertising it is helpful to have your application very early in the New Year.

I look forward to speaking to as many of you as possible at the AGM and wish everyone a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.

Marion Fuller

Show Organisers Report – Nicky Nash

The show this year was held at Keysoe Bedfordshire. It was well supported with numbers up on last year. However we sadly had no foals entered. Perhaps this is a sign of the times.

We did however have an amazing selection of ridden and in hand riding horses and had some good dressage entries with a number of pure and part Trakehners competing .

Thank you to everyone who helped, and a special thank you to all our wonderful sponsors. It is great to be able to award such lovely prizes. We had garlands for the first time and lots of positive feed back on them so we will offer them next year.



The show will be held again at Keysoe on the weekend of 5/6th September.

If anyone would like to help or sponser please email or ring me as we always have lots of jobs on both days.

I still have some lost property so please ring or email me if you realise you are missing some thing. **Nicky Nash**

Registrar's & Asst Registra's Report - Terry Hyde/Richard Bayston

Pure Bred Foals Registered in 2013 11 Colts and 10 Fillies

1. Fleetwater Cecelia Bay Filly

Grafenstolz x Fleetwater Corrina

2. Fleetwater Corrado Grey Colt

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3. Sockburn Fidelio Bay Colt

Singolo x Sockburn Freesia

4. Monaghans Floradora Grey Filly

Trocadero x Monaghans Filia Flora

5. Holme Park Hermione Chestnut Filly

Holme Park Krug x Holme Park Holy Night

6. Holme Park Vulcan Bay Colt

Grafenstolz x Holme Park Vogue



7. Achilty Bay Filly

Grafenstolz x Isolde Studs Iona III

8. Donation Bay Colt

Kentucky X Dolce Luciana

9. Bluewood Kassian Black Colt

Titelheld x SPS & PS Kasixta

10. Bluewood Nearco Black Colt (may turn Grey)

Trocadero x Noisette

11. Graffite Bay Colt

Grafenstolz x Gold Rush

12. Three Chimneys Graffiti Black Filly

Holme Park Legend x Holme Grove Gestadt

13. Three Chimneys Etelka Bay Colt

Grafenstolz x Elysia

14. Warrawee Intent Bay Colt

Holme Park Legend x Sockburn Isadora

15. Bluewood Floriana Dark Bay Filly (may turn grey)

Tracadero x PS & SPS Feines Madchen

16. Godington Argento Grey Colt



Contis x Godington Artemis

17. Godington Oriel Bay Filly Godington Hannibal x PM Offerte

18. Grace Bay Filly

Contis x Muschamp Gentille Dame

19. Lianna Black Filly

Redecker x Holme Grove Lantana

20. Fidel v Singing Bay Colt

Kentucky x Flavia VII

21. Herbstprinzessin v Singing Bay Filly

Kentucky x Herbstern v Singing

Grafenstolz = 6. 4 Colts 2 Fillies

Kentucky = 3. 2 Colts 1 Filly

Trocadero = 3. 2 Fillies 1 Colt

Holme Park Legend = 2. 1 Colt 1 Filly

Contis = 2. 1 Colt 1 Filly

Holme Park Krug = 1 Filly

Redecker = 1 Filly

Godington Hannibal = 1 Filly

Titelheld = 1 Colt



Singolo = 1Colt

Part Bred Foals registered in 2013

2 Colts and 5 Fillies

Palo De Rosa Colt

Woodcroft Garuda K x Californie

Irish Celebration Filly

Faust (ungraded Trak) x Fleetwater Caprice (Trak)

Midnight Ruby. 10/5/13. Filly

Faust (ungraded Trak) x Casablanca (Trak)

Bluewood Titania Filly

Tycoon x Dedicaton (Han)

Knabbhall Babycham Filly

Greenvale Audacity (CHAPS) x Highwell Babylon (Trak)

Sapphire 17/4/12. Filly

Hollowcombe Imperiumx Mowtown (TB)

Un named Colt

Schenkendorf (Trak) Ex Corals Rosalie (PBA)



2013 Annual Show and Grading

Trakehners UK Annual Grading and Show, was once again held at The College Equestrian Centre at Keysoe during the weekend of 7th & 8th September 2013.

Entries were up on the previous year, the German judges were very pleased with high quality of horses entered. Of twelve mares presented



for grading six were awarded premium marks! Two of these premiums went to Woodcroft Stud and three went to Holme Park Stud. The Mare Grading Champion **Magic Megane**, by German Champion Stallion, Songline out of Megane by EH Connery went on to have a very successful weekend claiming the Broodmare Champion and Supreme

Champion. Owned by Bruce Mathews she was presented by the Woodlander Stud.

It was also very encouraging that this year, two stallions were approved for breeding. Godington Parsifal by Godington Hannibal out of SPS Prettiness and Holme Park Kobalt by Oliver Twist out of Elite Mare Holme Park Kremona who is also the Dam of Graded Stallion Holme Park Krug who came to the show to be presented with our highest accolade of "UK Elite Stallion" on the Saturday night. The title "Elite Mare" was also bestowed upon Godington Uppsala, the dam of Godington Utah who was approved in 2012. Holme Park Kobalt and Godington Utah had both recently achieved Class 1 Elite in their NaSTA Stallion Performance Tests.



Woodcroft stud produced both the Youngstock Champion and Reserve. Woodcroft Nathalia by Garuda K out of SPS Woodcroft Nathalie stood Champion and went on to take Reserve Supreme and Best



British Bred while **Woodcroft Ophelia** by Hibiskus out of SPS Woodcroft O'Hara was Youngstock Reserve Champion, she had also been Reserve Champion of the mare grading on the previous day.



Ruth McMullen was awarded the Independent Breeder Trophy for her success with two offspring of 19 year old Ublah by Handstreich - **Ultimate Illusion** by Future Illusion was Part



Bred Champion. Ulysses by Tycoon won the 2 year old class.

The winner of the last year's TBF

Senior Bursary, Joanna Jones with her horse **Holme Grove Devinci** by Holme Park Krug, retained her free jumping title for the Ingrid Christodoulou Trophy.



Riding Horse Champion was won by last year's Supreme Champion **Hollywood Dream**, by Instenberg out of Honey Girl, Reserve Champion was Holme Park E2 by Holme Park Krug out of Holme Park Elektra.

Reserve Champion broodmare was Holme Park Sirikit by Freudenfest out of SPS Susuya by Cadeau who was imported from Neumünster as a foal and achieved premium marks in the grading on the Saturday..

2013 Senior Bursary winner was Emma Stopford riding her purebred Holme Park Kashmir by Holme Park Krug. The Junior Bursary went to Katie Davies riding her part bred Trakehner pony Tinkers Tomahawk by Cherokee Chief. All the results from the weekend including Bursary winners can be seen by visiting www.trakehners.uk.com



*Katie Davies And Tinkers Tomahawk
Junior Training Bursary application*



Hello, my name is Katie Davies and I am 13 years old. I have been riding all of my life and I really love horses. I have been a member of the Pony Club for 9 years; I have been a member of the BSPS, the Riding Club dressage team and British dressage so I have good experience in most disciplines. However, in the last 2 years I have become really interested in dressage. With my 12.2hh and 13.2hh ponies I went to the pony club novice and intermediate championships and I was the youngest there. I also went to the Trailblazers Championships where I was 3rd. My love for dressage continued to grow and I started training with Richard Baldwin who is a List 4 judge. Richard is a kind, supportive, knowledgeable instructor who has brought me up from unaffiliated Prelim to affiliated Elementary and we are currently working towards medium at home. Richard is incredibly



understanding and experienced and comes to watch at most competitions.

My ultimate ambition is to train my own horse up to Grand Prix because I really enjoy and am interested in the training side of dressage, as well as competing which is why I would find the bursary really beneficial. I have recently attended the central BYRDS camp and enjoyed two fabulous weekends with Dressage U21s UK at the Unicorn Trust where I trained with Grand Prix rider Samantha Thurman-Baker and classical dressage trainer Dianne Thurman-Baker.

In April 2013 Richard told us of a pony that was coming up for sale. Tinkers Tomahawk was the pony. He is an 11 year old 14.2hh grey gelding. Tinker is 25% Trakehner. Tinkers sire is Cherokee Chief who is a 15.2hh grey stallion working at medium level dressage. We went to see Tinker in early March and absolutely loved him. When I rode him he seemed so gentle and kind but also very pretty and he did everything we asked of him. After he had passed the vet we bought him and took him home, I was so excited! However, Tinker was not the first Trakehner to live at our farm; my Grandfather bred a Trakehner stallion called Paisley Court. Tinker was born and bred at the Olympus Stud and started his life as a show jumper and was very successful. Tinker is so special because despite not doing that much dressage until later on in his life he is so trainable and good.

As soon as I started riding Tinker we clicked. I really, really love him. On the 28th March it was our first show at Solihull riding Club. Tinker was so well behaved and won Prelim 7 with 73.5% and prelim 18 on a score also over 70%. I was very proud of Tinker. Tinker then went on to win his next 6 affiliated prelims and qualify for the Regionals.

We recently enjoyed a weekend clinic with dressage U21 UK. Carol Hogg, the organiser was very impressed with Tinker...

At the moment I am working getting Tinker ready for the Regional Dressage Championships which are in just a few weeks time. I also have other competitions lined up for the summer including the novice Petplan



Area Festival, the Young Rider Championships at Sheepgate, the Pony Club area competition, the Riding Club championships and of course the Trakehner show in September! My aim with Tinker is to have him successfully competing at Medium level dressage and to be on the National Training Squad.

As As you can see, I have lots of competitions ahead and I am very enthusiastic about learning and training with my part-bred Trakehner! I would really benefit from this very generous bursary because I love this breed and I really want to succeed and learn and the money would allow me to have more training sessions and learn more advanced dressage. I would also like to have the opportunity to train further with Di Thurman Baker and learn more about the Classical side of training. I keep a diary of every time I ride and compete Tinker and always take lots of pictures so I would keep you up to date with our progress.

Thank You and I hope you have enjoyed reading about Tinker, my lovely (very photogenic!) Trakehner!

Katie Davies





Trakehners UK Senior Bursary Application 2013

Horse: Holme Park Kashmir

Rider: Emma Stopford

Discipline: Dressage

There's no 'I' in Team!

Whatever equestrian discipline you partake in, it's impossible to achieve your personal ambitions without the help of others.

The most important member of your team is your horse. My horse is my best friend, she's my partner in crime. I knew she was my horse when I saw her as a foal and it's the thought of riding her that makes me pull on my jodhpurs when it's dark, raining and cold. Without her, I wouldn't have my dreams in the first place!

A close second comes your trainer. We all need someone on the ground to insert the proverbial boot when we say we can't, to help us through our problems and to teach us new things. You not only have to build a partnership with your horse, but you need to build a partnership with your trainer too. Kashmir and I have lots still to learn and without our trainer we wouldn't have achieved half of what we've done so far and our ambitions certainly wouldn't ever have a chance of become reality.

Your family are essential too. My poor husband will get up on a Sunday morning at 6.00am to accompany me to shows, listen to me endlessly 'talking horse' and lets face it, equestrianism is expensive so he forgoes all sorts to fund my hobby.

My Mum, who feels guilty about not being a horsey Mum, substitutes the high heels for wellies to come and cheer me on and supply copious amounts of Polos on demand to Kashmir.

And finally your friends: there are no friends quite like horsey friends! They give up free time to act as unpaid grooms, to make you laugh when you want to cry and give you a big hug when it goes well... and badly. They're essential members of the team!

All the sacrifice, hard work and time put in by my 'team' is to try and help me achieve my equestrian goals, and for that I'm exceptionally



grateful. If I was awarded the bursary this year, it would be put towards spending more time with my trainer because I not only want to achieve my goals for

personal satisfaction, but to make all the support I receive from friends and family worth it!

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29.05.13 Keysoe Yes N22 64.14 K Moloney 4th

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26.06.13 Abbey Farm

Judge

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Katie Davies and Tinkers Tomahawk Update

Well, what a busy few weeks we have had. After a whole summer of competitions and training with Richard Baldwin. September started off with the Trakehner show. Having arrived on the Friday evening it was lovely to be presented with our numnah, shirt and flowers. On Saturday we competed in the prelim and novice. The prelim went very well and it was really good to be competing against other horses of the same breed (despite being the smallest by quite a bit!!). We were second in the prelim and 1st in the restricted novice which was a really good practice ahead of the Nationals. We then competed in the in hand and ridden Trakehner showing class. It was something that was completely new to Tink and I learnt a lot from the experience! It was also really good as we came 2nd in hand and also did well in the ridden to then go on and come 4th in the championships. It was lots of fun and gave me experience doing trot ups and shows in front of the judges.

Next, I had been asked to ride in a dressage demonstration at the prestigious Blenheim Horse Trials. I was so excited to be riding at an event like this, although slightly nervous at the same time! I was riding in a demonstration by Richard Baldwin to explain how a test is judged. When we arrived at Blenheim it was very busy. The horse walk to the arena was a nice long hack around the outskirts of the estate. It was great fun to see all of the huge jumps close up and bump into a few famous riders such as Mark Todd, William Fox Pitt and Nicola Wilson. When it was time to go on there was a fair crowd around the arena and a very busy atmosphere. The demo was about judging a dressage test so I had to ride a test in front of everyone as a guinea pig, as Richard explained the marking system. Tink was so well behaved despite the noisy fairground that was very close by.

Just a week later was the British Dressage National Championships. I was unbelievably nervous especially when I was riding around the arenas with some of the biggest names in dressage! I was on early Thursday morning



which was good as there were not too many spectators about. Tink was quite tense in the warm up but it was very busy. He did a nice test and I was pleased with him. We finished 16th behind some huge, very impressive horses. We had decided that I was now going to move onto

Novice so that was my last Prelim and I felt it was a very good end.



After the Nationals we mainly focused on training. I worked with Richard, having lots of lessons to prepare Tink for the Dressage U21s Talent Spotting weekend. I was particularly excited as Diane Thurman-Baker who I hope to spend some of my bursary money with; was at the talent spotting to train and give a

demonstration. We arrived on Friday evening so that I could ride him round as he had just been clipped the day before, but he was a very good boy!! On Saturday I had my lesson with Diane. It was a really interesting lesson and I felt I learnt lots and got Tink working much more forward into the contact. I then had to do a trot up, which I had luckily practiced at the Trakehner show. In the afternoon I rode my first novice test, which went really well. In the evening, when the scores came out, I was very pleased with the scores I had received from the training session, trot up, written paper and test. I was also awarded the Novice pony rider of the year trophy, which was a huge surprise! I thoroughly enjoyed the demo with



Dianne when she explained the work that she does in hand with her horses. On Sunday Tink did another good test. In the afternoon we had to ride in the ride-off against all of the other ponies to determine who was to win. Surprisingly, he had plenty of energy to work really well in the ride off to allow me to show off his best bits!! I was really thrilled when they announced that Tink and I had won the pony talent spotting and we were presented with a lovely purple rug and a sash!!



This week, I am preparing my novice freestyle test with the help of Richard so that we can have some music put

to it. My next key show is the area festival at the beginning of November at Bury Farm where I will be competing the novice and novice freestyle which is really exciting. However, with my Birthday approaching, I am soooooo excited to be going to Diane Thurman-Bakers for two training sessions and an overnight stay in the October half term, and 2 weeks of half term will give me lots of time to train with Richard ahead of the area festival 😊.

I hope you have enjoyed reading about our progress so far and I look forward to letting you know how we are doing soon [Katie and Tink xxx](#)



Emma Stopford and HP Kashmir Update.

Kashmir and I both enjoyed a late summer holiday after the show, but we were keen to get back into work at the beginning of October. We had two affiliated wins at Moulton College, but we're now working hard ready for the start of the next dressage season. In addition to our lessons with Kim Darlow, our dressage trainer, we also have jumping lessons with Nick Turner to break the dressage up – variety is the spice of life I'm told (although I'm not the biggest fan of jumping!). We've not had a lesson since early in 2013, but we're starting again next week! Finally, the extra lessons that I've been able to have thanks to the Bursary have meant that our training has progressed quite quickly recently; we rode our first half passes (sort of!) in trot and canter last week. It doesn't feel all that long ago that we were practising walk/trot transitions so this feels like an exciting milestone!

Emma



Elite Status Awarded to Goddington Uppsala and Holme Park Krug

Holme Park Krug was presented with our highest accolade of “UK Elite Stallion” on the Saturday night of the show. Sire of too many successful competition horses to mention and always passing on his wonderful temperament. The title “Elite Mare” was awarded to Goddington Uppsala, the dam of Goddington Utah who was approved in 2012. Holme Park Kobalt and Goddington Utah had both recently

achieved Class 1 Elite in their NaSTA Stallion Performance Tests



Goddington Uppsala was unable to collect her award at the show as she is currently in France with Janet Scolly Lorch. The picture below is of



Uppsalla with Goddington Utah at foot.

Studs News

Godington Stud

2013 has been a year of ups and downs for us.

Our wonderful four-star eventer Godington Haarlem (by Roland out of Pr & St Pr St Godington Havel by Maifeuer) is making steady but painfully slow progress from the broken tibia he suffered at Pau CCI4* this time last year. We have persevered with him and despite him being a total wimp about rehabilitation exercises we have at last started riding him again. He swims regularly and has frequent visits from the chiropractor both of which have made an enormous difference to his recovery.

We have really missed not going to the big international competitions this year and have had to console ourselves with bringing on the younger horses.



Contis has had to do a bit of consolidation as he had moved so swiftly through the grades, arriving at Intermediate at only 6 years old.

PM Godington Barcelona (by Godington Hannibal out of Godington Bergfee by Graciano) is still dogged with problems from her injury at Catton Park a few years ago and we now have to decide whether to keep going with her or whether to send her to the paddocks; she is 13 after all and we wouldn't want to leave it too late to breed from her – she was Hannibal's first premium graded daughter. PM Godington Umbria (by Tycoon out of EM Godington Uppsala by Roland) has made a good transition to Intermediate but her show jumping needs to improve if she is to be successful at this level – a winter jumping programme awaits her when she returns off holiday.

The two babies Godington Undine (by Lessen out of Uppsala) and Godington Trasimeno (by Hannibal out of Godington Tallulah by Maestro) continue to make steady progress at Novice with Trasimeno clocking up his first eventing points this season. They are also on holiday as we write but will come into work to concentrate on dressage and jumping over the winter.

The star of the year was without doubt our young stallion Godington Utah (by Contis out of Uppsala), who was graded in September 2012, backed in January, completed three intro events for 4 year olds and then went on to achieve the highest score ever awarded in the NaStA Performance Test in August. He really has come on and looks every inch a world-beater. It was very gratifying at the Performance Test, to hear Paul Attew (one of the judges who approved him) saying that he considered it to have been a privilege to do so. Utah will start Pre-Novice eventing next season with hopefully a swift move to Novice and beyond.

The Trakehner show in September gave us a very welcome and gratifying outcome in that our second young stallion Godington Parsifal (by Hannibal out of Pr & St Pr St Prettiness by Van Deyk) was approved for



breeding. Although Hannibal already has an approved son in the CHAPS studbook, this will be his first approved Trakehner son. Parsifal just wowed the judges with his huge paces and harmonious presence. He is now being backed as we write and will follow in his cousin Utah's footsteps with a few baby Intro classes next year. The general and in many cases strongly expressed judicial view was that he should concentrate on dressage but we always allow youngsters to do a bit of everything so that they can tell us which discipline they feel happiest with.

We were delighted that both PM Godington Orinoco (by Hannibal out of PM Offerte by King Arthur) and Godington Toscana (by Contis out of Tallulah by Maestro) passed their mare performance test and that Orinoco had her Premium status confirmed.

The cherry on the icing was the award of the Elite Mare accolade to our last remaining Roland daughter Uppsala (by Roland out of Ublah by Handstreich).

Both Uppsala and Prettiness are currently in France with their Contis foals, flying the flag for Trakehners at Janet Lorch's Haras de Muschamp. We expect them back any day now, in foal once again.

We are currently enjoying the quiet before the storm, having a bit of a rest before we start working the competition horses in readiness for the 2014 season.

We wish all our stud clients and those who have bought horses from us this year the very best of luck for the future.



Woodcroft Stud

Woodcroft have had a successful year. Garuda K has been out competing and flying the flag for Trakehners. Ophelia and Nathalia both did exceptionally well at their grading.

Ophelia



Stunning bay Champion 3 Year Old to make approx 16.1hh. Premium Mare Woodcroft Ophelia, Was 2 year old winner & Youngstock Champion at the Trakehner Breeders Annual show 2012. In 2013 Ophelia was awarded Premium status which was confirmed with a successful ridden Mare performance test, becoming Reserve Champion gaining 16/20 for rideability & 55 points in her Mare Grading. Ophelia's dam Woodcroft O'Hara is a Premium German mare, Champion of her mare grading gaining 56 in her grading, she was also undisputed

winner of her Mare Performance test. Ophelia's maternal half sister, Woodcroft O'Neill, by E.H Cadeau was Mare grading Champion, Mare performance test Champion, youngstock Champion & Supreme champion,

Ophelia is very correct in conformation, very athletic in type with superb elasticity & rhythm, she moves with exceptional freedom, in a light & effortless way. She is perfectly in proportion with a well set neck, beautiful head & Trakehner type, she displays great femininity & presence. Ophelia is light in the hand & off the leg with a very active walk, powerful trot & uphill canter. As well as being a superb dressage horse candidate she would also make a great Event prospect or future breeding prospect.



Nathalia



Premium Mare Woodcroft Nathalia, Stunning Mare Performance Test Champion, Champion British Bred, Premium Graded & Reserve Supreme Champion British Trakehner Show 2013. 3 Year old mare, to make approx 16.2hh. I can't speak highly enough of this filly! Nathalia has 3 superb paces which can now be further developed under saddle. Her attitude to everything we have asked of her has been outstanding. Nathalia gained 18 out of 20 in her mare Performance test for rideability & mare grading marks of 54. Her dam State Premium & Premium State Woodcroft Nathalie was German Champion of her Mare Grading & Performance test Champion mare totalling 55.5. Nathalia's Sire Woodcroft Garuda K is an International Dressage horse winning Inter 11 & now starting Grand Prix. Nathalia's full Brother woodcroft Noah will be prepared for stallion grading next year, he was foal Champion, Youngstock Champion & Champion British Bred in 2012.

McMullen Trakehners

We were very pleased to be asked by Marion to provide an update on what we've been up to with our small herd of part and full bred Trakehners, since our last update for the Summer 2012 newsletter.

Our lovely brood mare Ublah had a quiet pregnancy at home on our yard and went away to the Etchingham stud near Malton, North Yorkshire, in late May 2012 to settle in ready for the much anticipated arrival of our part-bred Trakehner foal by Future Illusion.

When we purchased Ublah in 2011, we didn't know much about her at all, or Trakehners for that matter, being very new to breeding. We were



delighted and somewhat awed to be honest to find out what a lovely brood mare she is, with such great bloodlines, plus what fantastic offspring she and her daughters have consistently produced in the past including Premium and Champion mares (such as Godington Uppsala, several for Bluewood Trakehners, and of course the wonderful British bred, Elite graded stallion, Godington Utah.

Ublah is by Handstreich whom we understand stood in Yorkshire for a time, and, coincidentally, is the sire of our part bred mare Hurricane Rose - we were obviously delighted and amazed to discover they were half sisters. Ublah's mother line is traced back via Union to one of the Foundation mares, Freia, making Ublah an important lady in the Trakehner world (and she knows it!). It is also interesting to note that Union had a foal (Utopian Opposition) by Fleetwater Opposition, who is also the stallion from whom Future Illusion (the sire of our part bred Ultimate Illusion) was bred.

We picked Future Illusion as the stallion for our part bred foal (hopefully intended to be an event horse) as we felt the stallion met our needs perfectly, having exceptional bloodlines, a wonderful temperament (very clearly demonstrated on the occasions that we met him in person), absolutely excellent conformation and athleticism - and demonstrable success in the show ring/with BEF Futurity as a youngster, through his very successful progeny through his first 5 foal crops; and of course now as he continues his eventing career with Jeanette Brakewell. He was Champion Foal at the National Hunter show, and went on to win at County level in the Hunter, Sports Horse, Riding Horse and Hack classes; clearly the mix of Trakehner and Thoroughbred breeding has delivered exceptional correctness and versatility and we felt he would be a great partner for Ublah who herself has fantastic bloodlines and was Champion of her grading in 1998. Future Illusion is out of the Head Stud book, Champion Sporthorse and Champion Hunter Broodmare Future Illicit Opposition, and is by the wonderful Elite Trakehner stallion Fleetwater Opposition, himself the individual and team Gold winning Junior European



3 day Event Medallist as well of course as the sire of horses such as Opposition Buzz, Yarlands Summersong and Gaelic Opposition whose achievement are known throughout the world. We were, therefore, very excited about the prospect of a Future Illusion and Ublah baby, and right on time, to the exact due date, we received a call from the stud that Ublah had started her foaling. We both rushed over to the stud in a state of high nervousness and excitement, and were delighted to find on arrival that Ublah had just safely delivered a lovely colt foal, who we decided to call Ultimate Illusion. We had the most fantastic evening meeting our new baby and watching the stud staff provide Ublah and Ultimate Illusion all the care they needed, making sure that he was suckling well and everything else was in order. Ublah being the wonderful mother she is produced excellent colostrum with a high IgG level and mother and foal continued to do well in their next few weeks at the stud before coming home to us. Ultimate Illusion very early on showed the fantastic movement and exceptional temperament inherited from both his dam and sire and we were extremely pleased with him.

Over the next few months we were busy with introducing Ultimate Illusion to his half brother Ulysses, out of Ublah and by Bluewood's fantastic stallion Tycoon, and trying to get the best out of a very wet and cold summer. We were very relieved to have made the decision to bring two youngsters up together and Ultimate Illusion and Ulysses quickly became the best of friends. We waited for the latest 2012 BEF Futurity we could go to with Ultimate Illusion (as he was only born at the end of June) and on one of the few hot days of the summer, we set off for Solihull 2 in the Midlands. Everything went smoothly with the journey and Ublah and Ultimate Illusion were settled in nicely in a stable waiting for their time. We left the stable for a few minutes to check on progress in the main arena and we returned to find a foal fast asleep and covered in shavings 5 minutes before he was due in the collecting ring! After a frantic clean-up operation we made it in time and went in for our assessment. Ultimate Illusion decided he didn't want to show off his



lovely trot round the triangle, and consistently showed some very nice, but unwanted canter (!) After Ian had exhausted himself running round the triangle 5 times with Ublah to encourage Ultimate Illusion to trot, the judges asked us to trot him in hand instead and luckily he cooperated and they were able to see what they needed. As ever with a mare and foal at a Futurity event foal evaluation, we had just the one chance to show Ultimate Illusion's gallop off as we separated him from Ublah and although he moved very quickly back to her, he perhaps was still a little sleepy from having just woken up and unfortunately missed his higher first premium by just one mark. However, we were pleased with his first premium and he achieved reserve high score of all the event foals at that Futurity.

Our next outing with Ublah and Ultimate Illusion was to the Trakehner Annual Show in 2012 and although very nervous, as it was our first time, we had a lovely day and were pleased with the 3rd that Ultimate Illusion got in the part bred foal class. We wished we had been able to stay for the full weekend and resolved to do so next year. We also entered Ultimate Illusion in the Future Sports Horses (FSH) horse of the year competition, which is run for any horse (which is not owned by FSH) bred by one of the FSH stallions, and is judged by a prestigious panel of judges (Jeanette Brakewell - Olympic Event Rider, Bridget Parker - Olympic Team Gold Medallist and BEF Futurity Evaluator, and Philip Hilton - HOYS Judge and English Working Hunter Team Manager). We were delighted when Ultimate Illusion won joint Reserve Champion FSH Horse of the Year 2012.

As I'm sure everybody else did, we endured one of the coldest and wettest winters on record and gritted our teeth to get through the grinding daily routine of being up at 5.00 am every day to feed, turnout and do morning stables, before returning to the yard each evening after work to check on the horses (luckily for us, afternoon stables were done by our grooms).



Ultimate Illusion was gelded at 5 months old and he sailed through the procedure - his nervous owner worked in the car all day (freezing to death!) to ensure he didn't have any complications and by the afternoon he was climbing all over Ublah and demanding to be let out. Ublah, Ultimate Illusion and Ulysses went off to the stud in March 2013 for Ultimate Illusion to be weaned from Ublah and stay there with his brother. Weaning went well and we decided to take stock now that both youngsters were growing up, and took the decision to move back into livery now that we didn't need as much control over the turnout environment etc. Although all our lovely horses had received the best of care on our own yard, doing everything ourselves left us hardly any time for riding and with full time jobs as well, kept us in a permanent state of exhaustion so our two riding horses were feeling distinctly overlooked! We moved back into livery in spring 2013 and were fortunate to get our own separate turnout arrangements so that all our Trakehners are turned out together. Ublah and her part-bred sister Hurricane Rose (both by Handstreich) get on very well, and it is a nice mix with the two mares teaching the young geldings discipline, not that they seem to need much of that, both being very intelligent and good herd members.

We decided to have a step up from last year and bring all 4 of the part and full bred Trakehners to the 2013 TBF Annual Show in September! We had a busy summer preparing the two youngsters for both the TBF show and Ulysses' Futurity evaluation, getting them bitted and practicing the in-hand work. Ulysses went to his Futurity Evaluation at Richmond in late August and we were delighted when he achieved a Higher First Premium in the show jumping category for 2 year olds, plus the highest score at Richmond Futurity in that age group and category; and the reserve high score across all 2 year olds in the show jumping category across all 2013 Futurity

The weekend of the 2013 TBF Annual Show was soon upon us and 2 horse boxes, 4 horses, ourselves and our friend Katie, excitedly set off on the Friday afternoon. All the horses were soon settled in the stabling at



Keysoe although we had to move them the next morning as both of the girls were stabled near the stallions and got far too excited! We had a whirlwind weekend rushing from class to stables and back and were amazed and delighted to achieve the results that we got, when we had thought that we were just bringing the youngsters out for a useful experience, a chance for Ublah to do something different than her usual routine and be turned out to show off her beautiful looks; and to provide us with an opportunity to see how Hurricane Rose would do in her performance test as a riding horse.



The highlights of the weekend were Ultimate Illusion showing himself off very nicely and taking the Part Bred Championship, Ulysses coming first in the pure bred 2 year old class, Hurricane Rose passing her performance test; and

Ublah winning the registered mare family class and coming second in the barren mare class. We were so pleased and touched by the judges' lovely comments about Ublah and what a fantastic brood mare she is and we were extremely proud and happy to see her looking so beautiful if I do say so myself. We were hugely grateful to Marion for holding our part bred mare (who, it is fair to say, was noisily outraged at not being allowed in the ring with her field mates) in the collecting ring so we could take Ublah and her sons into the family class, and to everybody else at the show for all the kindness and help we received.

Our final two outings of the summer season will shortly be upon us, with Ultimate Illusion going to Osberton International Horse Trials for an Event Horse young stock in-hand class, and also to the Future Sports Horses open day at Jeanette Brakewell's yard.

We are looking forward to 2014 with our beautiful Trakehner horses.



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