

# PHILIP HOBBS

*Sandhill Racing Stables*



We had our 60<sup>th</sup> winner of the season recently at Cheltenham with a great performance from Ozzie The Oscar. We are currently on 64 winners, £738,946 of owner's prize money with over ½ a million of winnings. This season is going much better than last year, which we were quite pleased to see the back of. All of my staff have worked extremely hard over the summer to disinfect the boxes of any sign of a virus.

Alan Creighton from Ireland has been helping us to put a few new systems in place to make sure the horse are kept as healthy as we can.

Onwards and upwards.....we are currently on the way to reaching our annual target of £1 million in prize money and over 100 winners. It was fantastic to see our Triumph hurdle winner Defi Du Seuil back to winning ways over fences at Exeter in a novice chase. We have plenty of lovely horses in the yard and lots to look forward to in the New Year.

Sarah, myself and all the team at Sandhill wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy & healthy 2019.

## September

The start of September was fantastic with a treble on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> at Newton Abbot with Leapaway, Roll The Dough and Majestic Touch under the champion jockey Richard Johnson. Three runners and three winners on a beautiful sunny day at our local track Newton Abbot was a great start to the season! 9 days later both Leapaway and Roll The Dough returned back to Newton Abbot and continued the yards winning form.





Figure 1 Leapaway



Figure 2 Majestic Touch



Figure 1 Roll The Dough



Highclere Thoroughbred's 'Contented' (pictured left) was our first winner (last December) at Sedgefield under Sean Houlihan. This completed a winner at every National Hunt track in Great Britain for the yard and the horse seemed well named! Then it was great to see him win over fences under a positive ride from Richard Johnson at Worcester in September. He now carries on his career over fences in America.

## OCTOBER

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October is when the proper National Hunt starts, although we were a bit late this year as we were waiting for some much needed rain after a dry, warm summer.

Earth Moor was our first winner in October winning the bumper at Fontwell comfortably for Roger & Catherine Penny. Come on Charlie (pictured right) is a horse that the owners have had to be very patient with and it was fantastic to see him have his first win at Stratford in the novice handicap hurdle under the champion jockey. He then made the long journey a winning one at Musselburgh in December.



A great day at Worcester with a treble for the Team continuing the yards fine form; Thyme Hill, Awake At Midnight and Bradford Bridge all under Tom O'Brien.



Cotswold Way (pictured right) is a horse we really like at home and Louisa does a great job of riding him. He has been a brilliant horse for his owner Daphne Du Pre winning three times already this season under regular jockey Micheal Nolan. He is now rated 131 over hurdles and will make a lovely chaser in time.



At Exeter on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October the yard had another treble under the champion Jockey Richard Johnson; Earth Moor, Sternrubin and Bradford Bridge.

New Millennium (By Galileo) is a horse that can be very strong at home and in his races, but it was great to see him win the next day at Fontwell, under a positive ride from the champion jockey.



Figure 3 Earth Moor



Figure 2 New Millennium



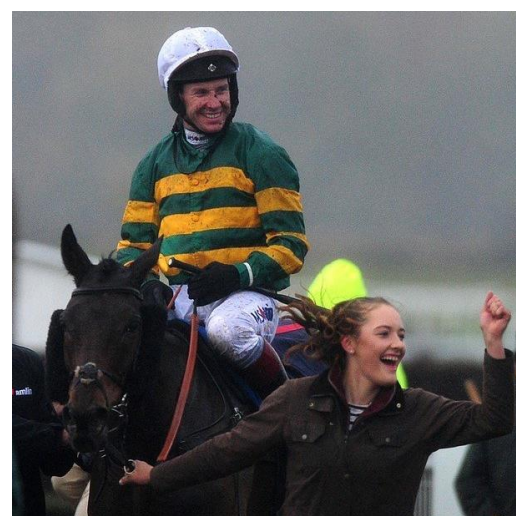
Figure 4 Sternrubin

## November

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Roll The Dough has been a great, fun horse for The Kingpins and it was a brilliant to see him win again at Hereford, which was his third win of the season since his wind op in the spring.

We had another treble at our local course Exeter with Cotswold Way, Crooks Peak (pictured below on the left with his delighted owners Andy Tilley and Phil Prior) and Scoop The Pot (pictured right being led in by a very happy Louisa) for JP McManus.



Ecu De La Novere (pictured left) is a new recruit from France for owner/rider David Maxwell. He won at Newbury under a brilliant ride at 33-1! He is a lovely big horse that we are sure will take to fences in time.

On the Sunday, we had a double with Truckin Away at Ffos Las under Micheal Nolan (pictured below with Garth & Ann Broom) and Springtown Lake under Richard Johnson at Sandown (pictured below being led in by Charlotte Syder).



War Sound (pictured below on the left) won the Swinton hurdle at Haydock back in May 2015 and after being off with an injury, he has come back and has been placed numerous times over fences. His day finally came under a brilliant Tom O'Brien ride at Aintree in the handicap chase, beating Kings Odyssey by 6 lengths.

Our amateur rider Ben Jones (pictured after the race with his winner) who was Welsh leading Novice Point to Point rider in 2016, had his first win for us under rules on the Linda Lovell owned Midnight Glory in the handicap hurdle at Ludlow.





Rock The Kasbah (pictured left) winning at Cheltenham on a sunny, beautiful day under a positive Richard Johnson ride was brilliant. He was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Bet365 Gold Cup at Sandown at the end of last season over 3m5f so we know he stays. He jumped like a stag and is now on a mini winter break, with

the aim being the Grand National in April.

We had a double at Chepstow with a Deise Aba for Trevor Hemmings (pictured bottom left) and Zanza, a nice promising young horse for the Louisville Syndicate (pictured bottom right).



Vango De Vaige won comfortably under Richard Johnson at Exeter at the end of November and Diplomate Sivola was given a great ride by David Maxwell to win at Lingfield.

## DECEMBER

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Jerrysback (pictured on the right with Rachele) is a horse we have always regarded highly of at home. It was fantastic to see him get his head in front at Bangor at the beginning of the month.

Master Work, owned by the Peppiatt's, has been a tremendous horse this season. He has won at Warwick, Leicester and ran a really good race at Cheltenham.

Reikers Island (pictured below on the right being led in by proud owner James Drummond) won comfortably at Wincanton under Richard Johnson.

Steely Addition (pictured in the winner's enclosure bottom left) was a fine winner at Chepstow for his delighted owner Jan Buckingham in the novice's limited handicap and with top weight under Micheal Nolan.

The team had another treble with Ebony Gale, Cotswold Way and Dark Episode winning at Leicester, followed by a double the next day at Warwick with Keep Moving and Keep Rolling. Winners are great not only for the owners, jockeys & trainers, but also for the yards moral.







It was a great day to see Defi Du Seuil (left) back to his best. His first run over fences at Cheltenham was a big ask and he just jumped to big. At Exeter, he was electric over his fences and Barry Geraghty was really positive about him afterwards.



Ozzie The Oscar (left) was really genuine to win the way he did at Cheltenham last Saturday for the Bradley Partnership.

He is a horse we think really highly of and it's great to see him have such an important win.

The yards fine form continued with an across the card treble! Oakley ridden by Tom O’Brien and Beau Du Brizais under Micheal Nolan both won at Ludlow. Tidal Flow was very impressive at Newbury under part breeder Richard Johnson for Garth & Ann Broom. His dam; Mrs Philip has now had 10 winners and counting!

December was finished off with a fun Christmas party for all the staff at the local pub, to thank them for all their hard work, especially during the festive season.



Figure 5 Oakley

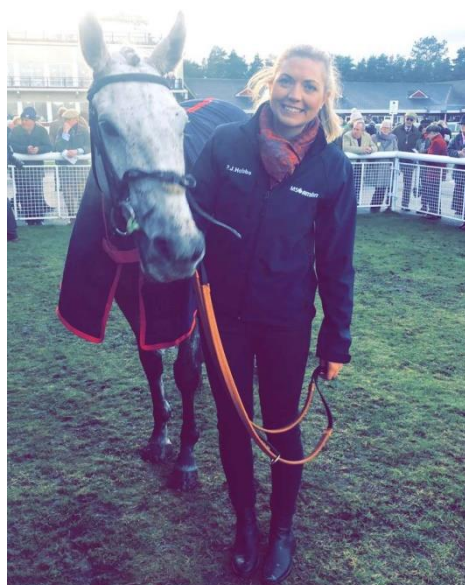


Figure 6 Beau Du Brizais



Figure 7 Tidal Flow

## **STAFF PROFILES**

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### **JACK MARTIN**

**1. Hometown:**

Dundalk, Ireland

**2. Favourite horse and why?**



Master Work, because he is a lovely young horse that has now won a couple of races and ran well at Cheltenham this month.

**3. Favourite racecourse and why?**

Leopardstown in Ireland as it has a really good horse museum and Newbury in England.

**4. How did you get involved in racing?**

My father had a point to point yard back in Ireland and my first cousin is Brian Hughes.

**5. Favourite hobby outside of racing?**

Playing the guitar and running.

**6. Funniest thing you have seen on a racecourse.....**

A lady that was racing mounted Paul Carberry's horse in the paddock and galloped down the home straight!

**7. And finally.....what did you have for breakfast this morning.....**

Bacon Butty in the new canteen & black coffee.

**MOLLY WHITE**

**1. Hometown:**

Bilbrook, Minehead

**2. Favourite horse and why?**

Tidal Flow is a horse with a sweet nature and has now won three races (pictured right). I ride him and try to take him racing when I'm not at school 😊



**3. Favourite racecourse and why?**

Exeter, because it is local and friendly.

**4. How did you get involved in racing?**

Through my Dad, Johnson, who has been the assistant trainer at Sandhill for over 20 years.

**5. Favourite hobby outside of racing?**

Skiing

**6. Funniest thing you have seen on a racecourse.....**

Isaac Buncle on a point to point track being led into the lorry park, rather than the start!

**7. And finally.....what did you have for breakfast this morning.....**

Toast and water.

*Have a very Merry Christmas and a happy & healthy 2019*

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Figure 8 Sandhill in the snow March 2018

