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Irish Stallion Trail 2017



PRIDE OF IRELAND ON PARADE

The ITM Irish Stallion Trail presents an opportunity to view many of the world's leading stallions, as Ireland's top Flat and National Hunt Stud farms open their doors over two days. Before the official opening of the traditional covering season of early to mid-February, studs will showcase some of the very best Irish sires available to breeders in 2017.

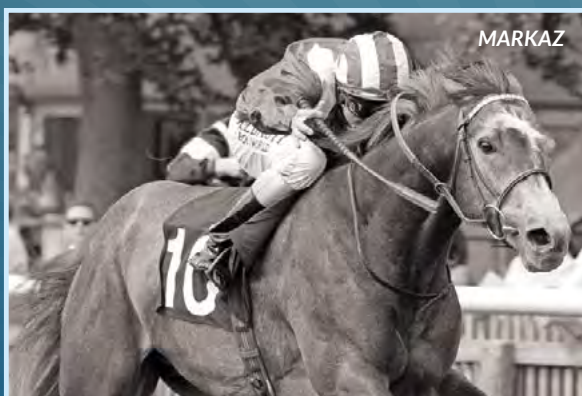
The trail opens on 27th January and 27 stud farms will open their doors for two days of stallion viewings.

Stallions on parade who are standing their first season at stud in Ireland include **Ol'Man River** (Arctic Tack Stud), **Prince Of Lir** (Ballyhane Stud), **Fascinating Rock** and **New Bay** (Ballylinch Stud), **Mount Nelson** (Boardsmill Stud), **Strath Burn** (Bridge House Stud), **Champs Elysees** (Castle Hyde Stud), **Zambezi Sun** (Coolagown Stud), **Pride Of Dubai** and **The Gurkha** (Coolmore Stud), **Awtaad** and **Markaz** (Derrinstown Stud), **Harzand** (Gilltown Stud), **Belardo** and **Buratino** and **The Last Lion** (Kildangan Stud), **Workforce** (Knockhouse Stud), **Coulsty** (Rathasker Stud), **Ajaya** and **Kodi Bear** (Rathbarry Stud), **Mehmas** and **Vadamos** (Tally-Ho Stud), **Estidhkaar** (Tara Stud) and **Affinisea** (Whytemount Stud).

More details can be found on the dedicated website at www.itm.ie/en/Stallion_Trail/

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DERRINSTOWN STUD



AN EXCITING NEW ROSTER FOR 2017

NEW 2017

AWTAAD • B.c. by Cape Cross ex Asheerah (Shamardal) • Fee: €15,000 (1st January SLF)

Winner of the 2016 **Group 1** Irish 2,000 Guineas (beating **GALILEO GOLD** and **AIR FORCE BLUE**). Also winner of the **Group 2** Boomerang Stakes, 3rd **Group 1** St James's Palace Stakes, etc. From the family of **SEATTLE SLEW**.

HAATEF • B.c. by Danzig ex Sayedat Alhadh (Mr Prospector) • Fee: €2,000 (1st January SLF)

Principal performers include the Group/Stakes winners **SYNTAX**, **TREATY OF PARIS**, **BIG VIOLETT** and **SACRED ASPECT**, plus the multiple Group placed winner **ACHNAHA**.

Yearlings have made up to €110,000

NEW 2017

MARKAZ • Gr.c. by Dark Angel ex Folga (Atraf) • Fee: €6,000 (1st January SLF)

Dual **Group**-winning sprinter, who was also Group placed **6** times, all from 6f-7f.

Full brother to dual **Group 1** winning sprinter **MECCA'S ANGEL**, by the sensational sire **DARK ANGEL**.

TAMAYUZ • Ch.c. by Nayef ex Al Ishq (Nureyev) • Fee: €8,000 (1st January SLF)

A **Group 1** sire, his 2016 successes incl. **Group 2** winner **BLOND ME**; **Group 3** winning 2yo **MAKING LIGHT**; Stakes winner **GHAALY** and the promising 2yos **KHAMAARY** and **MANKIB**.

2016 yearlings made up to €145,000 and 2016 foals made up to €120,000 and averaged €50,000



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DEREK ICETON of Tara Stud in Co Meath, which stands **Alhebayeb** and its new recruit **Estidhkaar**, has been Chairman of the ITBA twice and he talks to the **EBN** about the Irish Stallion Trail.

1 How did you get involved in the breeding industry?

I was born here at Tara. My father came over in 1946, so I have been here all my life.

2 When was Tara Stud set up and how has it developed?

My father and grandfather originally obtained the farm for Clifford Nicholson, owner of Limestone Stud, and it has been run as a farm and stud ever since.

3 What was the first stallion to stand at the stud and which has been the most successful?

*One of the first stallions they had was **Niccolo Dell'Arca**, who was a full-brother to **Nearco**. Later we stood **Wolver Hollow**, who really put us on the map, and **Petorius**, followed by **Key Of Luck** for Maktoum Al Maktoum. He was very successful and sired many winners, including an Irish Derby winner.*

4 What are the best horses bred to date on the stud?

There are so many to list, but I am pleased to say we seem to breed plenty of good black-type horses year on year here.

5 How big is the stud and the broodmare band that you keep?

There are 1,000 acres, but we also farm and have cattle as well. The stud itself has mares and we have a number of boarders, so there is quite a significant band here.

6 What are the criteria when selecting stallions for the stud?

Generally we stand the quicker, more commercial, horses and I have found, if clients are looking at value stallions, they want them

*as near perfect physically as possible. They need to be by a sire that the market requires and they need to have good English two-year-old form. The market has gone very selective and you have to cover all the bases, and it is difficult to find a horse that the market will accept. One lesson I have learned is that a stallion needs to be overtly commercially attractive and I have been very lucky with the two **Dark Angel** horses. We got **Estidhkaar** the Saturday before Christmas and he is full – we syndicated him in literally two hours – and **Alhebayeb** continues to be very popular. There was a time that I stood six stallions and, although I have six boxes that I could have filled this year, as there wasn't a week in the summer that I wasn't offered another horse to stand, I would rather be more careful and just get one more horse per year, as it needs to make sense.*

7 Do you use many outside stallions for your mares?

*Yes, we use other stallions, as it is our policy to pick the stallions that suit the mares best. This year the new horses that I really liked included **Adaay**, **Twilight Son** and **Territories**, and we are also using the likes of **Dawn Approach**, **Dansili**, **Oasis Dream** and **Dutch Art**.*

8 Do you think the Irish Stallion Trail has had a positive impact?

Yes, I think it is a good idea. When we have an open day, most professional breeders will have already come and had a look, but where this has particularly helped is with local people, as breeding becomes accessible to them. It is important when the Government is putting in funding to open things up and show how we work. From that point of view I think it is a very important showcase.



9 What are your highlights of the last twelve months?

*Getting my hands on **Estidhkaar**, with the help of John Walsh, as I had been trying to buy him for well over a year, and **Alhebayeb's** foals selling so well.*

10 What is your first crop 2yo sire pick for this year?

***Lethal Force**. I sold a foal for quite a lot at Goffs and he sold well again as a yearling in Book 1. I have two mares in foal to him and I really like the stallion, as he was a good, sharp, smart horse.*

11 What is your favourite feature in EBN and why?

I like the overseas winners and I go to that first to see if anything I have bred from abroad has won.

12 What are your hobbies outside of the industry?

I have a great interest in art and antique furniture. I always said if I wasn't doing what I am doing I would have been an antique dealer.

13 Do you have any tips for people coming on the Irish Stallion Trail for the first time?

I would say to try and get to as many studs as possible. If anyone is serious about breeding horses then I feel that they should get out and see as many stallions as they can.

Garryrichard Stud

Garryrichard Stud, which covers around 200 acres of prime National Hunt breeding country, has been in the ownership of the Hickey family since 1870. A host of top class National Hunt sires have made it their home over the years, including **Arctic Slave**, who sired the high-class filly **Arctic Melody** and subsequently became a leading broodmare sire, most notably of the likes of **Dawn Run (Deep Run)**, who is still the only horse to have won the Gr.1 Champion Hurdle and the Gr.1 Cheltenham Gold Cup; **Master Owen**, who was several times Champion National Hunt sire, by number of winners; **Tarqogan**; **Callernish**, sire of the Gr.1 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner **Imperial Call**, and **Over The River**, who went on to sire two Cheltenham Gold Cup winners in **Cool Ground** and **Cool Dawn**. The stud is now in the care of Denis Hickey, who took over from his father Michael, who died in 1987.

The stud looked to have a star in the making when it acquired **Jeremy**, who had previously been resident at the Irish National Stud, but whose progeny were beginning to show flair over hurdles, mainly due to the exploits of the ill-fated Gr.1 Triumph Hurdle winner **Our Conor**. Sadly, disaster struck in September 2014 when, after two seasons at Garryrichard, Jeremy died from an injury incurred during routine exercise. Fortunately, the stud was able to obtain the services of the Gr.1 Prix d'Ispehan winner **Sageburg**, who had previously been resident at Haras de la Gatine in France. The son of the Champion racehorse and Champion sire **Johannesburg** had a good year in 2016, thanks to **Spain Burg**, who beat the hot favourite **Fair Eva (Frankel)** in the Gr.2 Rockfel Stakes in September and **Si Sage**, who added the Gr.2 Charles Whittingham Stakes to his 2015 victory in the Gr.3 Last Tycoon Stakes, both at Santa Anita. In addition, **Ch'Tibello** won the Gr.2 Scottish Champion Hurdle and was third in the Gr.1 Christmas Hurdle on Boxing Day. Sageburg was joined at stud last year by the Gr.1 Canadian International Stakes winner **Hillstar**, who like the late Jeremy and **Pirateer**, who stood at Garryrichard in 2015, is by **Danehill Dancer**. Owned and bred by Sir Evelyn de Rothschild's Southcourt Stud, he also won the Gr.2 King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot and was third in the Gr.1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes.

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Current residents: Sageburg, Hillstar

GARRYRICHARD STUD

Stallions for 2017

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Black Type winners under both codes include:

SPAIN BURG Gr.2 Rockfel Stakes & sold for €1.5m at Arqana Arc Sale.

PEACE BURG Gr.2 Prix de Sandringham.

SI SAGE Gr.2 Charles Whittingham Stakes.

CH'TIBELLO Gr.2 Scottish Champion Hurdle & Gr.1 pl.

ANGE D'AMOUR Listed Prix General Donnio & Listed Prix Marc Antony.

FOU ET SAGE Listed Prix Fifelet.

HILLSTAR

2010 - Danehill Dancer - Crystal Star

Top Rated 3YO of 2013 11-13f.

Grade 1 winner of the Canadian International & Group 2 King Edward the VII Stakes at Royal Ascot.

By **Danehill Dancer** sire of successful sires **Mastercraftsman**, **Jeremy** and **Choisir**.

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from family of **Rose Gypsy**

(**Group 1** French Guineas winner).

View our Stallions on the ITM Stallion Trail.
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Bridge House Stud

Bridge House Stud was established in 1988 and is located just outside Mullingar in Co Westmeath in the heart of Ireland. The stud is currently home to **Cappella Sansevero**, whose first foal was born earlier this week. The five-year-old son of **Showcasing** won the Gr.3 Round Tower Stakes, was Gr.1-placed and was sold as a two-year-old for £1,300,000 at Goffs London Sale. He is joined this year by **Strath Burn**, a son of **Equiano** who won the Gr.3 Hackwood Stakes and was second in the Gr.1 Haydock Sprint Stakes.

The stud, managed by Trevor Badger, also offers first-class boarding facilities, breaking, in-house farriery and sales preparation and is also home to Irish Sport Horse stallions and, in 2007, opened a thoroughbred yard. The stud covers 65 acres and has 30 boxes.

The two Flat stallions are managed by Micheal Orlandi's Compas Stallions. Though not from a racing or bloodstock background, Orlandi was involved in show jumping and hunting from a young age and, as he got older, quickly gravitated towards racing. He began working in local yards and studs during the school holidays and, following a year at Coolmore in Australia, before going to university, and with the help and guidance of Rathasker Stud's Maurice Burns, decided the thoroughbred industry was the way he wanted to earn a living. He went to work for leading trainer Mark Johnston, accompanying him to Keeneland and Tattersalls, as well as all the major racing festivals from Royal Ascot to Glorious Goodwood. Under Johnston's tutelage, he learned all aspects of training and, in particular, the secret to the logistics of managing 200+ horses.

One of the new faces on the stud scene in Ireland in recent, Compas Stallions' first stallion was Cappella Sansevero, who was formerly trained by Ger Lyons, and it then added the Robert Cowell-trained Strath Burn to its roster this year, both carried the colours of Qatar Racing during their racing careers. Though it is a competitive and difficult sector, it is one in which Orlandi is pleased to be a part, as he feels it allows him the chance to have a lasting impact on generations of the breed.

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Current residents: **Cappella Sansevero, Strath Burn**

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Gilltown Stud

One of the most famous studs in Ireland, Gilltown Stud is home to His Highness The Aga Khan's Irish-based sires. It, and the neighbouring Sallymount Stud, which houses his mares post-foaling, cover about 1,250 acres. The two properties are located on the site of two ancient forts and in the 12th century were part of the holdings which Dermot McMurrough, King of Leinster, presented to the Cistercian monks of Baltinglass Abbey.

Gilltown itself was bought by His Highness The Aga Khan III in 1944, when it was added to Sheshoon Stud, which he had acquired in 1923 and is believed to be the oldest continuously operative stud in Ireland or England and the first purchased by the Aga Khan. It was at Sheshoon that the Champions **Dastur**, **Firdaussi**, **Udaipur**, **Taj Kasra** and **Bahram** were raised, whilst **Mumtaz Mahal**, the foundation mare of the breeding operation, was based throughout her career as a broodmare. When the current Aga Khan took over the estate of his father Prince Aly Khan in 1960, his inheritance included six farms, Sheshoon, Ballymany, Gilltown, Sallymount, Ongar and Williamstown. The last two were sold in the 1960s and Gilltown and Sallymount were purchased by Bertram Firestone in the 1970s, but were subsequently bought back almost 20 years later. Gilltown has been developed over the years and these improvements, more recently, have included the construction of a new stallion barn and the renovation of the covering barn, which have both been designed to meet the demands of a 21st century breeding establishment.

Gilltown House was built in the neo-classical style in the 17th Century, overlooking a 16-acre lake. The lake and its surroundings are home to a large variety of wildlife and one of the most spectacular features is the beautiful oak avenue, as well as the larger than life-size bronzes of the Aga Khan's Champion racehorses **Shergar** and **Sinndar**, sculpted by David Wynn.

Gilltown is not only home to **Galileo's** half-brothers, the Champion and Classic sire **Sea The Stars (Cape Cross)** and the Classic-placed **Born To Sea (Invincible Spirit)**, the last foal of the legendary **Urban Sea (Miswaki)**, but also last year's dual Derby winner **Harzand (Sea The Stars)**, and is also the location of the pre-training facilities for yearlings.

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Current residents: **Born To Sea** (€10,000) **Sea The Stars** (€125,000) and **Harzand** (€15,000)



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Stud focus

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Popular Derrinstown new boys go on parade

Already booked up for the coming season, the two new Derrinstown Stud recruits **Awtaad** and **Markaz** are both available to view on the Irish Stallion Trail this week, along with stalwart and proven sire **Tamayuz**. We talk to Sheikh Hamdan's Irish stud manager Jimmy Lenehan about how he got involved in the industry, the criteria for a colts to make it on to such an esteemed roster, the types of mares that could suit each of them and his views on the Stallion Trail initiative.

Due to celebrate his 14th anniversary at the stud in the coming weeks, Lenehan started his career working for his late father, also Jimmy, who trained at the Curragh, before working as assistant trainer to Kevin Prendergast for five years. Following a down turn in the economy at that time, he was not in a position to train in his own right, so he then became involved in the breeding world. After spending seven months in Kentucky, he moved to Virginia to work for Eclipse award winning breeders, Mr & Mrs Bertram Firestone. General manager at their Gilltown Stud in Ireland at the time was John Muldoon, who initiated Lenehan's trip to the US. He then returned to Ireland to work at Gilltown for ten years, first as assistant manager to Muldoon and then as manager. During that time **Theatrical** (six-time Gr.1 winner, including the Gr.1 Breeders' Cup Turf, and Eclipse Award winner), **Vintage Crop** (Gr.1 Melbourne Cup) and **Flash Of Steel** (Gr.1 Irish 2,000 Guineas and Gr.3 Tetrarch Stakes) were born, raised and pre-trained there.

Lenehan left just prior to the sale of the stud to the Aga Khan, who has owned it since, and at this time Sheikh Mohammed was developing Kildangan Stud as a very large pre-training centre. Starting as assistant to the late Michael Osborne for five years, he continued for a further three years as manager with Joe Osborne as general manager. Amongst the horses that were either bred or bought, but all raised and pre-trained on the stud, were **Barathea** (Gr.1 Irish 2,000 Guineas and Gr.1 Breeders' Cup Mile), **Intrepidity** (Gr.1 Oaks, Gr.1 Prix Saint Alary and Gr.1 Prix Vermeille), **Carnegie** (Gr.1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and Gr.1 Grand Prix de Saint Cloud) and **Halling** (five-time Gr.1 winner, including back-to-back Eclipse Stakes), while they also landed the Triple Crown in 1996 with **Mark Of Esteem**, **Shammit** and **Shantou**. Having got married in 1998, and with a shift in policy meaning that Kildangan was building up as a large stallion operation and downsizing the pre-training, Lenehan was offered a lucrative position in Japan and he and his wife Honor spent two and a half years in Hokkaido, where he managed a pre-training centre for the Shimokobe family.

Returning from Japan to work for Dr Tony Ryan, he then joined Derrinstown in 2003 and was privileged to be hired as manager by general manager Stephen Collins. The pair formed a successful



Jimmy Lenehan
Derrinstown Stud Manager

partnership, which continues to this day, and he added of the stud's owner Sheikh Hamdan: "We have a wonderful boss."

Having been purchased by Sheikh Hamdan in 1982, Derrinstown Stud started a policy of keeping a small number of select stallions. By the time Lenehan joined in 2003 and it had a fine roster of stallions, including **Alhaarth**, **Elnadim**, **Almutawakel**, **Marju** and **Intikhab**. Looking back on the roster when he joined, he recalled: "They were all Gr.1 winners, with the exception of *Intikhab*, but he was the outstanding winner of the *Queen Anne* (Gr.2) and I think his impressive victory and his 135 rating may have helped with it being upgraded to Gr.1."

Having not retired a new stallion to stand at the stud since **Arcano** six years ago [who now stands at Allevamento di Besnate in Italy], Lenehan explained the reasons and said: "It has always been the boss's policy to try and have colts that he has either bred or bought as yearlings and raced himself to stand here or at Shadwell. The exception was *Arcano*. He was an exciting two-year-old and Sheikh Hamdan bought him from the Sangster family. He went on to win the *Prix Morny*, but in my time he has been the only colt that was not a homebred or a yearling purchase to stand here."

As the last two horses, the Gr.1 Eclipse Stakes winner **Mukhadram** (**Shamardal**) and the Champion Sprinter **Muhaarar** (**Oasis Dream**) joined **Nayef** at Sheikh Hamdan's Shadwell Stud in the UK, Lenehan explained the reasons behind which countries particular horses get retired to and said: "It is Sheikh Hamdan and only he who decides which horses stand at Shadwell or Derrinstown."

**Awtaad (Cape Cross)**

Gaining a diverse duo of exciting young horses this year, Derrinstown Stud has the top-class miler and Gr.1 Irish 2,000 Guineas winner Awtaad and the dual Group-winning sprinter Markaz to add to its fireteam. By **Cape Cross**, out of a winning Listed-placed daughter of Shamardal, and from the family of **Seattle Slew** and **Lomond**, Classic winner Awtaad was bred at the stud and Lenehan said: "With Awtaad it is particularly gratifying for all the team at Derrinstown because he was born here. All the boss's yearlings are raised here at Derrinstown, even those born in England. They come back when they are five and six months old and they are raised and grazed until they leave to go into training."

"He is a very, very good-looking horse and a great walker. It is particularly nice to have a horse like him because he was a top, top miler and his win in the Irish 2,000 Guineas was top-class. There were excuses being made for **Galileo Gold**, but when you watch the race again, and when they really get serious, Awtaad always had his measure."

Bred by Yeomanstown Stud and Doc Bloodstock, the dual Gr.3 winner Markaz, by sire sensation **Dark Angel**, is a full-brother to the brilliant Gr.1-winning filly **Mecca's Angel**. Bought for €200,000 as a yearling at Goffs, he was first campaigned by Barry Hills and then joined retained trainer Owen Burrows. Although he did not gain the usual requirement of Gr.1 success, Lenehan explained: "The team at Derrinstown are delighted to be welcoming both Awtaad and Markaz to the roster. Markaz was a solid Gr.3 horse and ran extremely well in Gr.2 company, including when second to **Limato** in the Weber Park Stakes at Doncaster."

"He is a very good-looking son of Dark Angel and a lot of people have commented on what a great walker he is and say he is one of the best walkers by the sire that they have seen. Sheikh Hamdan was

very keen to have this Group-winning son of Dark Angel available to Irish breeders at a good price."

Lenehan confirmed that Sheikh Hamdan is provisionally sending twelve mares to Awtaad and they are by such sires as **Dynaformer**, **Storm Cat**, **Mr Greeley**, **Pivotal** and **Street Cry**, while he has provisionally allocated six mares to Markaz, including some by **Oasis Dream**. Speaking of the 2017 roster he said: "The two new horses complement each other greatly in terms of physical attributes. Awtaad is dark bay brown, while Markaz is a beautiful grey. When you see one out after the other they complement each other in a big way, and then we are lucky to have Tamayuz because he is consistent and he is standing at a very good price for 2017 [€8,500]. He received a wonderful write-up recently from Bill Oppenheim, who highly recommended him as one of the best value horses around. The only thing to emphasise about Tamayuz is that he works particularly well with speedy mares. When you go back through his best produce they have all come from precocious families."

Speaking about the Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Irish Stallion Trail, Lenehan said: "It is a great showcase for the industry, and I think it is a very good innovation. Full marks to ITM and Sarah Nash for co-ordinating the whole event. It gives a great opportunity for people who would not normally see stallions on the various stud farms a great chance to see them over the one or two days."

"Also these two horses of ours would be very familiar to people who were racing last year and they would probably love to see them now in their environment, so I think it is all good for the business."

Regarding the format he added: "I think they are doing everything well, it is well publicised, it comes at the right time of the year because things are quiet and it is the right time to see the horses."

Set to welcome visitors from 10am till 3.30pm on Friday and 9.30am till 12 noon on Saturday at the stud in Maynooth, Co Kildare, Lenehan said: "We are delighted to have the three stallions ready and raring to go on the two days, and look forward to welcoming visitors."

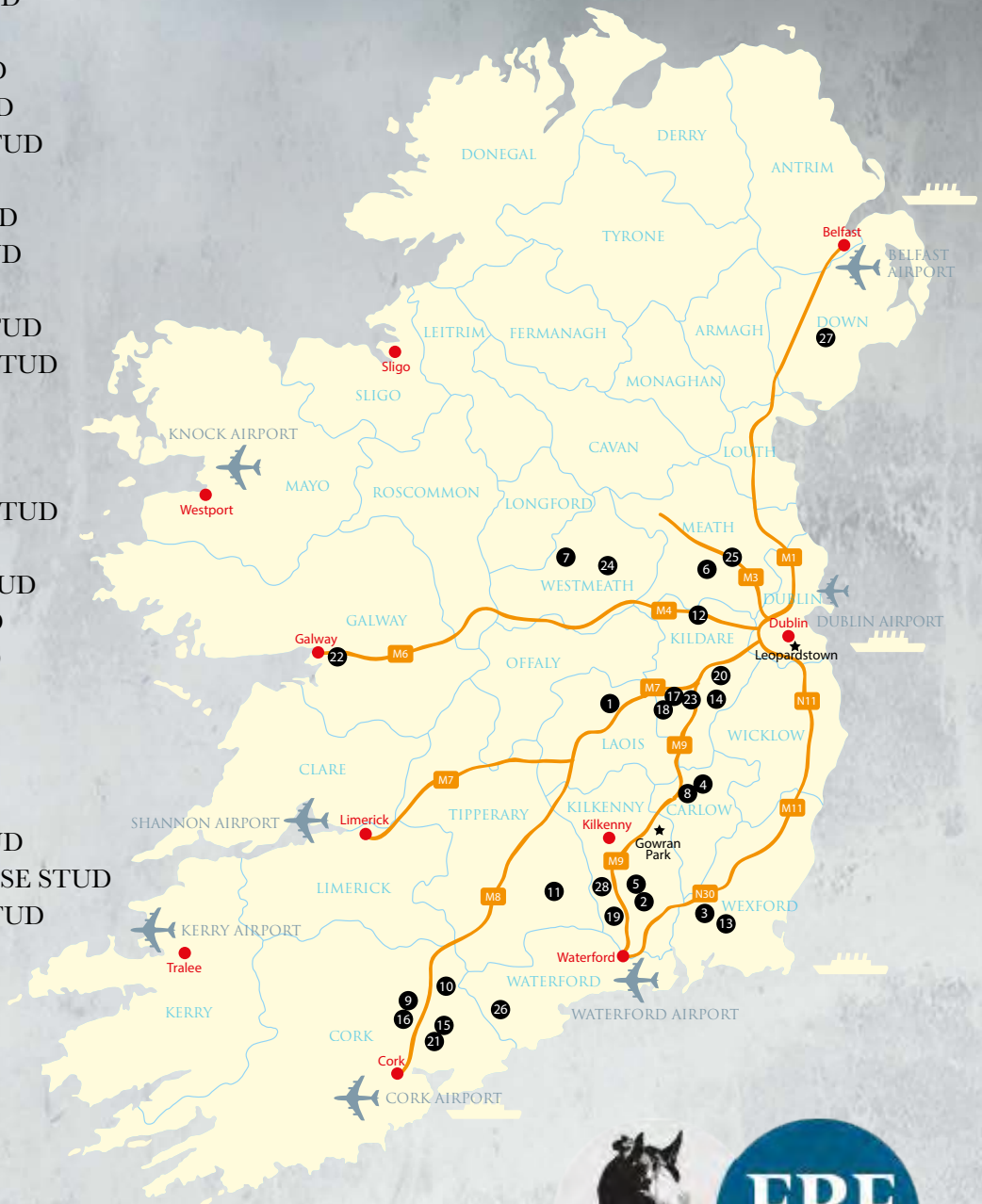
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ARCTIC TACK STUD	09.00-17.00	Aizavoski, Arcadio, Ol' Man River, Jet Away
BALLYHANE STUD	09.00- 17.00	Arakan, Battle Of Marengo, Dandy Man, Elzaam, Prince Of Lir, Red Jazz
BALLYLINCH STUD	10.00- 16.30	Beat Hollow, Fascinating Rock, Lawman, Lope De Vega, Make Believe, New Bay
BOARDSMILL STUD	10.00-16.30	Court Cave, Kalanisi, Califet, Mount Nelson
BRIDGE HOUSE STUD	10.00-16.30	Cappella Sansevero, Strath Burn
BURGAGE STUD	09.00-16.00	Sea Moon, Shantou
CASTLEHYDE STUD	10.00-15.00	Canford Cliffs, Champs Elysees, Dylan Thomas, Footstepsinthesand, Most Improved, Power, Requinto, Starspangledbanner, Westerner, Yeats, Ivawood, Kingston Hill
COOLAGOWN STUD	09.00-17.00	Carlota mix, Frozen Fire, Shantaram, Solsjkaer Zambezi Sun
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DERRINSTOWN STUD	Friday 10.00-15.00 Saturday 09.30-12.00	Awtaad, Markaz, Tamayuz
GARRYRICHARD STUD	10.00-16.00 by appointment	Hillstar, Sageburg
GILLTOWN STUD	10.00-15.30	Born To Sea, Sea The Stars, Harzand
GRANGE STUD	10.00-15.00	Fame And Glory, Getaway, Leading Light, Milan, Walk In The Park
IRISH NATIONAL STUD	11.30 & 14.30 Showings Friday only Visitors are requested to enter through business entrance	Dragon Pulse, Elusive Pimpernel, Famous Name, Free Eagle, Gale Force Ten, Invincible Spirit, Palavicini, Worthadd
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KNOCKHOUSE STUD	09.00-17.00	Libertarian, Notnowcato, Prince Flori, September Storm, Workforce
RATHASKER STUD	10.00-14.00	Anjaal, Coulsty, Clodovil, Bungle Inthejungle, Es Que Love
RATHBARRY & GLENVIEW STUDS	09.00-13.00 & 14.00-17.00	Acclamation, Ajaya, Kodi Bear, Moohaajim, Tagula, Xtension, Malinas, Presenting Robin Des Champs, Sholokhov, Shirocco
ROSSHILL STUD	Saturday 10.00-15.00	Altruistic, Gamut, Tau Ceti
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TALLY-HO STUD	09.00-16.00	Kodiac, Mehmas, Morpheus, Sir Prancealot, Vadamos, Zebedee, Baltic King
TARA STUD	10.00-15.30	Alhebayeb, Estidhkaar
THE BEECHES STUD	10.00-15.00	Ask, Flemensfirth, Imperial Monarch, Mahler, Sans Frontieres, Ocovango, Soldier Of Fortune
TULLYRAINE HOUSE STUD	10.00-17.00	Conduit
WHYTEMOUNT STUD	10.00-17.00	Affinisea, Salutino, Valirann

Kildangan Stud

At the heart of Sheikh Mohammed's Irish breeding operation, Kildangan Stud lies several miles outside Kildare. The stud was originally owned by the O'Reilly family and it was passed down through Susan O'Reilly to Dominick More O'Ferrell. Under his ownership, the estate was extended and improved. These included the building of the handsome Victorian house and the establishment of the impressive garden, which was designed by British landscapers. His son Roderic then turned Kildangan into a successful training stable until its conversion into a stud farm in 1946. Not only did he oversee the estate's transition, but he was at that time also the president of the Bloodstock Breeders' Association. He bred five Irish Classic winners, as well as the 1953 2,000 Guineas winner **Nearula (Nasrullah)** and the leading South African sire **Drum Beat (Fair Trial)**.

Sheikh Mohammed bought the stud in 1986 and set about developing the stud further. Its first resident was the Gr.1 St James's Palace Stakes winner **Sure Blade (Kris)**, later the sire of the multiple Group winner and sire **Needle Gun**, as well as **Leaping Water**, who would later go on to achieve fame as the dam of the Champion racehorse **St Nicholas Abbey (Montjeu)**. He was later joined by the Champion racehorse and sire **In The Wings (Sadler's Wells)**, sire of the Champion and Classic sire **Singspiel**, the Gr.1 Irish Derby winner and sire **Winged Love** and the German Horse of the Year and Champion Sire **Soldier Hollow**.

In the last few years, the number of stallions has increased markedly and 15 will be on display for the Irish Stallion Trail. They are headed by **Shamardal (Giant's Causeway)**, the sire of many Gr.1 winners and sires, and the Champion Sprinter **Exceed And Excel (Danahill)**, sire of Gr.1 winners in both hemispheres. New to the stud this year are the Gr.1 Champion Two-Year-Old and Gr.1 Lockinge Stakes winner **Belardo (Lope De Vega)**, tough Gr.2 Coventry Stakes winner **Buratino** (Exceed And Excel) and the Gr.1 Middle Park Stakes winners **Charming Thought (Oasis Dream)** and **The Last Lion (Choisir)**, as well as the Gr.3 Acomb Stakes and Gr.1 Dewhurst Stakes-second **Fast Company (Danahill Dancer)**, who has moved to Kildangan Stud this year.

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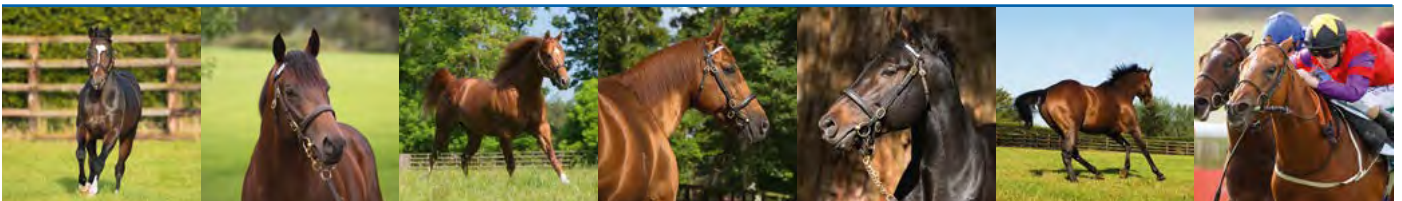
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Ballylinch Stud

Ballylinch Stud, established by Major Dermot McCalmont in 1914 has, since its foundation, been a leading stallion stud and breeder of top quality bloodstock. In 1914, it became home to the famous "*Spotted Wonder*" **The Tetrarch (Roi Herode)**, an unbeaten Champion Two-Year-Old, who was injured before he could race at three. Though he struggled with fertility, his progeny included the 2,000 Guineas winner **Tetratema** and the outstanding filly **Mumtaz Mahal**, who later went on to be the ancestress of a host of top-class horses, including three winners of the St Leger. Other early residents at Ballylinch included **Fortino II (Grey Sovereign)**, subsequently the sire of **Caro**.

In 1987, Ballylinch Stud and its neighbour the Mount Juliet Estate were purchased by Dr Tim Mahony from the McCalmont family and, shortly after, John O'Connor joined the stud as manager and resident veterinary surgeon, before becoming managing director. Success for the new owner was almost instantaneous, with **The Caretaker (Caerleon)** landing the Cartier Million in 1989. Later Ballylinch homebred **Priory Belle (Priolo)** took the Gr.1 Moyglare Stud Stakes in 1995, **River Keen (Keen)** was successful in the 1996 Gr.1 Jockey Club Gold Cup and, more recently, **Red Rocks (Galileo)** won the Gr.1 Breeders' Cup Turf and the Gr.1 Man O'War Stakes, before becoming a successful stallion. Dr Mahony died in 2008 and was succeeded as director by his daughter Jenny Howes before the stud's sale in 2014 to John and Leslie Malone, who own Bridlewood Farm in Florida.

Ballylinch stallions have been Champion Sires under both codes, most notably with **King's Theatre (Sadler's Wells)**, and more recently **Lope De Vega (Shamardal)** was crowned Champion First Season Sire in Europe in 2014. Standing alongside him are **Lawman (Invincible Spirit)**, who added another Classic winner to his tally last season; multiple Gr.1 winner **Beat Hollow**, who looks a natural successor to King's Theatre; the Gr.1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and Gr.1 Prix de la Foret winner **Make Believe (Makfi)**, and the new boys for this year, the dual Gr.1 winner **Fascinating Rock (Fastnet Rock)** and the Gr.1 Prix du Jockey Club winner **New Bay (Dubawi)**.

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Current residents: Beat Hollow, Fascinating Rock, Lawman, Lope De Vega, Make Believe, New Bay



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Pedigree focus

by **MICHAEL ROSS**



The hurdler who transformed modern day racing

But for the brave decision of a French breeder to give his champion hurdler a chance as a stallion, international flat racing would have been very different in recent years. We would have had no **Frankel**, no **Montjeu**, no **Pivotal**, no **Oasis Dream**, no **Dansili**, no **Shamardal**, no **Giant's Causeway**, no **Nashwan**, no **Rainbow Quest**, no **Linamix**, no **Unbridled** and no **Arrogate**.

The name of that champion hurdler was **Wild Risk**, a bay son of **Rialto** from the St Simon male line, out of a **Blandford** mare, bred in France in 1940 by American Joseph E Widener. Wild Risk had a club foot, but nevertheless he was quite a good winner on the flat in the colours of Monsieur E Vergie, scoring twice as a three-year-old, then two more wins at four and five years, including the long distance Prix Edgard Gillois, and being placed eleven times from 22 starts. Fortunately the Germans allowed horse racing to continue in France throughout the Second World War. Those four successes on the flat earned Fr672,350 for Wild Risk, but over hurdles he became a real champion, winning nine times including two runnings of the Grande Course de Haies d'Auteuil and earning another Fr3,643,385. At both four and five years he was the Champion Hurdler in France.

Wild Risk was retired to begin his stallion career in 1946 and he got off to a flying start when his first crop included international star **Wild Mec**, whose wins included the Prix Lagrange in France, the Grand Prix de Bruxelles in Belgium and the Winston Churchill Stakes at Hurst Park. Two years later came **Worden II**, who won the Premio Roma and the Washington DC International at Laurel Park, in addition to four good races in France; he later came to cover at Brickfields Stud in Newmarket in 1960 after starting his stud career in France and his sons include the Arc hero **Bon Mot III**. Worden II was also a notable sire of broodmares and he was the Champion maternal grandsire in both 1975 and 1976, thanks largely to **Grundy** and **Wollow**.

Vimy was the next top-class son of Wild Risk, winning the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot in 1955, after which he became a fairly successful sire at the Irish National Stud. Like Worden II, Vimy was more successful with his daughters and he still appears in many good pedigrees as the maternal grandsire of another King George VI hero **Busted** and of the 2000 Guineas star **High Top**. One of Busted's best sons was the St Leger winner **Bustino**, sire of the granddam of the outstanding sprinter and brilliant sire **Pivotal**, who has more than 130 black-type winners



Newly-crowned World Rankings Best Racehorse **Arrogate** (**Unbridled's Song**), who has **Wild Risk** in his pedigree.

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to his credit, including **Kyllachy**, **Siyouni** and **Farhh**. Busted also sired **Mtoto**, sire of **Presenting**, and he appears on the dam's side of the dual Champion Oasis Dream and also of **Tagula**, the sire of **Canford Cliffs**.

High Top's best winner was **Top Ville**, who won the Prix du Jockey-Club in 1979 and stood at Dalham Hall for many years. One of Top Ville's daughters became the dam of Champion Montjeu, who was also a Prix du Jockey-Club hero in 1999 and sired four Derby winners, **Motivator** (sire of the dual Arc heroine **Treve**), **Authorized**, **Pour Moi** and **Camelot**. Another daughter of Top Ville produced the Champion Stayer **Yeats**. High Top was the maternal grandsire of **Desert Style**, whose son **Paco Boy** sired last season's Gr.1 2,000 Guineas winner **Galileo Gold**, and he is also the sire of the dam of Champion Sprinter **Lethal Force**.

Wild Risk continued to sire top winners throughout his stud career and he was twice the Champion Sire in France, first in 1961, when his son **Balto** won the Grand Prix de Paris, and then in 1964, when he was sire of the Prix du Jockey-Club hero **Le Fabuleux**. There were plenty of good winners in France by Le Fabuleux and it was there that he sired the dam of **Bellypha**, the

grandsire of **Linamix**, but it was after he went to the USA to stand at Claiborne in 1972 that he made his greatest impact. One of his daughters produced **Unbridled**, winner of the 1990 Kentucky Derby and Breeders' Cup Classic, who has sired such outstanding performers as **Unbridled's Song** and **Grindstone**, and he is also sire of the dam of Champion Sire **Tapit**. At Santa Anita last November, Unbridled's Song sired the Breeders' Cup Classic winner **Arrogate** and was maternal grandsire of the Breeders' Cup Mile hero **Tourist**. Other top sires with Le Fabuleux in their pedigrees include **Bering**, **Zilzal**, **Manila** and also **Noverre**, who is inbred 4x4 to Wild Risk and whose son **Le Havre** won the Prix du Jockey-Club and is a leading young sire in France,

One of the last foals sired by Wild Risk was the filly **Runaway Bride**, born in 1962, who became the dam of the Champion **Blushing Groom**, the sire of 92 Stakes winners including such outstanding performers as **Arazi**, **Nashwan** and **Rainbow Quest**, and is also the sire of the dams of **Kahyasi**, **Lammtarra** and **Goldikova**. **Nashwan** sired two Champions in **Bago** and **Swain**, while **Rainbow Quest** appears in the pedigrees of such stars as **Frankel**, **Authorized** and **Dutch Art**. The 1988 Derby hero **Kahyasi** is the maternal grandsire of **Dansili**, the sire of several Champions including **Flintshire**, **Harbinger** and **The Fugue**.

One of the most successful sons of Blushing Groom has been **Rahy**, even though he failed to win a Gr.1 event. Standing at Gainsborough Farm in Kentucky, he sired the brilliant fillies **Serena's Song** and **Mariah's Storm**, the latter becoming the dam of **Giant's Causeway** and the granddam of **Gleneagles**. **Giant's Causeway** is the sire of **Footstepsinthesand**, inbred to



Blushing Groom, and dual Champion **Shamardal**, who in turn has passed on this bloodline to **Lope De Vega** and **Casamento**. However, the best sons of Rahy were the Champion miler **Noverre** (already mentioned above), **Fantastic Light** and the dual Champion **Rio De La Plata**.

Considering Wild Risk's modest beginnings, it is quite amazing how much influence he has had on international racing during the last 70 years. His name keeps cropping up in the pedigrees of so many top winners nowadays. For example, Cheveley Park Stud offers eight high-class stallions in their 2017 brochure and **Medicean** is the only one of those who does not have Wild Risk as an ancestor.

Not surprisingly, Wild Risk has had a substantial impact on National Hunt racing as well as on the flat and his name can be found in the pedigrees of nine Gr.1 winners in Britain and Ireland on Boxing Day 2016 and the following three days, including **Thistlecrack** and **Yanworth** at Kempton Park and **Douvan**, **Min**, **Vroum Vroum Mag**, **Outlander** and **Petit Mouchoir** at Leopardstown. Leading National Hunt sires **Presenting**, **Beneficial** and **Kayf Tara** all pass on this bloodline.

In fact, Wild Risk appears in the pedigree of every horse mentioned in this article (except for his own ancestors), so how fortunate it was for the modern thoroughbred that he was given a chance at stud in France way back in the 1940s.

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In 1970 **Lucifer** was the first stallion to stand at Anngrove Stud, set in 350 acres in Co Laois. Since then, the likes of **Monksfield**, **Pollerton**, **Sexton Blake**, **Arctic Lord** and **Alderbrook** have made it their home. As breeders, the stud has also produced the Queen Mary Stakes winner **Night Of Wind** and the Cheltenham Festival Bumper winner **Wither Or Which**.

Current residents: **Aiken, Tobougg**

ANNSHOON STUD

Ballintlea, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny, X91V2H2, **Open Hours:** 10am-4pm, **Contact:** Michael Shefflin, **P:** +353 (0)879786428

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Michael Shefflin worked in America for David Mullins, whose speciality was claiming well-bred fillies and selling them at Keeneland, but the latter died young of cancer and Shefflin returned home at the end of 2002. He brought with him, however, **Talkin' Man (With Approval)**, sire of Gr.1 Breeders' Cup Turf winner **Better Talk Now**, who thus set Shefflin on his way as he built Annshoon Stud at Mullinavat, Co Kilkenny. He has stood several stallions since, including **Sendawar (Priolo)** and **Fruits Of Love (Hansel)**, as well as **Masterofthehorse (Sadler's Wells)**, who has just had his second winner from three runners from his first crop.

Current residents: **Masterofthehorse, Fruits Of Love**

ARCTIC TACK STUD

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Arctic Tack Stud in Co Wexford is home to four National Hunt stallions this year. Three of the stallions provide outcrosses to **Sadler's Wells** mares and two of them, **Aizavoski** and **Arcadio**, are from sought-after German bloodlines. The stud, owned by Eoin Banville, formerly stood the successful **Heron Island**, as well as the late **Gold Well**.

Current residents: **Aizavoski, Arcadio, Ol' Man River, Jet Away**

BALLYHANE STUD

Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow, **Open Hours:** 9am-5pm, **Contact:** Joe Foley, **P:** +353 (0)59 9722068,

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Set up in 1971 by Joe Foley on his family's farm, Ballyhane Stud has grown to become one of Ireland's best known studs and is made up of three farms, distinguished by its undulating fields and rolling paddocks. The current roster is made up of six stallions, including **Arakan**, sire of the Gr.1 winners **Dick Turpin**, who stands at The National Stud, and **Toormore**, who begins his stud career this year at Dalham Hall Stud, and the consistent sire of winners **Dandy Man**. The stud also consigns on a considerable scale, including breeze-up horses.

Current residents: **Arakan, Battle Of Marengo, Dandy Man, Elzaam, Prince Of Lir, Red Jazz**

BOARDSMILL STUD

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Founded in 1935 as a stallion station by the late Jack Flood, father and grandfather of the current owners William and John, Boardsmill Stud sits on the banks of the River Boyne and was formerly the home of the leading National Hunt sires **Furry Glen** and **Orchestra**.

Three of its current residents, **Califet**, **Court Cave** and **Kalanisi**, are well established National Hunt Sires in the ring and on the track and its new stallion **Mount Nelson** appears equally adept at siring Gr.1 performers on the Flat and over Jumps.

Current residents: **Court Cave, Kalanisi, Califet, Mount Nelson**

BURGAGE STUD

Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow, R93 RK35, **Open Hours:** 9am-4pm, **Contact:** Victor Connolly, **P:** +353 (0)86 2681899, **E:** vconnolly@eircom.net

Founded by Terence Vigors in 1946, Burgage Stud has been home to a number of top class stallions, including the former Champion sire **Sovereign Path** and the dual purpose **Bob Back**. The stud is the residence of the leading National Hunt sire **Shantou**, who is currently enjoying a purple patch, and **Sea Moon**, a son of **Beat Hollow**, who raced with distinction in both hemispheres.

Current residents: **Shantou, Sea Moon**

OTHER STUDS TAKING PART *continued*

COOLAGOWN STUD

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Established in 1998 by Bernie and David Stack, Coolagown Stud stands just outside Fermoy in County Cork. The stud has grown over the years to offer a number of services, including stallions, boarding, foaling and sales preparation.

Current residents: Carlotamix, Frozen Fire, Shantaram, Solsjkaer, Zambezi Sun

COOLMORE STUD

Fethard, Co. Tipperary, **Open Hours:** 10am-3pm (compulsory to register through ITM website),

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Coolmore Stud and its outlying studs are acknowledged to be the world's biggest and most successful breeding operation. Situated in the heart of the Golden Vale on over 7,000 prime acres of Ireland's finest limestone land, Coolmore provides the perfect environment for breeding and raising thoroughbreds. Originally inherited by Battle of Britain flying ace Tim Vigors in 1945, what was to become Coolmore Stud started out as a small agricultural farm. John Magnier, in conjunction with his late father-in-law, the outstanding trainer Vincent O' Brien, and Robert Sangster took over the 350-acre existing farm from Vigors in 1975, with the objective of creating a world class operation.

Current residents: Australia, Camelot, Excelebration, Fastnet Rock, Galileo, Gleneagles, Holy Roman Emperor, Mastercraftsman, No Nay Never, Pride Of Dubai, Rock Of Gibraltar, Ruler Of The World, War Command, The Gurkha, Zoffany

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Current residents: Canford Cliffs, Champs Elysees, Dylan Thomas, Footstepsinthesand, Most Improved, Power, Requito, Starspangledbanner, Westerner, Yeats, Ivawood, Kingston Hill

GRANGE STUD

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Current residents: Fame And Glory, Getaway, Leading Light, Milan, Walk In The Park

THE BEECHES STUD

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Current residents: Ask, Flemensfirth, Imperial Monarch, Mahler, Sans Frontieres, Ocovango, Soldier Of Fortune

KNOCKHOUSE STUD

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Founded by John Kinsella, grandfather of the current owner Sean, Knockhouse Stud has been the home of some leading National Hunt sires, including Roselier, Beneficial and Remainder Man. New for this year are the Gr.1 Derby and Gr.1 Arc de Triomphe winner Workforce and the German-bred September Storm.

Current residents: Libertarian, Notnowcato, Prince Flori, September Storm, Workforce

RATHASKER STUD

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Rathasker Stud is situated on 400 acres of top quality Kildare land and is very much a family business, having been bought by Maurice and Theresa Burns in the mid 1980s. They have since been joined in the business by their daughter Madeline.

Current residents: Anjaal, Coulsty, Clodovil, Bungle Inthejungle, Es Que Love

RATHBARRY AND GLENVIEW STUDS

Fermoy, Co Cork, **Open Hours:** 9am-1pm & 2pm-5pm, **Contact:** Catherine Cashman, **P:** +353 (0) 25 36362, **E:** rathbarr@iol.ie

Rathbarry Stud came into existences in the mid 1930s when Paul Cashman bought a 159 acre holding and the first stallion to take up residence was Royal Pom. Rathbarry has significantly expanded and is now firmly established as the largest family-owned stud in Europe. In 1970, Liam Cashman invested in the stallion Kampala and he was followed by the likes of Taufan, Alzao, Baratheia, Tagula, Namid and Acclamation. In 1991, due to the success of its National Hunt stallions, it was deemed necessary to open Glenview Stud, where also stands the leading National Hunt sire Presenting, to cope with the further influx of mares.

Current residents: Acclamation, Ajaya, Kodi Bear, Moohaajim, Tagula, Xtension

OTHER STUDS TAKING PART *continued*

RATHBARRY AND GLENVIEW STUDS *continued*

GLENVIEW STUD

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Current residents: Malinas, Presenting, Robin Des Champs, Sholokhov, Shirocco

ROSSHILL FARM

Rosshill, Roscam, Galway, Co. Galway, H91 W422, **Open Hours:** Saturday only 10am-3pm, **Contact:** Eamonn Hogan,
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Situated just outside the city of Galway, Eamonn Hogan's Rosshill Farm has developed rapidly and added **Tau Ceti** to its roster last April to cope with demand from local breeders. Its star is Gamut, sire of the dual Gr.1-winning chaser **Road To Riches**.

Current residents: Altruistic, Gamut, Tau Ceti

SUNNYHILL STUD

Kilcullen, Co. Kildare, R56 NP 97, **Open Hours:** 10am-4pm, **Contact:** Michael Hickey, **P:** +353 (0)45 481201,
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Purchased in 1978 by former show jumper Michael Hickey, Sunnyhill Stud has become a successful National Hunt stud and is a leading consignor to National Hunt sales in Ireland. Winners bred include the Gr.1 Gold Cup winner **Kicking King**, by **Old Vic**, who stood at Sunnyhill Stud, and Aintree Grand National winners **Hedgehunter** and **Don't Push it**.

Current residents: Doyen, Lucky Speed

TALLY-HO STUD

Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, N91 A092, **Open Hours:** 9am-4pm, **Contact:** Tony, Roger or Henry O'Callaghan, **P:** +353 (0)44 9348450,
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Tony and Anne O'Callaghan own and manage the stud, assisted by their sons, Roger and Henry. The stud, located close to Lough Ennell in County Westmeath on limestone land, has been established for over 30 years and is now recognised as one of the leading consignors of thoroughbreds, as well as a base for stallions, producing sharp, fast horses.

Current residents: Kodiak, Mehmas, Morpheus, Sir Prancealot, Vadamos, Zebedee, Baltic King

TARA STUD

Tara, County Meath, C15P762, **Open Hours:** 10am-3.30pm, **Contact:** Derek Icton, **P:** +353 (0) 46 9025203, **M:** +353 (0)87 2323566
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Under the same management since 1946, Tara Stud, comprises two farms, the main farm of 650 acres and a yearling farm at Skyrne Castle. Previously home to **Wolver Hollow**, **Petorious** and **Key Of Luck**, the stud restarted its stallion operation after a break, with the introduction of the popular **Alhabayeb**, who has been joined by **Estidhkaar** this season.

Current residents: Alhabayeb, Estidhkaar

TULLYRAINE HOUSE STUD

37 Quarry Road, Banbridge, Co. Down, BT32 3TW, **Open Hours:** 10am-5pm, **Contact:** Marnie Murphy, **P:** +44 (0)28 4062 4566
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Situated in Co Down, in Northern Ireland, leading veterinary surgeon Hugh Suthern's stud is home to the Champion Stayer **Conduit**, who stood six seasons in Japan and was acquired to replace the late Gr.1 Irish Derby winner **Winged Love**.

Current resident: Conduit

WHYTEMOUNT STUD

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The family run stud in the heart of Kilkenny is a prolific breeder, responsible for the likes of **Hidden Cyclone** and recent Gr.1 Lexus winner **Outlander**, both by **Stowaway**, who stood at the stud until his death in 2015. Now on the roster are **Valirann** and the German-bred **Salutino**, and they are joined this year by **Affinisea**, a son of **Sea The Stars**.

Current resident: Affinisea, Salutino, Valirann

Irish National Stud.

Anglo-Scottish brewing magnate William Hall Walker, later Lord Wavertree, purchased land at Tully in 1900 from the Fay family and became the era's most successful breeder. He loaned homebred **Minoru (Cyllene)** to Edward VII and he won the 1909 Derby, making the King the only reigning monarch to win it. He also bred five consecutive winners of the Gimcrack Stakes and warned bookmakers would control the sport in a speech at the traditional dinner. He believed in astrology and gave away horses born under a bad sign; he only lost one good horse, but he was very good, **Prince Palatine (Persimmon)**, winner of the St Leger and other top-class races. He introduced Aga Khan III to British racing and constructed the Japanese Gardens, probably the finest in Europe and such an attraction at Tully today. He was a remarkable man indeed.

In 1915, he gave the entire stud and its stock to the Crown and the National Stud under Sir Henry Greer produced the winners of all the Classics, headed by **Sun Chariot** winning the fillies' Triple Crown for George VI in 1942. It became the Irish National Stud in 1946 and occupies 850 acres, with 400 stables and a roster of eight stallions.

They are headed by multiple Champion sire and Gr.1 winner **Invincible Spirit (Green Desert)**, who needs no introduction. Fellow Gr.1 winner **Free Eagle (High Chaparral)**, who won the Prince of Wales's Stakes, has his first foals this year. Gr.2 Futurity Stakes and Gr.1-placed **Dragon Pulse (Kyllachy)** and the multiple Group winner **Famous Name (Dansili)** have had success with their first runners in 2016, the former the European second leading first season sire, the latter siring Classic contender **Escobar. Elusive Pimpernel (Elusive Quality)** had four Stakes performers in 2016 and will have his first crop conceived at Tully running this season, as will his older half-brother **Palavicini (Giant's Causeway)**. Gr.3 Jersey Stakes winner and dual Classic-placed **Gale Force Ten (Oasis Dream)** has his first yearlings in 2017 and Champion Three-Year-Old and dual Classic winners **Worthadd (Dubawi)** has his first runners.

The stud is also home to the Living Legends, including multiple



Champion Three-Year-Old and Classic winner **Worthadd (Dubawi)**, who has his first runners this year

Gr.1 winner **Hurricane Fly**, Gr.1 Cheltenham Gold Cup victor **Kicking King**, dual Gr.3 Hennessy Gold Cup winner **Beef Or Salmon**, dual Gr.1 Champion Hurdle winner **Hardy Eustace** and Gr.1 Ascot Gold Cup hero **Rite of Passage**. The museum on site houses the skeleton of **Arkle**, the greatest steeplechaser ever, memorabilia connected with **Sea The Stars**, bred and raised at the stud, and Gr.1 Melbourne Cup winner **Vintage Crop**. Along with the Japanese Gardens, the stud contains St Flachra's Garden, designed in 1999 by Martin Hallinan, commemorating the patron saint of gardeners.

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Current residents: **Dragon Pulse, Elusive Pimpernel, Famous Name, Free Eagle, Gale Force Ten, Invincible Spirit, Palavicini, Worthadd**



Left: **Dragon Pulse (Kyllachy)** and right: **Famous Name (Dansili)**, whose first crops both made good impressions on their racecourse debuts. **Dragon Pulse** had 21 individual winners, including five black-type horses and **Famous Name** had the winner of the Listed Washington Singer Stakes **Escobar**, now a Classic contender, amongst his first runners



2017 STALLION FEES

INVINCIBLE SPIRIT €120,000

FREE EAGLE €20,000

DRAGON PULSE €8,000

GALE FORCE TEN €5,000

WORTHADD €5,000

FAMOUS NAME €4,000

ELUSIVE PIMPERNEL €1,000

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