

New stallions on the block

There's nothing more satisfying than breeding your own event horse and watching him or her develop into a superstar. *Stephanie Bateman* showcases 10 newly graded stallions

With so many remarkable stallions in the UK, it can be hard to choose the best match for your mare. To help narrow your stallion search, start

by researching graded stallions.

At a studbook grading, sport horse experts grade stallions on their conformation, temperament, way of going and their potential to sire future athletes, so will give you some idea of what your foal could potentially achieve.

The stallions listed here have all been recently graded with Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain (SHB GB), the Anglo European Stud Book (AES) or the Sports Pony Studbook Society (SPSS).

BILLY MEXICO

Credentials: 2005, 16.1hh by prolific show jumping stallion Cevin Z out of Bidrett.

Performance record: Already a proven sire, show jumping stallion Billy Mexico is by Cevin Z whose daughter Borough PennyZ (BE G1E) is one of a handful of

Grade 1 Elite mares. He is also the sire of Billy Walk On, champion six year old in 2015, and reserve champion seven year old in 2016.

Breeder: Donal Barnwell.

Contact: The Billy Stud, Cobbetts Farm, Lyfield Lane, Forest Green, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5SN. www.thebillystud.co.uk

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GLENCARRIG DOLPHIN (BE G3)

Credentials: 2010, 14.2hh by Coosheen Stormboy out of Mountcross Colleen.

Performance record: This Connemara event stallion gained premium status at his SHB GB grading last autumn, and with owner Nicola Bagueuly, he has won at BE100 level and already sired in-hand winners. He is also graded with the SPSS.

Breeder: The Curran family.

Contact: Sue Browne, Firdene, Headon, Retford, Nottinghamshire, DN22 ORD. www.glencarrigdolphin.co.uk

GEMINI'S CLASSIC OPERA

Credentials: 2012, 15hh, by Classic Primitive out of Hanoverian mare Weltmusik.

Performance record: Classic Opera is a Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) Cuddy Finalist and unbeaten at County Level in 2015, including champion at Cheshire County, champion at the Derbyshire Festival and Champion National Pony Society (NPS) Summer Championships. He is currently being schooled in show jumping and cross country and will start BE eventing in 2017.

Breeder: Georgie and Steve Revell.

Contact: Georgina Belton, Gemini Stud, The Oaklands, Oakham Road, Somerby, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE14 2QF.

JOSIE JUMP

Credentials: 2007, 14.2hh by All Ireland Supreme Champion in 2008 Currachmore Cashel out of Ballybeg Maggie.

Performance record: Currently competing at BE90 level, this Connemara stallion was awarded the 2016 SPSS Supreme Championship Stallion title and Scottish Grading Championship. He has also competed at HOYS in the British Show Pony Society Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter Pony of the Year.

Breeder: Joseph Burke.

Contact: Katie Lindsay-Brown on 01578 740678; 07770 306660.

PARTY TRICK

Credentials: 2012, 16.2hh by Olympic event stallion Chilli Morning out of KWPN mare Party Piece.

Performance record: Homebred stallion Party Trick is owned and ridden by event rider Nick Gauntlett, was champion of his SHB GB grading last spring and finished fifth in the 2016 Burghley Young Event Horse four year old final.

Breeder/owner: Nick Gauntlett.

Contact: Nick Gauntlett, Chescombe Farm, Doddington Road, Chipping Sodbury, Glos, BS37 6HY. www.gauntlett.me.uk



NAMCHE BAZAAR

Credentials: 2013, 16.2hh by 2016 Competition Stallion of the Year Up With The Lark out of High Times.

Performance record: The first graded son of Advanced event stallion Up With The Lark, and out of SHB GB head stud book Advanced event mare High Times, Namche Bazaar gained Premium status at his recent grading with SHB GB and will contest young event horse classes as a four and five year old.

Breeder: Hon Mary Holliday.

Contact: Owner, David Dixon, Stanley Grange Stud, Great Ayton, Middlesborough, TS9 6QD. www.stanleygrangestud.com



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WHAT DOES BE G1E MEAN?

Horses start to earn grading points when competing from Novice level upwards and there are four grades: Grade 1 Elite (250 or more BE points), Grade 1 (61 to 250 BE points), Grade 2 (21 to 60 BE points) and Grade 3 (1 to 20 BE points). Grade 1 Elite is a classification for horses that have attained four star level competition and/or have achieved 250 British Eventing points. Below is a list of 2016 Grade 1 Elite competing stallions:

Chilli Morning: 17hh, 16yo, chestnut by Phantomic x Koralle (1,716)

Primitive Faerie Tale: 15.3hh, 18yo chestnut by Primitive Rising x Faerie Glen (313)

Wish Upon A Star: 16.1hh, 13yo chestnut by Gribaldi x Pasmiek (258)

Sula Blue: 16.3hh, 14yo, bay by Sula Bula x Certain Melody (250)

Jazz Time III: 16hh, 16yo, dark bay by Olympic Times x Jazz Dance (150)

A more comprehensive list can be found on the BE website on the Breeders and Producers page: www.britisheventing.com/breeding



BRITANNIA ROYAL

Credentials: 2013, by Oldenburg stallion Royaldik out of Lucinda Fredericks' record breaking Advanced event mare Headley Britannia (BE G1E) via embryo transfer (one of only seven).

Performance record: Recently graded with the SHB GB, Britannia Royal was the best two year old at Chelwood BEF Futurity in the eventing section in 2015 and will follow a career in eventing.

Breeders/owners: Annabel Blake and Charles Wise.

Contact: 128 Wannock Lane, Wannock, Eastbourne, BN20 9SJ. 07870 358944.



KIPPURE LANCELOT

Credentials: 2010, 14.2hh by Class 1 Connemara stallion Frederiksminde Hazy Merlin out of Kippure Kim.

Performance record: Awarded Champion Graded Stallion status for England and Wales and Reserve Champion Stallion for the UK with the SPSS, this Class 1 Connemara stallion has had great success in both show jumping and working hunter classes. He was also Reserve Champion Stallion at The Royal Dublin Show.

Breeder: Michael Igoe.

Contact: Owner Frankie Lee, 07803 752345. www.barrowbyconnemaras.co.uk



JULIA SHEARWOOD

ARDBEAR SPIRIT

Credentials: 2002, 14.2hh by Coosheen Thyme out of prolific in-hand winner Ardbear Belle.

Performance record: Connemara stallion Ardbear Spirit won the 143cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year class at HOYS and was Supreme Graded Stallion with the SPSS, gaining permanent head book status. He is currently competing successfully at BE90 level.

Breeder: Michael Conneely.

Contact: Owner Barbara Bagshaw via Jane Hanger, Landslow Connemaras. 01613 688903.



BREEDER AWARDS

The Breeders Medal is awarded to breeders of the leading British-bred event horse from each of the championship classes of the KBIS British Eventing Young Horse Championships for four to seven year olds at Osberton International Horse Trials.



Medals were presented at the British Breeders' dinner on 14 January 2017 to The Billy Stud for Billy Walk On, Jacqui Collins for Sir Papillon, Constance Edmundson for Lime Rickey and Christine Hardinge for Domino Derval. This year's Championships take place at Osberton International Horse Trials, Worksop, Nottinghamshire (28 September-1 October 2017). Find out more on britisheventing.com/younghorse



TAYVALE GERONIMO

Credentials: 2011, 16.2hh by Holstein show jumping stallion Chateau de Brion out of Advanced two star mare Chiara D (BE G1E).

Performance record: This skewbald homebred stallion impressed judges at his grading when demonstrating a super technique over fences. He is now eventing at Novice level with Wills Oakden.

Breeder/owner: Frances Hay-Smith.

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