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A Truly 'Arabian Festival...' Malvern 2008

We even had sunshine..!



**2007 National Young Riders Champion
Shannons Dream ridden by Olivia Timpani
Olivia also won the 2008 qualifying class**

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Midland Arabian Festival - These pictures sum up the real 'party atmosphere' at Malvern.....



Natalie Meredith very kindly provided champagne for the sponsors. Alf Halworth & Elaine Mann enjoy a glass with Natalie (left). A big thank you from all the sponsors Natalie! Many thanks also to hard working Catering Manager **Jacqui Pouch** (right) and her team of helpers who did such a sterling job to feed the many sponsors, judges & stewards.

Midland Arabian Festival 2008 Show Report By Sue Wilks

The day dawned bright and fair for the Midland Group "C" Show 2008. Later on, the threatening black clouds looming over the Malvern hills couldn't manage more than a brief shower, just enough to refresh the handlers and riders for their next class! This show really is becoming extremely prestigious, so much so that a win here is as difficult to achieve and as gladly received as anywhere in the country. This year was certainly no exception and the sight of class after class of such quality gladdened the heart. The organisers on the committee of the Midland Group should pat themselves on the back and special mention must be made of Chris Phillips (Show Director) and Catering Manager Jacqui Pouch, and helpers, who put on a fantastic spread for Judges, Stewards and Sponsors, the like not to be seen elsewhere. Everyone was so friendly and welcoming, typical of those involved with the Midland Group. This was a day out second to none.

Pure bred in hand classes.

The entries were so healthy that the Pure Bred Yearling Fillies were split for judge Jerzy Bialobok. The British method of comparative judging was used but some spectators were briefly confused when the line was called in any order until the bitter (or sweet?) end. Several spectators remarked that they enjoyed being kept in suspense instead of, more or less, knowing the outcome half way through the class. The first prize honours went to SG Amber Jewel, a gorgeous WH Justice daughter bred and exhibited by Susan George. WH Justice also sired the second and third in this line-up, AJA Bonita, bred and exhibited by Mr & Mrs M Hickford and FS Velvet bred and exhibited by Mrs A Taylor and Mr F Sponle respectively. This sire is certainly a force to be reckoned with. The older Yearling Fillies were headed by Xotic Design a stunning filly by Master Design x Yokosuka F bred and exhibited by Mr & Mrs D Smith and Miss L Smith. Connections were justifiably proud and thrilled when she went on to win the Junior Female Championship.

The Two Year Old Fillies forward next were of very high quality indeed, unsurprisingly causing some

controversy amongst the spectators. The lovely Inyesta by Psynergy x Inyka bred and exhibited by Mr E Pritchard did extremely well with an immaculate performance to win the class (and the Reserve Reserve) ahead of the recent Junior Female Champion from Devon County the elegant Desert Melody by Ecaho x LC Psupremacy bred by Mr R D Dewalt and exhibited by Mesdames Gamlin and Ratcliffe. Third was the big moving Citadel by Psytadel x FS Cinderella bred by Mr C Lowe and Mrs J Lowe and exhibited by Mrs J Lowe.

The three year olds did not disappoint and the winner was HB Pakira by Psytadel x Padisha ibn Estopa bred by Margarete Wrede and exhibited by Mrs J Currey. This quality filly was a favourite of the judge and went on to take the Reserve Junior Female Championship. Helena by Tehama na Sidaqa was second and AJA Petrina third.

Two classes of yearling colts came before judge Sylvie Eberherth and the first winner was TD Nemir by Lothar el Nyhl x Bint Nariadnaia who secured his place with his trot. He was bred and exhibited by Mrs S Richards. Second was Rafiq al Ashab by WSA Charisma x Thoraya bred by Ms J Coughlan and exhibited by Ms J Coughlan & Mr Chetham. El Emeer by Emenes x Gretta was third. The winner of the second class was outstanding and there was no surprise when Roe Lateef won the first championship of the day for Mark Gamlin. This really lovely colt is by Gazal al Shaqab x ZT Ludjbroasia and was bred and exhibited by Mr T O Aggad.

Spectators always love to see the foals and hats off to those who took the trouble to bring their beautiful mares with foals at foot. The broodmare winner was unsurprisingly the popular and big moving Noura by Kubinec bred by Mr M Ponnath and exhibited by Mrs S Madgwick and Ms J Ware. She took the Reserve Reserve in the Championship. The second place went to Muranas Nani, and her foal by Enzo stood second in turn to AA Living the Dream by Psy Dream x Al Liah Ghaaliya. This lovely foal was bred and exhibited by Mr & Mrs D Smith.

Probably the strongest class of the day was the Mares 4 – 6 years and the sight of these beautiful mares in the sunshine at the foot of the Malvern hills took the breath away. Mr Bialobok chose Johrhemar Danjah Bey by Bey El Jamaal x Johrhemar Astoura as his winner to huge cheers from the crowd and this gorgeous bay mare, a December foal and therefore the baby of the class, gave Mark Gamlin his second Championship of the day. The lucky owners are Mrs B. Gamlin, Mrs C. Ratcliffe and Mr V. Matthews and the breeder Mr M L Van Wyk. The ethereal pretty headed grey HS Jumanah exhibited by Mrs C Kirkland & Mrs G Cornick and bred by Mrs Watts took second and the Reserve Championship; third was the refined Maya des Alpes now competing in the UK after a very successful show career in Europe. The older mares were beautiful too and the names at the top of the line tell the story of the quality of the younger mares concerned in the championship: the winner was Satin Lady bred by Mrs Paget and exhibited by Mr and Mrs Arnold with the Polish

bred Euza second and the Russian mare Misteria third.

The quality of the geldings these days is a revelation and the days are long gone when the geldings were in the "also ran" classes. It is no small thanks to the international shows that put classes on for geldings nowadays and to the breeders who are gelding their colts unless they are absolutely top class, and too right! AA Valentino bred by Mr and Mrs DWG Smith and exhibited by Mrs K Colvin with Malik Ibn Rossali in second headed the Juniors and took the Reserve Reserve spot. It was the Seniors, however, that gave us the Champion and that was the fabulous Zanzibar PA by Psytadel x Zaneta bred by Ms J Ware and exhibited by Ms A Bethell. Reserve was Imahni bred by Miss J Bassindale and exhibited by Mr McGregor & Mrs Lewthwaite.

The highlight of any show is the stallion class and the sight of these boys with their coats gleaming in the sun did their owners proud. I have rarely seen such a shine on the coat of a grey as Distinkt had that afternoon. The 4 to 8 year olds were headed by the imposing, super suave Ronaldo and he repeated his success at the Wales and West with the Championship, the third of the day for Mark Gamlin.



Ronaldo is by Kubinec x Helaliya, bred by Mr F Sponle and exhibited by Mrs J Currey. The older stallions produced a worthy winner in AH Kuda by Pilot x Midnite Dancer bred by Mrs A Hawke and exhibited by Mrs P Horwell; he took the Reserve. Nejani PA from the youngsters stood in Reserve Reserve. All seven stallions 9 years and over were forward and they were a joy with well known names amongst them like Ali Khamsin, Applauz, Akhenaten and there won't be horses around much longer with old English breeding like that of Sky Indigo by Silver Blue x Sky Hera.

At the end of the day Silver Highwayman by Spirit of Silver won the Best Crabbet Bred class for Miss P Morris with Fairwinds Jedi in second for Lorna Ewin. Miss S Warne won the Amateur In Hand class with Shadli.

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Ridden Classes by Margaret Evans

Firstly congratulations to all the young riders, but especially Olivia Timpani and Shannons Dream for winning the Midland Group Young Riders Final for 2007.

The three HOYS qualifier classes, were held in the large No. 3 ring. This, for those of you who know the Three Counties Showground, lies between the entry gate for cars and the stabling area and were judged by Mrs Anne Hooley. Most of the entries were forward, nine out of thirteen in the stallion class but to my personal disappointment two of those I would

like to have seen, namely Adres and Dervativ Gwyddion were absent, probably because they had already qualified. As it was Susan George had both the winner Bolaero and the second Egatist with Eastworth Harri than standing above Plumbum who, on this occasion, failed to really act. It was Egatist by Artist out of Egala who took the HOYS ticket. Although there was plenty of room, many of the stallions seemed reluctant to gallop on and seemed to regard themselves as slightly precious though it has to be said that their manners were excellent.

Then came the geldings with 16 forward out of the 24 entered. It was won by Grenade who belied his name and went very nicely and got his HOYS ticket. He was followed by Malekeiro who was originally pulled in fourth but went up after giving the judge a very good ride, OAS Plashaal stood next and then SG Fflute. It says something about the strength at the top end that Dreamcatcher could do no better than fifth, but down the line some of the entries were rather green, and whilst some had very good trot rhythm others had a rather hurried stride. Several thought it advisable to use the corner to ensure that they had the correct lead when asked to canter suggesting that perhaps they were not quite ready for this standard

If we thought that the geldings were a strong class it was as nothing as compared to the mares where seventeen were forward out of the twenty entered and all the first four already had their HOYS tickets. Silvern Sheena took the class from Mi-Dhahling with Shamzarah, Muzidora and Crystal Ora Sheen below her in that order. This class was one that took advantage of the spacious ring, not only did they really slip on when asked but obviously enjoyed doing so and indeed seemed to really enjoy being shown.

In general, in all three classes, too many of the entries failed to exhibit a really good walk and too many were stiff in their backs and not truly working from behind with the result that they tended to come above the bit at times. The standard of the ridden Arabian has come a long way, in both conformation and schooling, but there is still room for improvement.

The novice championship was taken by the big moving stallion Patros, with the grey mare OAS Vendetta reserve and Olivia Timpani and Shannons Dream took the young rider class.

Sandhills Skallywag took the Anglo/Part bred championship with Okehays Lord of the Dance the reserve.



Brilliant day, Midland Group, see you next year!

The following article proves that the small amateur breeder can succeed!

STEMAR ANGLO ARABS

By Marie Bedford & Steve Harding

What a year for **STEMAR** Anglo Arabs! We can't believe what an incredible 12 months the offspring of our mare Amber (**STEMAR PRECIOUS GEM**) have had. We are very much small breeders of Anglo Arabs and only have one mare, from which we breed a foal every other year by the fabulous premium stallion **IMAD**. Amber won as a foal at the



AHS National Show, Midlands-In-Hand in Arab & Hack classes and was 2nd in the BSHCRH Championships as a hack. She went on to win many times as a yearling and 2 year old including the AHS National Show & AA/PB Championships.

Amber's first son, Troy (**STEMAR IMAGINAIRE**), was rarely out of the first three as a foal, winning many Championships. He went on to win as a yearling and 2 year old both as an Anglo Arab and Show Hunter Pony. He was sold as a 3 year old to Belinda Skipper for her teenage daughter Katie to ride. As a 4 year old at his first ridden show he qualified for the Cherif Championships where he won the Cherif young horse award. He was 3rd in the British Dressage Breeding & Young Horse Championships scoring 75.8%. As a 5 year old he again qualified first time out and was 5th at the Cherif Championships, highest placed Anglo Arab & highest placed by a pure bred sire. Imagine our delight when he won his class at the **2007 CHERIF CHAMPIONSHIPS**, collecting 4 cups & trophies including best gelding, best Anglo Arab etc. This was a dream come true for us! The previous week he was a respectable 4th in a strong 40+ class at the **REGIONAL DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS** at Addington, only 2% behind the winning score. He qualified 1st time out for the **BSPS WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS** as a Show Hunter Pony and reached the top ten with Katie's younger sister Sophie (who rarely has chance to ride him). He has also qualified for the Summer Regional Dressage Championships and has won many other Championships as a show hunter pony and as a ridden Anglo/Part bred Arab. He enjoys hunting and regularly goes cross country jumping, although he doesn't compete in show jumping he does clear round at 2'9" and 3' just for fun!

Stop Press: AHS National Championship Show 2008 - Troy was 3rd in a very strong Open Ridden class and was the smallest in the ring by far,

qualifying for the Cherif. The following week he was 5th out of 38 achieving a mark of 67.6% in the Eastern Regional BD Summer Championships.

At the 2007 Royal Show Amber's 2 year old filly **STEMAR CLASSIC GOLD** (Lara) was 2nd in the hack class, ahead of many professional producers. As a yearling she won & was Reserve Champion at the Midland Group show, also winning at NPS Area X1 & North Staffs. **Stop Press: AHS National Championship Show 2008 - Lara was 1st 2/3 yr old filly and Junior Female Anglo-Arab British National Champion!** Lara will be backed next summer and will then be for sale. We hope she will find a wonderful home like her brother and have the opportunity fulfil her potential under saddle. We truly believe that with the right home she will emulate her brother and maybe qualify for HOYS as a Hack or ISRT.

In May this year Amber produced a fabulous colt foal, a full brother to Classic Gold & Imaginaire, who we have named **STEMAR CLASSIC IMAGE** (Dexter). At 6 weeks old he went to the Three Counties Show, being the only foal entered in the small hack breeding class he won by default, but the judge commented that she thought he was lovely and really liked his presence. Amber won her class too and we were through to the championship. We decided to stay as it was good practice for the foal but we didn't expect to get anywhere – foals rarely do well in championships do they? We were against all the professionals in the line up so you can understand my absolute pleasure and amazement when our foal Stemar Classic Image was awarded **RESERVE CHAMPION HACK** behind the magnificent Renelles Florentine who went on to stand Reserve Cuddy at the show. The judge said he was absolutely stunning. He also won his class at the 2008 AHS National Show.

I'm very pleased to say that Amber had her chance to shine at the Midland Arabian Festival at Malvern in June; she won her class with Stemar Classic Image winning the foal class. She then went on to take the **FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIP**.

Who knows what the future will hold for us? We would like to thank Bob & Jean Bates of the Weirton Stud who have given us excellent advice, guidance & support through the years; Amber is by their legendary stallion Kings Flight. Also many thanks to Diane Whittome who always looks after Amber so well when she is visiting her husband, IMAD.

Marie & Steve can be contacted on **0121 681 4284**



Still going strong at 21 years young!

Weirton Royal Ascent

From Jean & Bob Bates

Weirton Royal Ascent (Toby) is by Kings Flight ex Astral Princess (TB) and was a colt we thought might make an AA entire. We covered 4 mares with him as a 2yo to assess his potential, 1 TB, 1 AA and 2 Part-Breds. The foal from the TB was sold and disappeared, the Anglo was Reserve British National Champion Ridden and the 2 Part-Breds qualified for HOYS in Riding Pony & Hack classes.



In 1988 Toby was Reserve British National Male Champion. We sold him as a 2yo to be kept as a stallion but unfortunately he was gelded. He had a chequered & hard life with several unsuitable owners before

being found by Mandy Burr, he has been owned for several years now by the girl riding him in the photo, Marie Northfield from Kent, who loves him to bits. He spends his days doing endurance, dressage, jumping and showing and he will see out his days there.

This photo was taken at Edenbridge & Oxted show last year at age 20. We are hoping he may do the veterans at Malvern next year.

Aurellia Celebrates her 21st Birthday with Friends!

Chris Phillips invited friends to help Aurellia celebrate her 21st birthday on July 5th with champagne and birthday cake. She had lots of presents including a smart new stable rug, carrots & apples & donations were made to the Brooke Hospital. 'Aury' has had an illustrious ridden career qualifying for HOYS five times and being placed 5th there twice. At the AHS Nationals she was second twice in the Ridden Mare class and won the Junior Rider class with Vicky White. She has had wins at 'The Classic' & the Northern Group Shows and was second at UKIAHS twice. She won the Ridden Mare Cup at the Midland Show on three occasions; she was always ridden by Andrea Boyle.



'golden oldies' with a little write up on their life and achievements and we will add them to our gallery!

Down Memory Lane

Do any of you have any old photographs or memories of the group (now over 30 years old)? Jacqui Pouch has written an article on the origins and history of the Midland Arab Group and the shows going right back to the first committee meeting. We would love to have any old pictures or anecdotes. Please send them to midlandarabgroup@yahoo.co.uk or any committee member.

The article will appear in the next newsletter.

Christmas Meal & 2008 Points Award Evening



Will be held this year at

**THE KING'S ARMS, MAIN ROAD,
OMBERSLEY WR10 0EW**

on

Friday 5th December 2008

The cost of the meal is at a *reduced rate* of **£14.95** for members. Visitors & guests are very welcome at the full price of £19.95

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU RETURN YOUR POINTS CARDS BY 31st OCTOBER

to: Maureen Bint, Popes Hole Farm, Hadley, Nr Droitwich WR9 0AX

We really hope you will all make the effort to come along this year, there is a superb menu to choose from and many lovely rosettes and trophies to be won!

Please make your selection from the menu enclosed and return this with your payment to Jacqui Pouch. Please note that cheques should be made payable to '**The Midland Arab Group Ltd**'. Remember to keep a copy for yourself!



Claverdon Stud Open Weekend

7/8th June saw some lovely sunshine for the very successful Claverdon Stud Open Weekend. Visitors were entertained with tours of the fields and stables to see some beautiful mares, foals, colts & geldings. Other horses including the stallions were shown loose in the indoor school by Chris Lowe who gave a very interesting & knowledgeable commentary & was very willing to answer questions & give advice. Some members of the MAG committee held a 'Table-Top' Tack & Plant Sale. The weekend was a great success & thoroughly enjoyed by all.

TOWERLANDS 2008

SILVER LIL..... by Chris Phillips

Our Pure Bred Arab Mare SILVER LIL started off 2008 rather indifferently with some placings only.



Our vet checked her over and found some major tooth problems although she had been seen earlier in the year. He put her right and things started to improve.

In early July she qualified for **HOYS** at **SERAHS** and her next show was the **ARAB NATIONALS**. Here she won the Senior Ridden Mares and was Reserve Champion Mare.

At the end of August we went to the UK International Arab Show at Towerlands. She and Andrea were in the ring early Sunday morning and Silver went very well and seemed to give the judge a good ride. At this show you are kept in suspense for several hours as the results and presentation are not till lunch time when everyone dons their top hats. The horses all go round briefly together and are then called forward. It was a great thrill when Silver's name was called out and Andrea received a huge

rosette and an engraved glass bowl. It was a good class with 12 mares, of which 9 have qualified for HOYS 2008. Its a long way to Towerlands but certainly a shorter drive home when you have a red rosette!

Other members who enjoyed success at Towerlands include Joanne & Chris Lowe's stallion **FL SAYAWAN**, 2nd with 4 x 20s for movement & Maureen Bint's stallion **DISTINKT** who was 4th.

We would love to hear of your show successes. Send these to midlandarabgroup@yahoo.co.uk (please obtain copyright for photos if necessary)

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MARMOOQ

(Aja Shakakhan x YA Menika by Menes)

Auchmillan do not sell colts so this is a superb opportunity to acquire a top class gelding who in the right hands will make a wonderful show horse and future ridden star.

MARMOOQ is bay, tall with lovely conformation and topline – superb eye and has inherited his



mother's wonderful floating movement, tail always over his back. Further photos and movement video can be seen on our website:

www.auchmillanarabians.org.uk

Future home will be vetted, so if you can offer this boy the future he deserves, please contact us:

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ANGLO-ARAB GELDING

Bay (no white) 5 yrs old 15.2 hh approx
Good to catch, farrier, bath, rug up. Wormed & vaccinated. Riding quietly around the lanes, unflappable! For sale as no rider. Owner bred half sister & mother can be seen.

01905 620391

PART BRED ARAB FILLY

4 yr old chestnut filly, 4 white stockings and blaze. Will live in or out. Lightly shown, always in first two. 1st & Res BNFC as a foal, 2nd Derby Festival of Showing, best yearling filly and cup winner at AHS Malvern.

Good conformation, to catch, shoe, trim etc.

Gelding also for sale.

Contact: Rhoda 07733167966

COLOURED MARE

Approx 14.3. A real family all-rounder, has done a bit of everything, jumps, dressage, pleasure riding. Has spent 2 summers at Pony Club Camp with a 12 year old. Very easy to do. Has recently foaled but wouldn't take much to get back into work. See below for contact details.

PURE BRED BAY GELDING Should mature at 15.2hh, rising 3. Tazari is a handsome young man with a lot of character and potential, he is looking for someone to take him on as a project and have a lot of fun. He has good conformation, temperament and movement. He should excel in any sphere and has been shown lightly and successfully as a baby. See below for contact details

PBA FLASHY CHESTNUT yearling colt fby Distinkt out of Belgian Warmblood mare. Should make 16.2. Excellent conformation, temperament & movement. Would make super all-rounder/Sport Horse.

See below for contact details

PBA SKEWBALD/GREY yearling filly by Distinkt out of a coloured mare. Should make 15+. Excellent temperament, conformation & movement. Attitude to burn. ☎01905 620122

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It has been a pleasure to receive articles from members for inclusion in this newsletter. Please send your articles, results, horses or goods for sale or any other information of interest to Midland Arab Group members to: midlandarabgroup@yahoo.co.uk

Midland Arab Group

Show Dates 2009

Spring Show

Date & Venue
to be confirmed

Midland Arabian Festival

3 Counties Showground, Malvern
Sunday 28th June

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