



# GADEBROOK STUD, ENGLAND

ESTABLISHED IN 1969 BY ANNE BROWN

Anne Brown writes about her stud's beginnings and its future; please go to page XX for a profile of what Anne fits into her busy life.



Anne and her favourite mare Silver Aura

Their beauty, movement and intelligence first attracted me to Arabian horses. Fortunately, I soon came across Crabbets, which added friendliness and a low heart rate to the mix of their attributes. And when I realised how athletic they were, I was committed to a life of breeding the best performance horses I could, for pleasure not profit, I hasten to add!

I was lucky enough at the outset to be guided by Carol Carpenter (Nomad Arabians, now in France) and also had the support of Geoffrey Plaister (Imperial Stud, UK), who had bought some of the horses at the Crabbet dispersal sale in 1963, notably the powerful



Magic Domino ridden by "Queen" Anne in the Fancy Dress class at the 2004 Crabbet Celebration in the USA, led by "equerry" (owner Kim Thomason).

stallion Hanif, son of Silver Vanity.

Later, I was privileged to be given Iona Bowring's precious mares: Crystal Sheen (Crystal Magician x Silver Sheen by Bright Shadow); Silver Aura (Ben Rabba x Silver Sheen by Bright Shadow); Getana (General Gold x Gemanta by King Cotton Gold); and Silver Sylph (General Gold x Silver Starlet by Indian Star) - all very high percentage Crabbet. Using Carol's stallions, especially the ethereal Ludomino, over daughters of Hanif, such as Hamsfah, provided a strong basis for Gadebrook stud. It has produced such stars as **Magic Domino** exported as a 16hh three-year old to Canada where he won extensively under saddle. His owners then allowed him to go to the Thomasons in the USA who have taken him to the very top level in ridden and dressage competition. He is the first overseas Arab ever to be honoured as a "Living Legend", awarded only once every 25 years and to only 10 horses out of 650,000 Arabs in the USA. A couple of years ago, his successful progeny, including Warmblood and Trakhener crosses, earned Magic Domino the "Sport Horse Sire of the Year" title at the American Sport Horse Championships, above every breed.

These Crabbet Arabians excel at long distance with their incomparable soundness and recovery rates. Many have left Gadebrook for new homes around the world. The bay stallion **Croix de Guerre** joined the Swedish National Endurance Team. Domino's half-brother **Hachim** (Achim's Silver Magic x Hamsfah) ,after training in dressage and a season show-jumping in the UK, was whisked off to Abu Dhabi



Top Arab race horse and AHS Premium racing sire Sambist is senior stallion at Gadebrook



Above Anne's favourite picture of 2005 WEC champion Hachim winning a 100 miler in Bahrain

where he won the 2005 World Endurance Championship in the world record time of 100 miles (160kms) in 7 hours 2 minutes, brilliantly ridden by HH Sheikh Hazza bin Sultan al Nahyan. One of the Crabbet daughter's we bred from Hachim, **Magic Sheen** out of Crystal Sheen (Crystal Magician x Silver Sheen), has joined her sire at W'rsan Stables and



Hachim daughter, Magic Fire (Nishtar / Jubilee Star) at the 80km Three Rivers Ride in September 2010

produced a filly and a colt for them by their top racing and endurance stallions.

Flashy **Rusleema** (Rusleem x Sunne in Silver) was snapped up by an Australian breeder near Perth and has given him a delightful filly.

I have been fortunate to be associated with three more outstanding stallions:

the stylish dapple grey **Silvern Sceptre**, a gift from Jean and David Peck when they emigrated to the States in the late 1990s – he has sired so many



Hachim daughter Magic Sheen, now in Abu Dhabi



Hachim's leading endurance daughter; Premium mare Zaha, finishing the 2009 Marathon





2006 - a good year for Crabbet filly foals at Gadebrook: from left: Brightstar (Bright Cavalier x Nishtar by Jubilee Star); Bright Dawn (Bright Cavalier x Zaharina by Ludomino) + Rose of Summer (Shaded Silver x Summertime Blues by Indian Idyll)

winner under saddle, including the first-ever British WAHO winner, PHA Silvern Risalm, owned by Tiffani Stewart;

**Remington Steele**, the 300-mile and Tevis Buckle-winning "Living Legend" and WAHO winner whom I represent in the UK for his owner Patti Bailey (as the stallion is now deceased, we carry his frozen semen – I am a qualified equine AI technician);

and finally, the beautiful big bold bay Russian racing machine, **Sambist**, twice UK Long distance Champion, seven-times Premium "Racehorse Sire of the Year" and Liberty Champion the only time shown, at the UK International Show. Bred at the Soviet state stud, Tersk, in 1984, his pedigree blends Crabbet,

Polish and French blood, with a dash of Egyptian for glamour.

Sambist's stock are taking us forward into the next generation of performance horses who will start in dressage, move on to racing and finally into endurance, inshallah. He has a full book of Premium mares each year and is still 100% fertile and sound – after 42 races (19 wins, 18 placings).

Our youngest stallion, the 100% Crabbet **Binley Prince Salim** (by Prince Sadik x Silvern Image, 2005), was bought in to broaden the gene pool and to carry the Crabbet flag in endurance. He is currently ridden in Open competition by UK international team member, Susan Hawes.

Salim has a stylish 2-year old daughter, **Silver Sunbeam** (x PHA Silver Heart), (who will start ridden work at four. My two other pure Crabbet mares are



Endurance mare Hadith (Hachim x Someone Special) with owner Ellie Head (left) and breeder Anne Brown



Pure Crabbet stallion Klinta Sultan at Gadebrook, sire of Palma Benay's 2011 foal





*Silver Sunbeam*

Blues, 2005), currently in ridden work with trainer Davina Godwin, and **Palma Benay** (Pevensey Safari x Petra Benay), a lovely easy-going mare from Leon Bennett's stud in Australia whom I imported in 2007 to bring the bay gene back to Britain. She produced a bay colt, **Kaalif**, last year to the multi-talented Crabbet stallion **Silver Zaanif** and due to foal in June 2011 to **Klinta Sultan** who carries Crabbet lines now very rare in the UK.

The foals are handled and socialised from birth and love meeting the dozens of visitors from all over the world who come to Gadebrook every year for Open Days, Reunions and stud tours. For my part, I try to support my horses wherever they are competing in the world and was privileged to be in the crew car for the last 80kms of the World Endurance Championship in Dubai when Hachim won. I attend the WAHO conferences (Syria, Oman and Qatar), am on the Council of the Arab Horse Society in Britain, and am the vice chair of the AHS Premium Performance Scheme, as I very much support ridden Arabs and their achievements.



*Jade Rani with Susan Hawes at Crabbet Park Fair exchange: Anne Brown and Susan Hawes swap horses. Anne borrows champion endurance mare Jade Rani (Dhruv x Silver Sheba) to breed to Sambist; Susan borrows Gadebrook's young stallion Binley Prince Salim for endurance*

I now breed only three or four foals a year, and bring them on slowly for later ridden performance competition as I don't show in hand.

To the Bedouin, purity has been paramount. As breeders of hardy horses in an inhospitable climate, they kept only those proven lines with the attributes we admire today. How lucky we Crabbet breeders are that Wilfrid and Lady Anne Scawen Blunt searched so diligently and for so long throughout the Near East and Egypt to bring back some remarkable horses as the basis for their Arab stud. Along with many others, I still benefit from their lines today



*Gadebrook's Binley Price Salim ridden by Susan Hawes, at the 2010 Moonbeam ride*



*AHS Premium mare Jazmyn (Kasadi x Sophy) 93% Crabbet, with 2010 Sambist filly Mandarin*