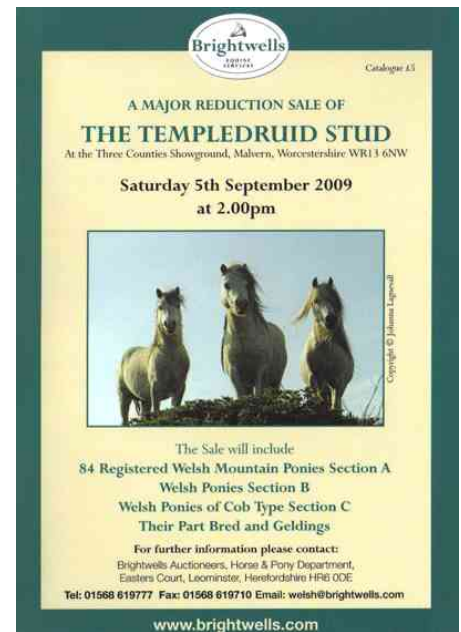




Now with so much grass around us and fields bursting with mares and foals, we easily forget the winter just gone. All our ponies came through with all the adults and many of their youngsters spending the winter out.

Since my last Newsletter (I'm ashamed to say some time ago!) much has happened. In the late summer (Sept.) 2009, we held a Stud Sale and upon the advice of Brightwells, at the Malvern Showground. The weather was good and "our team" of 16 very willing and competent workforce showed their enormous expertise both in the production before the sale and in the long walk to and from the ring.

The economic climate was not even slightly favourable, as the prices reflected; However, Dr. Wynne Davies wrote a glowing report praising the catalogue content, the quality of the ponies and the excellent way our team conducted the sale.



The plus factor to cheer us up has been the mass of calls and emails we have had since from all corners of the UK and beyond saying how satisfied our buyers have been - ponies with wonderful temperaments; ponies currently being shown with success; very lovely foals being born. I don't think one could have asked for more.



Also in the past year we have started up the Templedruid Clinics with World Champion Jan De Boer of Holland doing the instruction. These originally - the first and second were in Belgium - were in early October, 2009 and April, 2010 and designed for two days; but now are expanding, due to demand, to three days (in UK) in April, 2010.

The follow up demand has been intense, with a third Belgian Clinic to be held in the west of the country near the French border (10th/11th July) Our great thanks to those involved in the organisation; the first one near to Brussels by Olivier Teirlinck; the second by

Wannes Dehollander and also on 10th and 11th July at the same West Flanders venue, a third.



In England the first of our Clinics was held on 23rd and 25th May, both being fully booked with Jan De Boer having two ten hour stints. Thanks go to both Tim Bradford in Essex and Alan Clarke near Ely, Cambs. for offering their venues. Such was the success that very popular demand for a repeat within two weeks has happened; this time for three days from 17th to 19th July at the same venues. Jan's huge ability as a driver seems to be being reflected equally in his ability as a teacher. Already in competition, here and on the continent, this is showing in the driving results of Clinic Student participants.



There are only three Templedruid ponies old enough or trained enough to be in Jan's team but the Windsor result, for example demonstrated how good they are. The first day (Dressage) was bewildering with four of the International Judges putting Jan in first place but a fifth seeming, thinking the reverse, giving him an almost impossible task for the remaining two days. However, with tremendous determination and passion and phenomenal

driving the tables were turned on the 2nd and 3rd days to give a quite resoundingly unbelievable victory.

Windsor of course was a vital qualifier for next year's World Championships.

This was all the more amazing as the two Templedruid ponies in this team were "new boys"; T. Smirnoff, a leader in the Dressage Day, his third in the competition; & stallion T. Krypton, wheeler and all 3 days in only his second outing.

So next year's World Championship beckon - the venue to be in Lipica, Slovenia. We are hoping Templedruid can continue to increase the number of qualifiers. So far in the World Championship Driving we have achieved 34.

In the stud we reduced our numbers by around 100 last year with the sale in September and before and after, privately. However, within that programme I planned for a follow up sale in 2010 or 2011, putting more mares in foal than perhaps I would have.

These mares are now foaling. I enclose a list to date.

One piece of news to come to us this year is of T. Rameses and T. Cyclone Sec. A. full brothers. Originally broken to drive by Gerry Docking for show driving, they were exported to Belgium to Mia Allo for her daughter to drive eventually. After a number of years of competing in FE1 pairs they were re-exported to Florida, U.S.A. to Mrs. Bliss and then just recently we received an email telling us that now they have another new home - in South Carolina, U.S.A. doing a wonderful job with disabled children. Their father, Weston Rocket, aged 25, is still alive, well and hearty out on the Wash Basin with mares. He is reckoned to be the top sire in the FE1 Pony Driving World with no fewer than 12 offspring at International level. His latest one to reach that status is T. Smirnoff. The front pony (Dressage) in the team of Jan De Boer the outstanding winner of Windsor 2010.

We plan this year to sell, as usual, foals and young stock and have a number of Sec. A, B, C and P/breds on offer. The results are speaking for themselves with the reports we are getting of the superb temperaments making the ponies so suitable for young children, safe to handle in the stable at home. In the showring the natural charisma and movement is apparent with household names (T. Jaborandi, T. Hypericum, T. Anise) continually winning.

We have young stock related to all of these ponies.



T. Welshman died last year with Julie Hoskyns who is driving his two sons T. Ganges and T. Nagorno, as wheelers in a team.

Other great friends to pass away since the last newsletter included.

Twyford Skimmer	aged 25 - Stallion
T. Abijah	aged 14 - Stallion
T. Silmaril	aged 24
T. Jade (mother of Jaborandi)	aged 16
T. Georgina	aged 30
T. Gwazon	aged 30
T. Gwa	aged 16
Revel Jot	aged 10

Others still living on, happy in retirement, are Sec. A. Bryn Kay 31, Sec. C. Simbellina 28, Blossom 27, Arwen 24, Loveden Victoria 26 & C. Mare T. Gilraen 24.



Gilraen, after six barren years, has produced a beautiful colt foal.

Her illustrious offspring include T. Glayva (6) in the team of Philippe Ruts and T. Kronos and T. Monsoon in the team of Laurie Astegiano who drives for the USA. Both T. Kronos and T. Monsoon have qualified for and been to, every World Championship.



T. Gilels drives in Johan Schiettecatte's pair and T. Galaxy in the pair of Jos Van der Borgh. The two pairs drivers compete against each other regularly.



Roger Barrett

FOR SALE



Matching pair of three year olds, filly and gelding, bay, 14 hands (142 cms.). This pair of very high quality ponies, by T. Wolfberry (currently driving with Edwin Flerackers in Belgium) have beautiful temperaments, great charisma, and superb movement. They are the finest example of the type and quality known to the World from this Stud. A perfect example for someone wishing to compete at top class World Championship level. For sale only to a very serious competitor.

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