

GADEBROOK STUD

THIS ENGLISH STUD WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1969 BY ANNE BROWN

Anne Brown writes about her stud's beginnings and its future.

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 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 where he won the



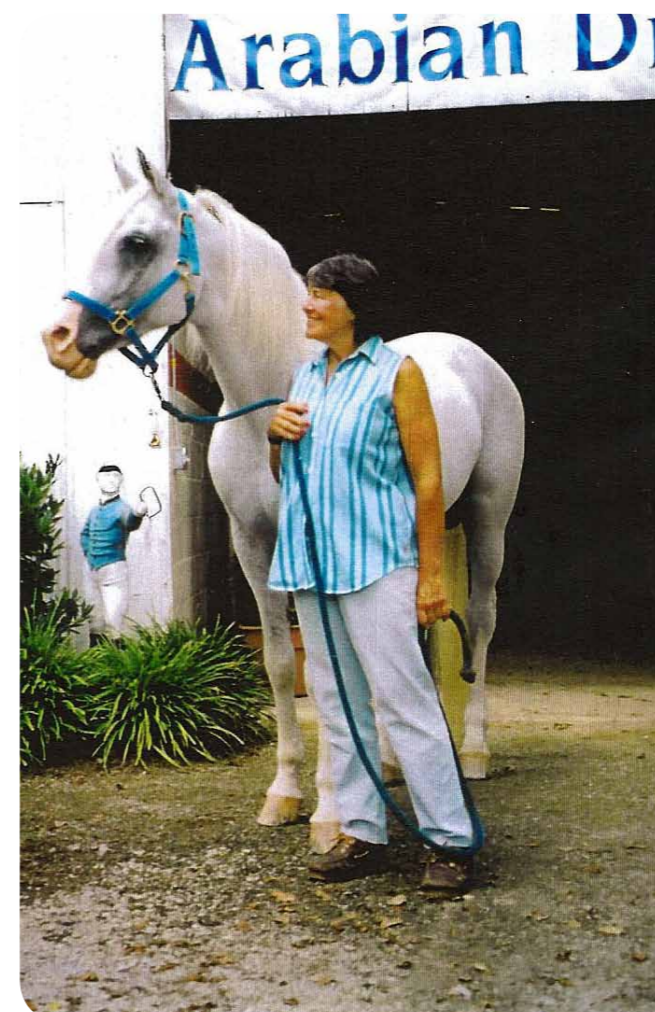
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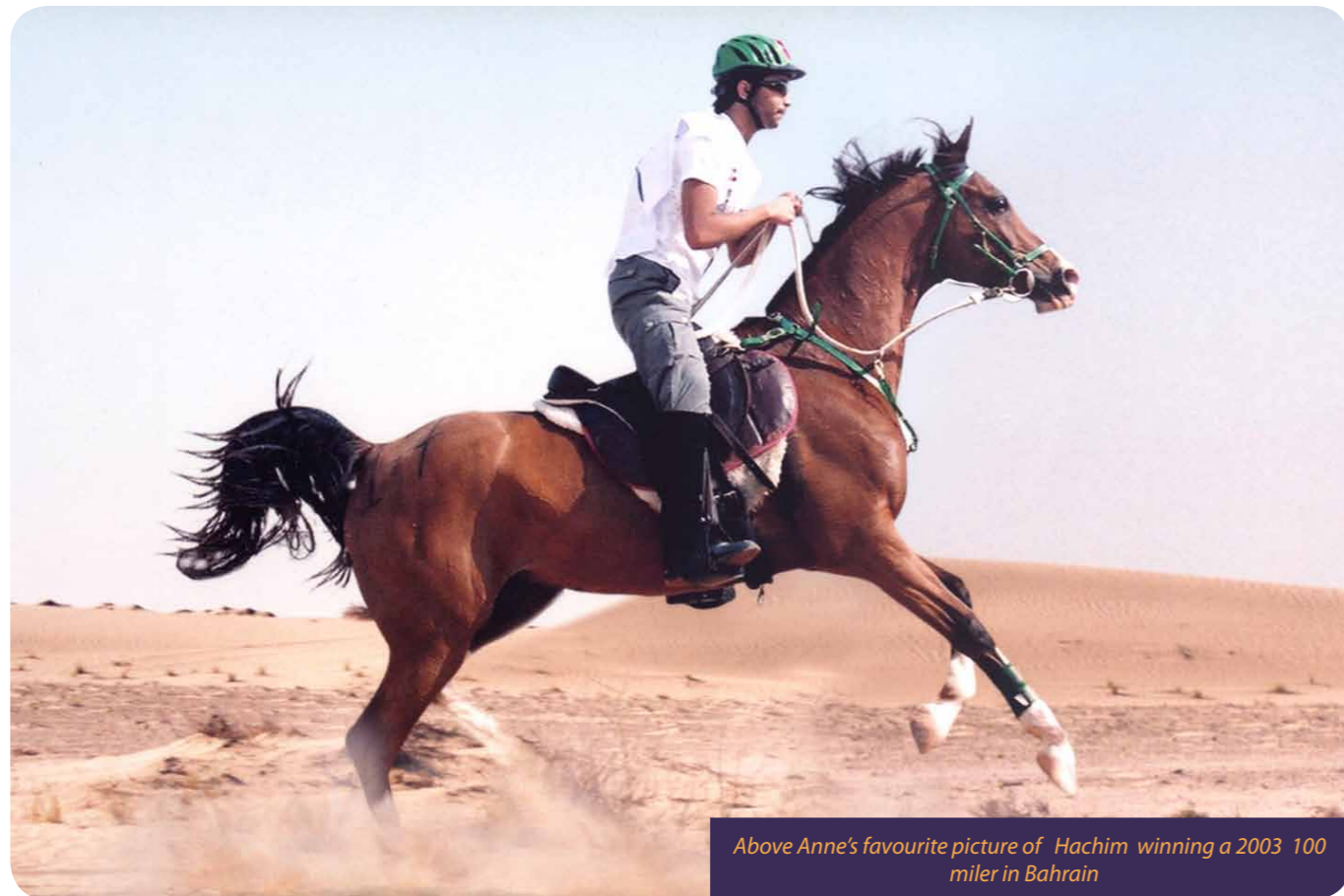
Top right Palma Benay & her filly Palmyra by Klinta Sultan

*Bottom left Anne with *Magic Domino AHS +++// during a visit to the USA for Domino's Living legend presentation*

Bottom right AHS President Marlyn Paollard and PPS Chairman Diana Whittome with Binley Prince Salim with Susan Hawes riding him at the National Arabian Show Malvern July 2011

Left Anne and her favourite mare Silver Aura, Ben Rabba x Silver Sheen Photo credit Peter Orme





Above Anne's favourite picture of Hachim winning a 2003 100 miler in Bahrain

2003 100-mile Championship in Bahrain and the 2005 World Endurance Championship in Dubai in the world record time of 100 miles (160kms) in 7 hours 2 minutes, brilliantly ridden by HH Sheikh Hazza bin Sultan al Nahyan. This result was controversially overturned two years later! One of the Crabbet daughters we bred from Hachim, **Magic Sheen** out of Crystal Sheen (Crystal Magician x Silver Sheen), has joined her sire at W'san Stables and 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.



Magic Sheen, Hachim/Crystal Sheen, now in Abu Dhabi

I have been fortunate to be associated with three more outstanding stallions: The stylish dapple grey **Silvern Sceptre** (Silvern Idyll x Silver Cirlet by **Bright Crown**) a gift from Jean and David Peck when they emigrated to the States in the late 1990s – he has sired so many winners under saddle, including the first-ever British World Arab Horse trophy winner for the UK **PHA Silvern Risalm**, owned by Tiffani Stewart;

Remington Steele, the 300-mile and Tevis Buckle-winning "Living Legend" and WAHO winner whom I



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)

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 1987, 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).



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

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 **Rhapsody in Blue** (by Shaded Silver x Summertime 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 a dainty chestnut/grey filly Palmyra (*the front cover girl*) in June by the 2011 Crabbet stallion Champion **Klinta Sultan**. He carries Crabbet lines now very rare in the UK and Palmyra is his only foal to date.

Gadebrook foals are handled and socialised from birth and love meeting the dozens of visitors from all over the world who come to the stud 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. I attend the WAHO conferences (Syria, Oman and Qatar), am on the Council of the



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



Silver Sunbeam

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.

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 Scawen and Lady Anne 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 🐾



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



*Alexia Ross
Photo 2011*

*Pure Crabbet stallion Klinta Sultan sire of Palma Benay's 2011 foal
Photo credit Alexia Ross*



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



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Top Arab race horse and AHS Premium racing sire Sambist is the senior stallion at Gadebrook Photo credit Judith Ratcliff

Centre Sambist yearling fillies Wahiba (chestnut), Samska (grey)+ Kallista (bay) at Gadebrook May 2011

Below 6-year old Rhapsody in Blue, owned and bred by Gadebrook - 100% Crabbet by Shaded Silver x Summertime Blues by Indian Idyll

