

Cranford
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Season Update

What's New?

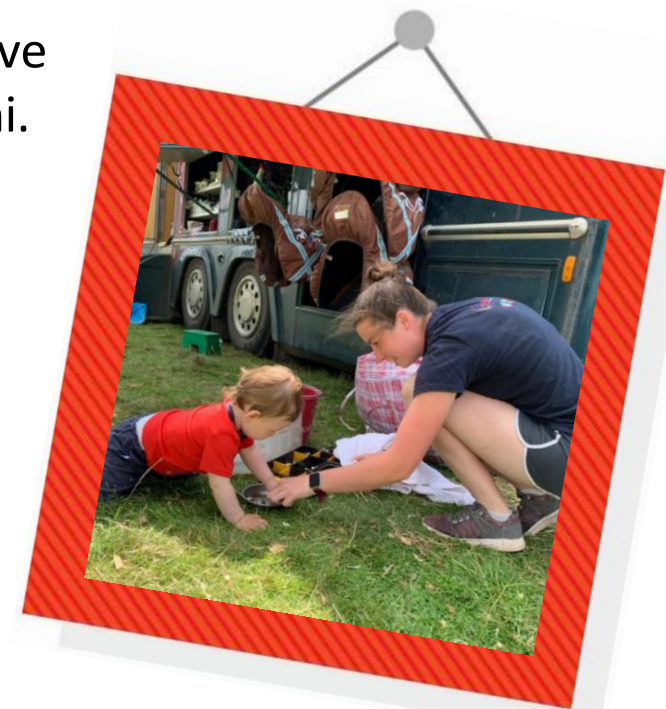
Since our last update we've been busy competing at Keysoe, Tweseldown, Upton House, Dauntsey, Aston Le Walls, Burgham, Homme House, Hartpury, West Wilts and Somerford Park!

Susan Osborne-Allen's Penhill's Snap Dragon and Tissy Sievwright's Kimbal have joined the team, both enjoying wins in their first couple of runs with Giovanni.

We waved goodbye to several horses over the last few weeks. Cleonice Attolico's Stonehaven's Karaba has made the move to Italy and Kathryn's Muskoka and Pokerface have gone to new homes. We will miss each of their friendly faces on the yard and wish their new riders the best of luck with them.

Finn is now walking and loves coming to events to cheer on Mummy and Daddy. He is proving to be quite the groom in training, pictured here assisting Sophie with the days studs choices!

On a less positive note, Kathryn suffered a freak fall at Aston Le Walls at the end of July, breaking her jaw and bringing her season to an abrupt end. Being on the sidelines is always frustrating but thankfully Giovanni has had some great rides on Cloud K, No Rush One and Big Freckles as stand-in jockey.



Recent events...

Swirly Temptress

Swirly finished 3rd in the Open Novice at Dauntsey Park - a lovely dressage test followed by a steady double clear. Burgham CCI4*S was next on her event plan, and she was a star in the dressage again. Gio took her slowly across the country this time for an educational run round a bigger track. At Hartpury, she finished 6th in a hotly contested CCI3*L. After posting one of the leading dressage scores (25.8), a couple of rails down in the show jumping proved expensive – but still a great result. She has really impressed us at these past events and we are looking forward to the coming weeks with her. We have her entered in the CCI4*S 8/9 YO at Blenheim so everything crossed we are accepted and she continues her brilliant form.



Criscade Del Pavarino

Cris finished 4th in an Intermediate section at Keyose, his best result to date. A costly rail kept him out of the placings at Upton House a couple of weekends later. The trip to Burgham sadly wasn't as successful as a lack of steering gave Giovanni good reason to pull up and save him for another day. This proved a good call as they had a much better run in the Intermediate at Somerford, finishing just outside the top ten. He will head to Pontispool next for another Intermediate run.

Penhills Snap Dragon

Brandy and Gio got their competitive partnership off to a fantastic start at Dauntsey Park, posting a 23 dressage and steady double clear to finish second in a Novice section. The handbrake came off a couple of weeks later in another Novice section, this time at Homme House, to take the win!

Duke of Champion

Pluto is still slowly coming back into work. It's frustrating not to have him competing in some of the big classes this year but everything is moving in the right direction for him to start the 2022 season on great form.

Headleys Deluxe

Ralph had a very unusual two poles down at Keysoe in the Novice, but went on to Dauntsey Park in fine style – finishing 3rd with a 23.5 dressage score and some planned time penalties to set him up with confidence before his first CCI2*S at Burgham the following week, where his attitude and behaviour for a young stallion was impeccable! He had a green moment across the country which put a bit of a dampner on the result as he yet again did a smart test and lovely show jumping round. We know there is a big future ahead of him and look forward to his next run International run at Cornbury in a few weeks' time.



Kimbal

Milo really impressed us at his first ever event with a 27.5 dressage test, followed by a confident double clear to win his BE100 section! He did another smart test at West Wits, but an unfortunate rail dropped him down the order to finish 10th. We're excited to see if he continues his great form in the BE100 sections at Sapey and Moreton Morell in the coming weeks.

Redbarn Cool Striker

Striker started his eventing career at Farley Hall, having an educational run around the BE100. He tried very hard in his dressage test to score a respectable 34.3, but had a few rails down in the showjumping. He jumped confidently round the cross country course and we are very much looking forward to seeing him progress at his next runs at Sapey and then Moreton Morell.

Alvescot Flash The Cash

Cash is enjoying his education and has been progressing well. He has been out cross country schooling in preparation for his first event at Moreton Morell, in the BE90 Open.

No Rush One

Rio had a nice steady run in the CCI3*S at Burgham with Giovanni taking the reins for the first time, following Kathryn's fall at Aston Le Walls. At Somerford Park, the pair impressed in the dressage arena to score 24.3, and despite a rail down in the show jumping and a smidge of time across the country, went on to win their Intermediate section! Rio will go to Cornbury next for another Intermediate run.



Big Freckles

Freckles and Kathryn took the runner up spot at Keysoe in the Novice, adding 2.4 cross country time penalties to their 27.0 dressage score. He then headed to Daunstsey Park to contest another Novice section, this time finishing 5th after another smart dressage test and double clear jumping rounds, with some planned time penalties. Giovanni stepped in to ride Freckles in his first International at Burgham after Kathryn's fall the previous weekend and they added just 0.4 of a cross country time penalty to their 27.2 dressage score to finish 5th in CCI2*S. Freckles will now head out to the USA to join his owner Lucienne Elms. He has been a pleasure to produce and we will miss him greatly!



Cloud K

Biscuit jumped a super speedy double clear to win his Intermediate section on 28.9 at Burgham - his first run with stand-in jockey Gio. They then went to Hartpury for Biscuit's first CCI4*S and it is difficult to put into words quite how awesome he was all week, jumping double clear with some planned time. He really has proved what an exciting horse he is for the future this season and, like Swirly, we have entered him in the 8/9YO class at Blenheim. He will have another Intermediate run in preparation at Cornbury House.



What's coming up?

The next couple of months will see us at Sapey, Cornbury House, West Wilts, Blenheim, Pontispool and Moreton Morell.

As always, a huge thanks must go to our fantastic owners, sponsors, yard and support team - without whom none of this would be possible.

We hope the next set of events prove to be as succesful as the last few and we can enjoy some days in the sunshine with you all.

All the best 'til next time,
Team Cranford Stud Eventing

