

HORSE PLAY

Just for the fun of it

►►Googling a runner

Woody Creek 1.45 Curragh

A census-designated place and a US Post Office located in Pitkin County, Colorado. Situated in the valley of Roaring Fork River, Woody Creek was the residence of noted author Hunter S Thompson for much of his life and at the time of his death. It has also been the home of several other celebrities and musicians including the late broadcaster Ed Bradley.



►►Easy as 1-2-3

1 Name the only horse to have won the Lennox Stakes twice. He won back-to-back runnings in 2002 and 2003.

2 Which trainer won the Lennox Stakes in 2010 with Lord Shanakill?

3 Who rode last year's Lennox Stakes winner Breton Rock, who scored for trainer David Simcock?

►►A gambler's life

'Eat your betting money but don't bet your eating money'

Anon

►►Word search

J K L C O I G V E
A F C L N M J K G
L D X I A N I I U
A S M V H B M N K
N N P E C J I G S
W E W D I B E S L
A O I E R G M C E
D K P N Y J O L D
E U H N S G N E K
S D S E C U R R V
A B I B L S A E A
L A N O I T A N D

Find the names of four studs in Britain
(Names can appear vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backwards or forwards)

►►All mixed up

Rearrange the letters to reveal the name of Aidan O'Brien's 2016 King George VI winner, ridden by Ryan Moore
Hi Gander Hell (8,4)

►►All answers on page 8

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YESTERDAY AT NEWBURY

Ginger Nut seals sweet success for Hannon

►►Result Weatherbys Super Sprint Stakes 5f

1 Ginger Nut 16-1
2 Moojim 50-1
3 Kinks 9-2jf
4 On The Stage 25-1
5 Cookupastorm 20-1
6 Snazzy 16-1

Owner Jenny Powell

Trainer Richard Hannon

Jockey Harry Bentley

Groom Babu Singh

Breeder Tiger Bloodstock

Distances nk, ½l, nk, hd, 1l

James Burn
reports



THE Weatherbys Super Sprint has been about one Richard in recent years, but the name most synonymous with winning it was back celebrating as Ginger Nut provided the Richard Hannon yard with its ninth triumph in the valuable dash.

Richard Fahey, who has saddled the Super Sprint winner three times in the last five years, again threw all but the kitchen sink at the £250,000 prize with six runners, but the feature race on a sun-drenched day in Berkshire was not heading to North Yorkshire. It was staying much closer to home.

Ridden by Harry Bentley, Ginger Nut was held up and made headway two furlongs out, but did not enjoy the best of runs – which is hardly a surprise when 25 jockeys were vying for their slice of the £122,925 first prize.

However, the 16-1 winner then quickened nicely to deny 50-1 chance Moojim, with 9-2 joint-favourite Kinks third.

For Hannon, it was a second victory in the race after Tiggy Wiggy in 2014, to go along with the seven successes his father Richard snr enjoyed when he was at the controls.

"When we bought her, she didn't have an owner and Chris and Jenny Powell



Ginger Nut and Harry Bentley (far side) edge ahead of Moojim and Graham Lee to win the Super Sprint

came in and we thought she'd be ideal for the Super Sprint," said Hannon. "I said I'd have a quarter, but then it turned into a half!

"It's great for them. They're good investors and good people and that's who this race is for.

"They've got their payday and a lovely filly, who won well."

The Super Sprint is for horses who cost less than £60,000 at certain sales, and the cheaper they are the less weight they carry.

At £23,000 – spotted by chief Hannon

talent scouts Peter and Ross Doyle – Ginger Nut looks money well spent.

"It's a lovely day," added the winning trainer, taking a trip down memory lane. "My dad won this race 65 million times, which I get bored of listening to, then I won it with Tiggy Wiggy and now with this filly, who was a lovely, cheap buy.

"She's a lovely filly who has improved all the way. I was gutted the first couple of times she got beat, but we've just tucked her in a bit and that seems to suit her. Whether she's Listed class or not I

don't know, but she's had her day in the sun."

The Hannon stable is now home to bluebloods costing all sorts, but its leader still gets a kick from turning bargain buys into moneyspinners.

"These type of horses are great, although they don't tend to turn into the Classic horses for next year, but they're cheap and affordable and have their place in the business, which is massively important and we've always thrived on that," explained Hannon.

"We've never disregarded that and we've always tried to keep it going, but at the same time you need a bit of everything, cheap two-year-olds, expensive ones, horses and have their races.

"I do look at the auction races now and think I've got only five who are qualified and you need ten or 15.

"We still have all of those owners who won with dad and they love it and this is their market and what this race is all about. It's great it's continued."

A sentiment, it seems, no-one named Richard will disagree with.

Gee whizz! There's no hiding delight for ecstatic Powells

A GORGEOUS summer day, chart-topper Craig David due to belt out a few hits after racing and the small matter of pocketing the £122,925 first prize for winning the Weatherbys Super Sprint – why wouldn't you be smiling?

It's no wonder Ginger Nut's owners Jenny and Christopher Powell are grinning like the proverbial after seeing their Richard Hannon-trained chestnut strike gold.

"It's a huge thrill," says Jenny Powell. "She was long odds this morning, but we never bet – we gamble owning horses!

"We started with jumpers with Nigel Twiston-Davies, who was our first trainer.

"We had Gaelstrom, who was a very

good jumper for us and won the old Sun Alliance Hurdle."

Asked where Ginger Nut's victory ranks on the satisfaction scale, Powell, noting the presence of Nick Craven, communications manager at race sponsors Weatherbys, jokes: "It's very, very big and important!"

The Powells, based in Broadway in Worcestershire, have horses with Charlie Hills, Sylvester Kirk, Archie Watson and Hannon on the Flat, and it was a similar heat to the Super Sprint that sealed the deal in that code.

"Our very first Flat horse Goggles won a big sales race at Doncaster and that kind of kicked things off for properly for us on the Flat," adds Powell, whose husband explains a pattern you might have noticed.

"The first horse we ever bought came from Ben Hanbury and she was called Gulsha," he says. "She won first time out – over hurdles at Wolverhampton, it was that long ago – and Nigel said we've got to run her again in a few days and she won again at Exeter, so we decided G was the lucky letter."

Continuing the theme, Jenny Powell recalls: "Then we bought a horse by Strong Gale out of Armonit and we were thinking Strong Arm was not a good name for a filly, so we came up with Gaelstrom, as in maelstrom, and she was a good horse, and then we had Gospel, who held a course record at Cheltenham for probably 15 years."

James Burn

SUPER STARS

The Hannon yard's Super Sprint wins

Year	Winner	SP
1992	Lyric Fantasy	2-5f
1993	Risky	8-11f
1996	Miss Stamper	14-1
2002	Presto Vento	6-1
2003	If Paradise	14-1
2005	Lady Livius	100-1
2009	Monsieur Chevalier	2-1f
2014	Tiggy Wiggy	5-2f
2018	Ginger Nut	16-1

First seven Richard snr, last two Richard jnr