



KENNET VALLEY SYNDICATES

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THE SEASON SO FAR

As the Flat season reaches its halfway point, it always feels like a good opportunity to reflect on what has already been a thoroughly encouraging campaign.

For a syndicate of our size, the aim is always to punch above our weight, and this year's team has definitely followed the brief! Remarkably, only two of our six two-year-olds have made it to the racecourse so far, and both are already winners.

Night In Vegas, better known as 'Elvis' to his owners, made an immediate impression with victories at Ascot and Goodwood before taking his chance in the Group 2 Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot. Finishing fifth against some of the best juveniles around, was a performance full of promise and a memorable day for everyone involved.

Persazz also made the perfect start,

winning on debut at Ripon before unfortunately suffering an injury at Ascot that required surgery. Thankfully, the operation went smoothly and he is now back at Rathmoy, where his rehabilitation is progressing well.

There is still plenty to look forward to from this year's juvenile team. **All Angels** has continued to sparkle and now holds her first entries, while **Perfectly Tuned** and **Battleworthy** have both overcome minor stress fractures that interrupted their progress earlier in the year. All being well, they will both make their debuts before the season is out. **High Summer** continues to develop nicely with Harry Charlton and remains an exciting long-term prospect.

Our three-year-olds have also enjoyed their moments. **Comic Hero** got us off the

mark at Kempton in February, while **Golden Brown** – or 'Gordon' to his owners – has continued his progression. After finding the highly impressive Behike too good on his seasonal return, he gained a deserved first success at Salisbury in front of a large group of delighted owners.

Last year's pin-up, **Calendar Girl**, has endured a stop-start campaign but remains a filly we think highly of, and we're looking forward to seeing her back on the track in the coming weeks. **Raise The Stakes** returned after a frustrating winter with a pair of placed efforts before heading to the Horses in Training Sale.

Dragon Leader has spent much of the season knocking firmly on the door. He came agonisingly close to completing an across-the-card double on the same afternoon that Night In Vegas made his scintillating debut, before a couple of minor setbacks briefly interrupted his progress. We're hopeful there are still plenty of rewarding days ahead. **Conscript**, meanwhile, has endured another frustrating spell on the sidelines, but patience remains the key and we look forward to seeing him back when the time is right.

While success on the racecourse is always the ambition, it is only one part of the ownership experience we strive to provide. Our mornings on the gallops have once again proved hugely popular, giving owners the chance to see their horses at home, spend time with their trainers and meet the stable

staff who care for them every day. We have also enjoyed memorable trips to the Craven Meeting in Newmarket, Royal Ascot and Chantilly for the French Guineas, sharing some fantastic racing and great company along the way.

With several horses still to make their debuts and others set to return in the months ahead, there is every reason to be optimistic about the second half of the season. Winners will always make the headlines, but they are only one part of the story. It is the friendships that are formed, the shared experiences and the memories made along the way that continue to make Kennet Valley so special. We hope the first half of the season has been every bit as enjoyable for you as it has been for us, and we look forward to sharing many more memorable days together over the months ahead.

PERSAZZ sparkles on debut up at Ripon

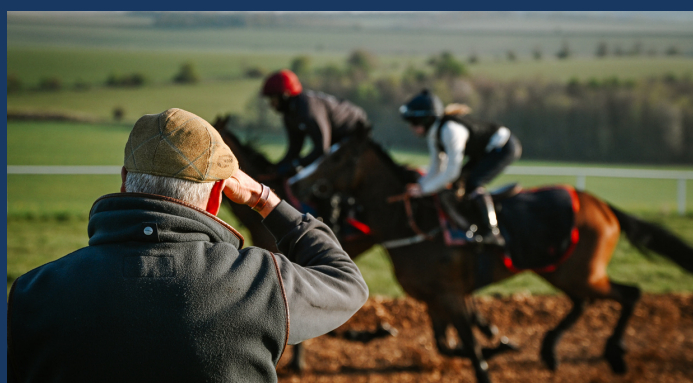
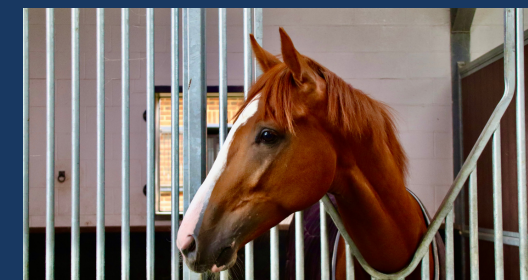


NIGHT IN VEGAS's delighted owners at Goodwood



Out & About with the Kennet Valley camera

2026 Spring Stable Visits



News from the Vineyards

By Mark Darley of All Angels

We've a new idea to share with the Professional Jockeys Association. If a jockey needs to lose weight for a race, rather than visit a sauna, come and work in the vineyards in summer! I's been blistering out there with temperatures up to 39.1c (that's 102f in old money). The vines love it and they've grown so quickly that I think we are a good 2 – 3 weeks ahead of even last year, which meant we were a good 2 – 3 weeks behind in work.

Finally, we've caught up after weeks of continuous and heavy effort, typically with 5:30am starts. Although each vine transpires at least 5 L of water per day, we never have to water as their complex root systems give them access to many more times that amount of water even in hot summers such as this.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Pre-Ascot evening in June and great fun listening to Eve, Ed and Owen give their thoughts on the five days. We're very much looking forward to seeing you again on Friday 18th September and hopefully I'll be seeing the syndicate members when All Angels makes her long anticipated (and imminent, Ed?) debut on the track.

I'm delighted to say we've been having great success with All Angels the wine recently with two gold medals in the last month for our Classic Cuvée 2019 (DB Global Sparkling Masters and WineGB 2026) – it does make the early morning and late nights worth the effort.



We released our 2019 Vintage Sparkling Rosé (pictured above) at the end of June with a surprisingly pink label (I didn't double check) which will certainly make it stand out! Jancis Robinson's team has already reviewed it and rated it as highly as the Classic Cuvée 2019:

"My immediate reaction to this wine was an ear-to-ear grin. It's so damn delicious. It's a cavalcade of red cherries, cranberries, redcurrants and raspberries marching to the drum of popping pan-crackled cumin, caraway, anise... The fizz is bright jazzy. The acidity is bright jazzy. It's a wine with its whole heart out there, 'Drink me!' on its sleeve. But it's also good in a serious, complex way."

Don't forget to use your KVS discount voucher if you'd like to try some...

See you all soon,
Mark

KENNET VALLEY & ALL ANGELS EVENT DATES

Join us for an immersive tour and tasting experience - walk among the vines, hear the story behind the wines, and savour every sip;

Friday 19th September - Brunch at All Angels before racing at Newbury

Please get in touch if you would like to attend - racing@kvsyndicates.com

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Beyond the Finish Line – Giving Racehorses the Future They Deserve

Earlier this year, we had the pleasure of visiting The Racehorse Sanctuary to see first-hand the incredible work they do retraining and rehoming former racehorses. Their dedication to giving every horse the opportunity to thrive in a second career is something we greatly admire and perfectly reflects our own commitment to life after racing.

We are delighted to support the Sanctuary and, this year, two former Kennet Valley stars have begun their next chapter there. Dual Identity was the first to arrive and, during our visit, it was wonderful to see him settled and flourishing in his new routine. Since then, Equality has also joined the Sanctuary to begin his own retraining journey.

Speaking about Dual Identity, Catherine from The Racehorse Sanctuary said: "He enjoyed a few months' holiday before beginning his new career and, thanks to his kind nature and previous education, he flourished."



When Janet (pictured with Dual Identity above) visited him, she completely fell in love and is now his keeper. She has the perfect set-up at home and we are excited to see them enjoy plenty of fun outings together."

One of the things that impressed us most was the Sanctuary's lifelong commitment to every horse. As Catherine explains: "We never sell our horses – they always remain under our ownership, so if a keeper's circumstances change, the horse always has a safe place to come back to."

Equality (inset) has settled in just as well. Catherine told us: "He has not put a foot wrong, moves beautifully and really enjoys his schooling. Rehoming is at the heart of what we do and we work hard to find the right match for every horse, ensuring they have a safe and happy future with their new keeper. We are very proud to have been chosen by Kennet Valley Syndicates to care for these beautiful horses."



If you would like to learn more about the Sanctuary's work, their Annual Open Day will take place at their Pulborough yard in West Sussex on Saturday 5th September 2026. It is a fantastic opportunity to meet the horses, see the retraining programme in action and discover how the team gives retired racehorses a second chance.

If you are unable to attend, please consider supporting The Racehorse Sanctuary with a donation. As an independent charity, every donation helps fund the rehabilitation, retraining and lifelong care of former racehorses, ensuring more horses like Dual Identity and Equality can enjoy safe, happy and fulfilling lives beyond racing. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a genuine difference.

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Capturing the KVS Journey

By Chris Andrews

Chris and Ginger Andrews have run a photographic and publishing business in Oxford for over 40 years. Chris photographs, Ginger describes herself as 'general dog's body' and does many other roles!

They have always had an interest in the horse racing world, in part influenced by Ginger's late father who sponsored races at Wincanton, near the family home.

A visit to William Knight's then stables in Angmering (organised by the Stationers' Livery Company) caused all this to gel as Peter Winkworth gently let it be known that syndicate ownership of a horse was 'possible' and a small share in a promising yearling was agreed. Sir Busker proved to be a remarkable introduction and took them all over the world, Chris particularly enjoying the change from photographing landscape and architecture for work, to horses and the racing world for fun. His pictures have appeared in many KVS communications.



Recently they have been experimenting with how the new technology of AI can create an interesting, developed image (inserted to the right)

The business produces commissioned work with Oxford colleges, stately homes, churches and retailers. Chris has published books showing England as well as Belfast, South Africa, the Falklands and even upped sticks for year and lived as a family on an island (Sark – which included getting to know Carl Hester), but as Chris says "nothing beats the thrill of seeing Sir Busker lead a 1:2 home at York for William Knight and KVS. All power to the team!"





A New Chapter at Kennet Valley

By Arthur Owen

I've recently started my role with Kennet Valley after spending the last five years working for Tom Dascombe.

My journey with horses began at a young age through hunting and Pony Club before I eventually decided it might actually be a sensible career choice. My first job was with Jo Hughes and Paul Blockey in Lambourn back in 2013, where I decided I wanted to learn how to ride racehorses. After six months, I'd mastered the art of falling off and being run away with—valuable skills, if not the ones I was aiming for.

After three years at Oxford Brookes University, I spent time at Mickley Stud in Shropshire, close to home. That experience helped me secure a place on the Irish National Stud course, where I met some incredible people and really broadened my knowledge of both the racing and breeding industries.

From there, I headed to the other side of the world to work for Segenhoe Stud in Scone, Australia, completing a breeding season followed by a yearling preparation. I even managed to time my return perfectly—just in time to watch Liverpool win the Champions League final.

My next stop was Newmarket, where I spent a year and a half at the boutique operation Hazelwood Bloodstock. Despite its size, the stud consistently punches well above its weight and enjoyed tremendous success in the sales ring during my time there.



I then moved back home to Wrexham—before everyone suddenly discovered where it was—and started working for Tom Dascombe. I had an incredible five years with Tom, first in Cheshire and then back down in Lambourn. In many ways, I've come full circle, returning to the place where my racing career began. Lambourn is a fantastic place to live and an even better place to train racehorses.

I'm thoroughly looking forward to this new chapter with Kennet Valley and to meeting syndicate members at the various events throughout the season.

I was fortunate to represent Kennet Valley almost immediately, heading to Royal Ascot with Night In Vegas for the Group 2 Coventry Stakes. He ran a tremendous race to finish fifth against some of the best juveniles around, which was a fantastic way to begin.

Two days later, I found myself making the long drive north to Ripon to watch Persazz win on debut. It's certainly been an exciting start to life with Kennet Valley—and hopefully it's only the beginning.

NEW SYNDICATES FOR 2026



We are pleased to announce that, once again, we will be launching our 2026 syndicates very soon, coinciding with Glorious Goodwood. Details of our trainer line-up and an exclusive preview of our upcoming syndicate offerings will be shared shortly - you won't want to miss out...

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