



ABOUT WEST KINGTON STUD

Photo: Kit Houghton

West Kington Stud and Stallion Centre is located 10 miles north of Bath and 4 miles south of Badminton in North Wiltshire and is owned by Tim and Jane Holderness-Roddam.

Set within 1,000 acres of farmland in the beautiful Cotswold countryside, but within easy reach of the M4 motorway, West Kington Stud is ideally situated to offer a first class service to clients.



The Stud and Stallion Centre aim to provide quality service and products, and we are committed to achieving this through employing top quality staff, up-to-date training programmes and the use of appropriate technology. We also have several home-bred youngsters for sale, who have been well handled from birth.

THE STUD TEAM

Jane Holderness-Roddam

Jane was the first British woman to compete in the Olympic Three-Day Event, winning a Team Gold in Mexico 1968. Jane has ridden, judged, instructed and competed in many countries around the world in a variety of equestrian disciplines, from showing to eventing. She has been successfully involved in breeding horses for many years and has a wealth of knowledge and experience. She is Council Chairman of the British Equestrian Federation (BEF); President of The Fortune Centre of Riding Therapy, BETA (British Equestrian Trade Association), British Eventing and the Caspian Horse Society; and a Trustee of World Horse Welfare (formerly ILPH); and Director of the National Equine Database (NED). Jane is a BE Steward and Accredited Trainer, FEI Technical Delegate and Judge, and author of over 25 equestrian books.

Tessa Clarke – Stud Manager

Tessa started her career as an eventing student at Wylde and then went to Catherston Stud in 1980, where she helped pioneer AI in the UK with Jennie Loriston Clarke and gained her NPS Diploma. She obtained an MBA in General Business Management before joining West Kington Stud. Tessa is currently on the BEF Breeding Strategy Working Party and has been instrumental, in conjunction with Tim and Jane H-R and Martin Boyle, in building up the Stud and Stallion Centre over the last 18 years.

Kate Raynor – Assistant to the Stud Manager

Kate joined us in 2006 and has been involved in all aspects of the Stud and Stallion Centre, handling and caring for the stallions, mares and foals. Prior to coming to West Kington Stud, she trained at Catherston Stud and worked as an Instructor at Lucknam Park Equestrian. In her spare time, Kate events her own horses and continues to teach at Pony Club and elsewhere.

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Willesley Equine Clinic

Our Stud Vets, Willesley Equine Clinic, have many years' experience specialising in equine breeding and fertility through Chris Shepherd, Pete Ravenhill and Katherine Hemson. They offer competitive breeding packages to mare owners, details of which are enclosed in the Stud Pack.

WEST KINGTON STUD STALLION CENTRE (WKSSC)

In addition to the Stud, we also run the internationally renowned, DEFRA-approved Stallion Centre, collecting, freezing and storing semen from a variety of different breeds and types of horses and ponies from around the world. WKSSC is run in consultation with Martin Boyle MRCVS, who is one of the world's leading experts in freezing stallion semen. In 2005, he was joined at WKSSC by Chris Shepherd MRCVS of Willesley Equine Clinic.

The Centre is producing frozen semen from the "Best of British" stallions from all disciplines for national and international use. Currently available is frozen semen from over 500 stallions, including many rare breeds.

Martin Boyle MRCVS

Martin was senior vet at the TBA Equine Fertility Unit specialising in stallion reproduction work at Newmarket until 1990. In 1992, he set up his own company, Stallion Reproduction Services, specialising in collecting and freezing equine semen. Since 1996, he has supervised the West Kington Stud Stallion Centre and has collected frozen semen from over 900 stallions, both nationally and abroad.

Sarah Pym

Sarah trained at University of Bristol, Langford, as a small animal veterinary nurse before going on to work with horses and gain her BHSAI at Lucknam Park Equestrian. After five years teaching at Sparsholt College, she joined WKS in 2010 and works with the stallions, mares and foals.

Harry Thirlby

Harry joined WKS in September 2010, having completed an IT apprenticeship. His great interest in all aspects of stud work, particularly the care and handling of stallions and foaling down mares, has led to him becoming an experienced and highly valued member of the team. He spends much of his spare time researching the bloodlines of the Caspian Horse in the UK and around the world.

Alexander Peternell

Originally from South Africa, Alex is a 4-star international event rider who also competes in show jumping and dressage. He assists with the handling of the stallions during coverings and AI collections.