

SILVER SATYR
By Caroline Sussex (2008)

Silver Satyr has died at the age of 27. This beautiful white stallion, lived all his life at Birkrigg Park where he was born in 1980. He was the culmination of 15 years of breeding pure bred by Liz Titterington and her father, Mr. Norman Jackson. Silver Satyr was a grandson of the world famous Indian Magic son, Indian Silver. Indian Silver by Indian Magic out of Dalika, is of course the base of the famous Maxwell Aliha family.

Silver Satyr is by Silver Chastindi out of Shamasque. Silver Chastindi is out of Silver Perle who was by General Grant out Indira, a Silver Vanity daughter. His pedigree contains much of the Silver family on his sire side as Indian Silver was out of the lovely Silver Gilt daughter, Dalika. His dam was by Bey Shadow (Bright Shadow x Farette), a spectacular moving mare who produced so well, most famously for Carmargue.

When an important horse is born, excitement rises in the yard and it was felt that this colt foal had special qualities. He had the looks, conformation, movement and character. His in hand career was not meteoric but in Liz Titterington's words "as always spectacular when he and Bill Gore got together!"

However it was under saddle that he rose to the occasion. At four years old, he visited Liz's sister, Caroline Whitaker and Janet Chadwick who were to produce him under saddle. His first season was eventful but at the end of the year, he got used to his new role and won championship of the show at a local riding club. Therefore in 1985, Silver Satyr started winning in earnest under saddle, taking Champion at Three Counties and AHS Northern Show at Haydock Park. That year he won the ridden stallion class but was beaten in the championship by the flaboyuant style of Bright Dancer. He had days when he did not behave and made sure the judge saw! He never extended at canter, nothing less than a flat out gallop would do! Frances Atkinson judged him at Haydock and has never forgotten the wonderful ride he gave her.

Silver Satyr's big year was 1986. He won classes at Leicester, Stafford, Royal Lancashire, Midland Counties and Haydock Park. Knowing that Satyr could win "if he behaved" created nerves for his team but that day he won his class and it was all on the Championship. Bright Dancer bucked at the gallop and Silver Satyr rose to the occasion, galloping around the arena which fortunately came to a walk with no histionics and took the Ridden Arab Championship followed by the Supreme Ridden of the Show and became British National Ridden Champion 2006.

In 2002, he came out of retirement and featured in the opening ceremony in the group of ridden grey stallions at the Crabbet Convention at Merrist Wood in Guildford. He was then presented under saddle and in hand in the Indian Magic Group.

More recently it is his daughters, Silver Lil and Silver Tiffany who are setting the pace for his progeny under saddle. Since 2005, these two mares have qualified and competed at the Horse of the Year Show. In 2006, Silver Lil, owned in partnership by Chris Phillips and his rider Andrea Boyle won Ridden Mare of the Year, one of the highlights of a ridden career. With numerous championships and wins Silver Lil

qualified again in 2007 but is it not easy to win twice at HOYS in what was an exceptionally strong mare class. Silver Lil took a respectable 4th and Tiffany came 9th. Silver Lil is out of Lilac's Fantasy and bred by Mrs A Dixon whilst Silver Tiffany was bred by the Titteringtons out of their mare Bint Bint Kezarah. Silver Lil took second place in the ridden mares at the Crabbet Show at Belvoir Castle in 2007 and qualified for HOYS at HOCON.

Silver Satyr is badly missed at Birkrigg Park. A horse with a character who will always be remembered as "the Grand Old Man" 12th July, 1986 was the Silver Satyr's special day and one the Titterington's will never forget.