

John and Grethe Wright

When Prestatyn started in the 1960's (which is where John developed his love of racing), John's dad bought a New Zealand mare to race and subsequently breed from. The first race that John saw however was not at Prestatyn but at the Royal Welsh Show when he was a very young boy.

Grethe (originating from Denmark) went to Lord Langford's as a Nanny. Lord Langford, Chairman of the United Kingdom Trotting Association soon bought horses to race. Grethe, always an animal fan, with a particular love of horses, got involved with the training and breaking of these horses. Later when stallions stood at Bodrhyddan she too became involved in stud work. In time, Grethe bought her first filly from JS Jones which she trained, drove and eventually bred from, later buying other mares to increase her breeding stock.

Kentucky Lace (purchased as a yearling from Lord Langford), was the first horse that John and Grethe bought, broke in and trained together. Having a few of their own breeding mares they leased the stallion Wayne Nunkeston, from Graham Brown, and later Hopping High. This was the start of Rhyds Stud. Having made a decision to improve the breeding, and to get some American bloodlines, they bought firstly, Coalford Magic (off Gary Maw), then CPR (the first mare from America), quickly followed by Keystone Matrimony (dam of Shady Romance) and Tonda Star. By now Rhyds Stud needed its own stallion, and picked out of the catalogue by his breeding, John and Grethe went to Harrisburg Sale to buy Hasty Hall, who needs no introduction.

Hasty Hall's first crop produced excellent young racehorses winning the Sire Stakes fillies, and having the first three home in the Sire Stakes colts division. He certainly put Rhyds Stud firmly on the map. In a career spanning from 2004-2021 he served 597 mares and for 8 of those years he was the most used stallion*. (*Figures courtesy of STAGBI).

More recently Rhyds Stud have used The One Night Pan and now See and Ski and are still producing prolific winners. Rhyds Stud you have played a pivotal role in breeding and now, rightly take up your place in the BHRC Hall of Fame for your contribution to our sport.

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