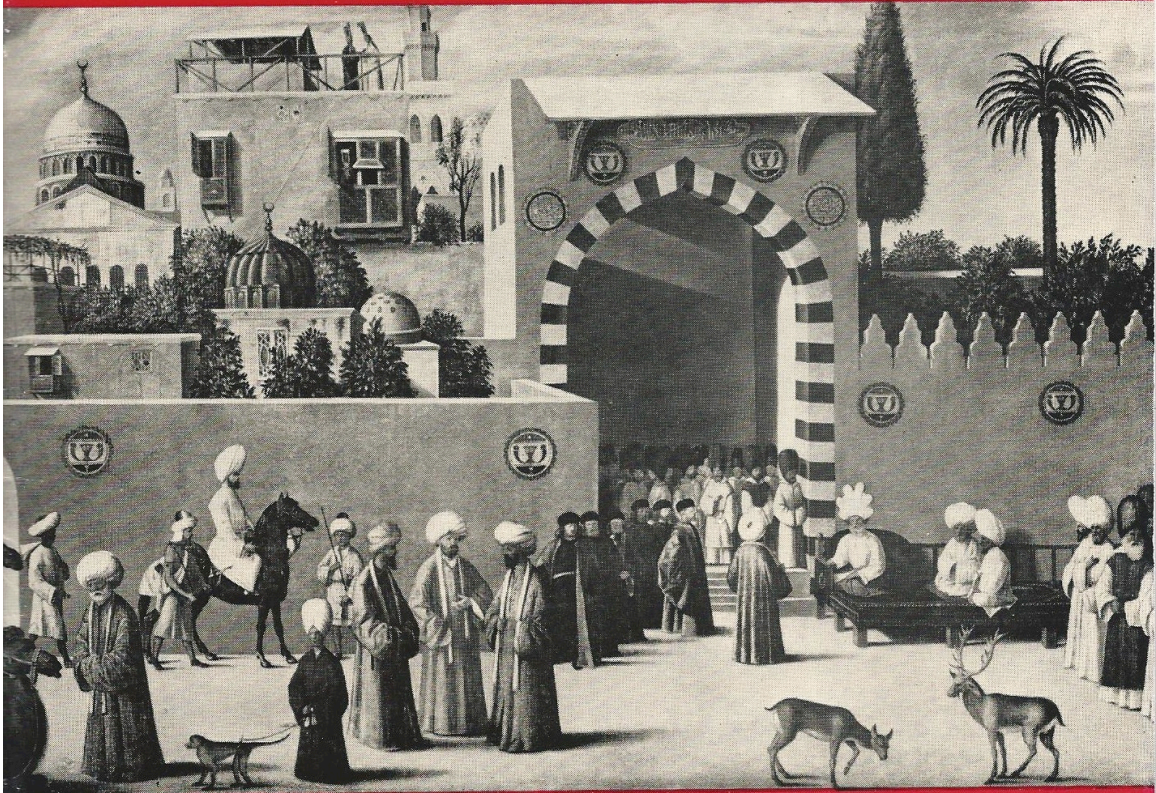


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## THE MOYNE ARABIAN STUD



### *at Biddesden House, near Andover*

THIS stud owes its origin to a visit my parents paid to Wherwell Priory in 1938. After lunch, Colonel Jenkins rode out his little grey stallion, RAFTAN, for them . . . they have been Arab enthusiasts ever since.

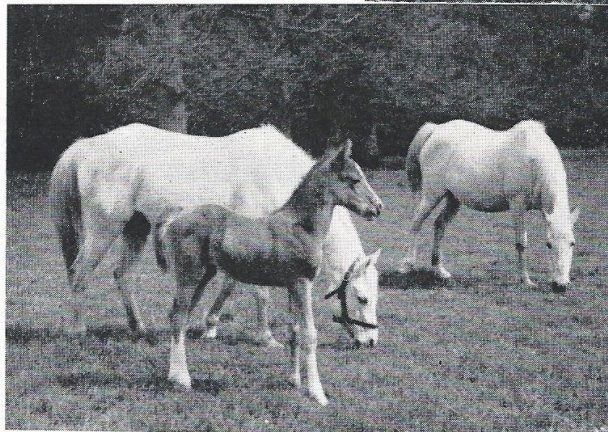
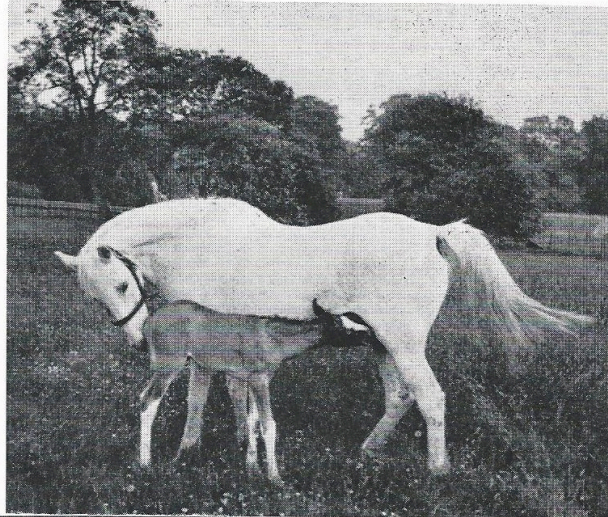
My parents soon visited Crabbet and bought their first mare, STARILLA, in February, 1939. STARILLA was a beautiful bay mare with an outstanding head and marvellous disposition. She would accompany my parents on picnics and lie down beside them on the grass. Her loss was keenly felt when she died from heart failure in 1943 when in foal to Mr. Ruxton's ALGOL. STARILLA was by World Champion RASEEM ((RASIM—RIM) out of STAR OF THE HILLS (RASWAN—SELIMA); she arrived from Crabbet with a RISSALIX colt at foot (which was sold) and was also in foal to Lady Wentworth's NAZIRI (SKOWRONEK—NASRA). The resulting foal was a colt, SALADIN II, who, at 23, is still with us and

active as a sire. SALADIN is NAZIRI'S only son, since although he was retained at Crabbet in preference to his full brother NASEEM (who went to Russia) NAZIRI was killed by a bomb when he had sired only five foals, Hanstead's SHAMNAR, Crabbet's NAZZIRIA, Mrs. Murray's RISIRA, our DAFINETTA and our SALADIN II.

My parents bought DAFINETTA from Lady Wentworth in 1939, when carrying a Rissalix colt. Her dam was DAFINA, the only mare of the Kehailet el Krushieh strain ever imported at that time—her Bedouin tribe had never exchanged a mare for money nor had one wrested from them in battle. DAFINA came to Crabbet after Weatherby's was reclosed, so that none of DAFINETTA'S seventeen offspring, the last of which was born in 1960, are in the General Stud Book. Thirteen of DAFINETTA'S foals were by SALADIN II and of her daughters we have retained her two



DAFINETTA with her last foal  
DERRINGER



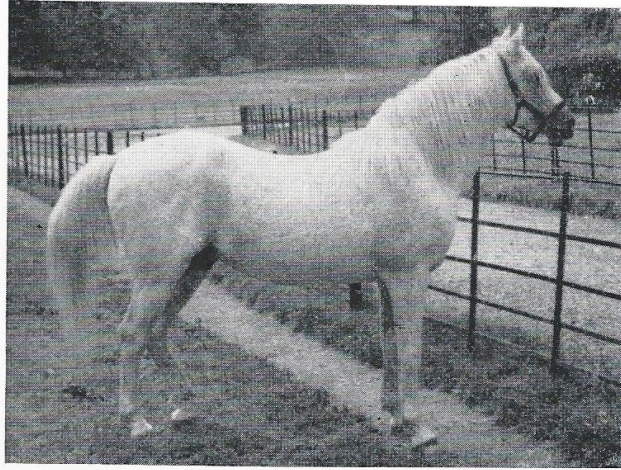
DOURAK with his dam DOONYAH.  
His grand dam DAFINETTA is in the  
background.



fillies by RAFTAN, DOONYAH and DURA, and two of hers by SALADIN, DAMASK ROSE and DARFIL. Her 1945 colt DUKHAN (by SALADIN) went to the late Mr. David Furze in Kenya and his 1959 brother, DAEDALUS went to Messrs. Wilson in South Australia, but her other offspring have been sold relatively locally. Her 1950 foal, DAPHNE, was carrying Mrs. Rogers to hounds in Shropshire when she gave her owner a fall at a fence. DAPHNE was carried on in the rush of horses

but as soon as she realised her owner's ill fortune she came whinnying back. DAFINETTA is too excitable for such demonstrative devotion—it must trace back to STARILLA! It is interesting to note that DAFINETTA and SALADIN who are both grey, have together produced both bay, chestnut and grey progeny. DOONYAH has produced nine foals for us, all by SALADIN II, one of which, DOMINIC, owned by Lady Perdita Blackwood, was twice champion at Ballsbridge. DAFINETTA'S





SALADIN II in 1962.

three other daughters have been kept mainly for riding though we have a Kami filly out of DARFIL named DAMARIS and a NASEEL mare out of DAMASK ROSE named DAWN, our two and only chestnuts.

Since the purchase of STARILLA and DAFINETTA we have made but two additions to our Arabian stock from outside. In 1949 we acquired CRYSTAL GREY (FARIS—SILVER CRYSTAL) from Crabbet and she bred four foals by SALADIN II, of which we have retained the grey CLEOPATRA and the bay CHRISTABEL. We lost her through twisted gut in 1959. Our latest addition is the grey BIRUTA (TRYPOLIS—BIKA) from the Nowy Dwor State Stud, Poland, and she produced a filly foal by AQUINOR (MIECZNIK—AMNERIS) this spring (1963).

At Biddesden we now have the stallion, SALADIN II, the mares DAFINETTA, DOONYAH, DAMASK ROSE, DARFIL, CLEOPATRA, CHRISTABEL (at present on a year's lease to Miss Evans at the Manor House Stud) and BIRUTA, the two years old DAMARIS and BIRUTA'S filly foal besides a thoroughbred mare, two Anglo-Arabs and some riding ponies. In Ireland we have DURA, DAWN, an Anglo-Arab mare by NASEEL and two ponies.

In 1962 my brother took two mares to Cambridge to play polo and after only about a month's schooling they proved excellent mounts. Alas, the best one, DAMASK ROSE, collided with another pony fairly early in the season and cracked a pastern, but DARFIL played against Oxford and, although she was very excitable, her superior turning powers enabled two goals to be scored off her back in her single chukka.

Our Arabians are all broken in and ridden, even if they are afterwards to be turned to stud duties, and whether for summer rides or for following the Tedworth hounds, we are carried through Collingbourne Wood by the world's most delightful mount.

Generally our stock lives out of doors and until her last two, all DAFINETTA'S seventeen foals were dropped in the corner of some field without anyone being present. Only SALADIN, mares near to or just past foaling and foals and yearlings come in at night in winter, and this seems to prove a very healthy system.

Now that SALADIN is 23 we are sending more mares away to stud than previously but SALADIN himself lives out with 26-year-old DAFINETTA. Who knows?—there may one day be an eighteenth . . .

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## **The Moyne Stud** *Continued from page 29*

We have to record with sadness the recent death of SALADIN at the age of 23. A great loss to the Arab world. His place has been taken by the stallion RIMINI, bred at the Well House Stud and owned by Mr. and Mrs.

B. S. Godber who have leased him to the Moyne Arabian Stud. RIMINI is the last son of the famous RISSALIX and his dam, MIRVANAH was a daughter of IREX.

FINN GUINNESS.

RIMINI

