



## WEIGHTS REVEALED FOR PADDY POWER GOLD CUP AND GREATWOOD HURDLE

- STRAW BEAR MUST PLEASE GIFFORD TODAY TO MAKE THE OPEN

- MORGAN HAS HEART SET ON GREATWOOD GLORY

**Meeting:** *The Open*

**Dates:** *Friday, Saturday & Sunday - November 13, 14 & 15*

**Gates Open:** *10.00am Friday & Saturday, 11.00am Sunday*

**First Race:** *1.15pm Friday, 12.50pm Saturday, 1.10pm Sunday*

**Admission prices from £9. Go to [www.cheltenham.co.uk](http://www.cheltenham.co.uk) for further information**

**Petit Robin** and **Our Vic** share top-weight of 11st 12lb for the £150,000 Grade Three Paddy Power Gold Cup (2.35pm) at Cheltenham on Saturday, November 14. The weights allotted to the 49 entries are revealed today, Wednesday, November 4.

The David Pipe-trained **Our Vic** landed the prestigious handicap in 2005, while the Nicky Henderson-trained **Petit Robin** ran his best race when third in the Grade One Seasons Holidays Queen Mother Champion Chase at The Festival in March.

The Paddy Power Gold Cup is the feature contest of The Open at Cheltenham, which offers fantastic racing over three days - Friday, November 13, to Sunday, November 15.

**Poquelin** shares 6/1 ante-post favouritism with stablemate **Chapoturgeon**, winner of the Listed Jewson Novices' Handicap Chase at The Festival in March. The Paul Nicholls-trained pair have been allotted 11st 1lb and 11st 4lb, respectively. **Poquelin** landed the zeturf.com Handicap Chase over two and a half miles at Cheltenham on October 17. The six-year-old held **Gaelic Flight** (9st 9lb) in second, with **Hold Em** (9st 13lb) third.

Another from the Nicholls yard, **Tatnen** (11st) was a high-class novice last year and defeated the former top-class hurdler **Straw Bear** (10st 4lb) when winning the Grade Two Independent Newspaper Novices' Chase at The Open last season.

The JP McManus-owned **Straw Bear**, winner of the Grade One Christmas Hurdle at Kempton in December 2007, is still seeking a first win over fences but could open his account at Warwick this afternoon.

The eight-year-old's trainer, Nick Gifford, revealed: "The Paddy Power Gold Cup is an option at this stage. It is by no means certain and we will no more after he runs today. He is in great form and all his best runs have come with cut in the ground. As long as we are not looking at extremes of going, he won't mind."

The well-supported Alan King-trained **Tarotino** (10st 10lb) is seeking a four-timer, while Kerry National hero **Northern Alliance**, from the shrewd Irish stable of Tony Martin, has 10st 12lb.

Another potential Irish raider, the Edward O'Grady-trained **Tranquil Sea** (10st 13lb), was a Grade One winner over hurdles and notched a Grade Three victory over fences at Naas on October 31.

At Ascot the same day, **Shining Gale** (10st 10lb) ran a promising race to take third in the United House Gold Cup behind **The Last Derby** (10st 5lb), while the Robert and Sally Alner-trained **Master Medic** (11st 1lb) completed a four-timer in the Listed Byrne Group Handicap Chase.

Sally Alner said today: "He is in the Paddy Power Gold Cup and we will monitor the situation but at the moment we could wait for Ascot as the Cheltenham race may come a bit quick."

**Bible Lord** (10st 8lb) travelled well for a long way in last year's Paddy Power Gold Cup before fading to finish eighth behind Imperial Commander. The Andy Turnell-trained eight-year-old showed himself to be in cracking form with a Listed victory over the distance at Wetherby on October 30.

**Gauvain** has 10st 13lb, while others of note include last year's runner-up **Barbers Shop** (11st 7lb), owned by the Queen, **Watch My Back** (9st 11lb) and **From Dawn To Dusk** (10st 1lb).

**Latest sponsor prices on the Paddy Power Gold Cup:** 6/1 Poquelin, 6/1 Chapoturgeon, 7/1 Tarotino, 10/1 Northern Alliance, 10/1 Tatenen, 10/1 Tranquil Sea, 12/1 Barbers Shop, 12/1 Shining Gale, 12/1 Master Medic, 14/1 Watch My Back, 14/1 Bible Lord, 16/1 From Dawn To Dusk, 16/1 Gauvain, 16/1 Ballyfitz, 16/1 My Petra, 16/1 Pepsyrock, 16/1 Straw Bear, 20/1 Petit Robin, 20/1 Gwanako, 20/1 Tartak, 20/1 War Of The World, 20/1 Akilak, 20/1 Hold Em, 20/1 The Package, 25/1 Battlecry, 25/1 Our Vic, 25/1 Tamarinbleu, 25/1 Il Duce, 25/1 According To Pete, 25/1 I'm So Lucky, 25/1 Pop, 25/1 Three Mirrors, 25/1 Valley Ride, 25/1 Sir Harry Ormesher, 25/1 Abrugante, 25/1 Gaelic Flight, 25/1 Jaamid, 25/1 Razor Royale, 33/1 Always Waning, 33/1 My Will, 33/1 Knowhere, 33/1 Stan, 33/1 Palomar, 33/1 Leslingtaylor, 33/1 Strawberry, 33/1 Commemoration Day, 33/1 Island Life, 50/1 Knight Legend

## MORGAN SETS HEART ON GREATWOOD HURDLE

**Raise Your Heart** is in the form of his life at present and the six-year-old's trainer Joanna Morgan is hoping he can carry that into the £100,000 Grade Three Greatwood Hurdle (2.20pm) at Cheltenham's The Open on Sunday, November 15.

The weights for the extended two-mile handicap hurdle are revealed today, Wednesday, November 4. Raise Your Heart has been allotted 10st 7lb.

Morgan, who trains in County Meath, Ireland, revealed today: "The plan is to take Raise Your Heart to Cheltenham for the Greatwood Hurdle. He is good on the Flat and he is good over hurdles, he is just a good horse. He will go on any ground, as all good horses do. I wouldn't run him on firm going because I wouldn't want to break him up, but he handles anything."

Successful four times and runner-up twice from six starts on the Flat this year, Raise Your Heart posted his best effort to date when winning a Listed race on the level at Leopardstown on October 26.

Lightly-raced over hurdles in the past year, the gelding was 11th in both the Galway Hurdle in July and the Grade Three Vincent O'Brien County Hurdle at The Festival in March, but previously landed a Listed hurdle at Punchestown in October, 2008.

Morgan, who is forced to adopt unorthodox training methods with her charge, continued: "His last run was his best on the Flat. He has always been very giddy and keen but for some reason the penny has suddenly dropped. He is much better now because he doesn't have the revs up the whole way, he is settling better.

"He is impossible to train in the winter, he is a disaster when the weather turns. I train him out of the field because that is where he is happiest. He is usually out there about 23 hours a day and with the inclement weather we had here last winter, I had to give up on him last year. I brought him back for The Festival at Cheltenham but he wasn't quite right.

"I have a plan this year to maybe take him to Dubai on the Flat and then come back for Cheltenham in March. I think he will thrive in the warmth out there so I want to run him in the Greatwood and then head out to the sun for a few runs before bringing him back for the Festival.

"I am pleased with the weight he has, 10st 7lb is ideal. I just hope I can keep him right."

**Celestial Halo** came within a whisker of winning the Grade One Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle at The Festival and the Paul Nicholls-trained hurdler tops the weights with 11st 12lb.

**Blue Bajan**, trained by Andy Turnell is another who is classy on the Flat and over hurdles. The seven-year-old, allotted 11st 6lb, won the 2008 Grade Three Swinton Handicap Hurdle and was fourth in the Group Three Jockey Club Cup over two miles at Newmarket on October 17.

**Ashkazar** (11st 2lb) defeated **Whiteoak** (10st 11lb) to win the Grade Two Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton last term and won at the first attempt over fences at Stratford on October 29. The five-year-old could revert to the smaller obstacles in the Greatwood Hurdle.

The Alan Fleming-trained **Starluck** (10st 8lb) was impressive when seeing off **Classic Swain** (9st 9lb) and **Simarian** (10st 2lb) to win over the course and distance on October 17, while the Charlie Mann-trained **Katies Tuitor** (10st 9lb) held the Howard Johnson-trained **Red Moloney** (10st 4lb) at Kempton a day later.

**Medermit** (10st 7lb), **El Dancer** (10st 6lb) and **Cape Tribulation** (10st 6lb) were all classy novices last term, as was the Nicholls-trained **American Trilogy** (10st 13lb), winner of the Grade Three Vincent O'Brien County Hurdle at The Festival.

**Numide** landed the Greatwood Hurdle in 2008 for trainer Gary Moore and has 9st 10lb.

# THE PADDY POWER GOLD CUP

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<b>Form</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Age/Wgt</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Trainer</b>
1/12230-	<b>PETIT ROBIN (FR)</b>	6-11-12	Mr & Mrs John Poynton	Nicky Henderson
211/PP4-	<b>OUR VIC (IRE)</b>	11-11-12	David Johnson	David Pipe
023//553-	<b>MY WILL (FR)</b>	9-11-11	The Stewart Family	Paul Nicholls
121/210-	<b>BARBERS SHOP</b>	7-11-07	The Queen	Nicky Henderson
1/U125F-	<b>GWANAKO (FR)</b>	6-11-06	The Stewart Family	Paul Nicholls
32151-0	<b>TARTAK (FR)</b>	6-11-05	Power Panels Electrical Systems Ltd	Tom George
P/100P-3	<b>KNOWHERE (IRE)</b>	11-11-05	Raymond Mould	Nigel Twiston-Davies
F211F2-	<b>CHAPOTURGEON (FR)</b>	5-11-04	David Johnson	Paul Nicholls
03/2030-2	<b>TAMARINBLEU (FR)</b>	9-11-04	The Arthur White Partnership	David Pipe
11300-1	<b>POQUELIN (FR)</b>	6-11-01	The Stewart Family	Paul Nicholls
53/5111-1	<b>MASTER MEDIC (IRE)</b>	8-11-01	Pell-mell Partners	Robert & Sally Alner
112F2-5	<b>TATENEN (FR)</b>	5-11-00	The Stewart Family	Paul Nicholls
F16P11-	<b>GAUVAIN (GER)</b>	7-10-13	Jared Sullivan & Simon Brown	Charlie Mann
1/1556-21	<b>TRANQUIL SEA (IRE)</b>	7-10-13	Nelius Hayes/D Cox	Edward O'Grady IRE
1P04PF-	<b>STAN (NZ)</b>	10-10-13	Paul Beck	Tim Vaughan
F34-041	<b>NORTHERN ALLIANCE (IRE)</b>	8-10-12	Irish Rover Syndicate	Tony Martin IRE
2/1122P-	<b>BALLYFITZ</b>	9-10-11	F J Mills & W Mills	Nigel Twiston-Davies
11F412-3	<b>SHINING GALE (IRE)</b>	7-10-10	J Sullivan S Brown & Group Clean Ltd	Charlie Mann
23P11-1	<b>TAROTINO (FR)</b>	7-10-10	J B Webb	Alan King
PP2/P40-	<b>IL DUCE (IRE)</b>	9-10-10	Mrs Peter Prowting	Renee Robeson
0/112FP-P	<b>MY PETRA</b>	6-10-10	Richard & Lizzie Kelvin Hughes	Nicky Henderson
00-02335	<b>KNIGHT LEGEND (IRE)</b>	10-10-09	Martin St Quinton	Philip Hobbs
0/306FF-1	<b>BIBLE LORD (IRE)</b>	8-10-08	M Tedham	Andrew Turnell
5/11114-	<b>ACCORDING TO PETE</b>	8-10-07	P Nelson	Malcolm Jefferson
6-2P1341	<b>THE LAST DERBY (FR)</b>	5-10-05	J J Brennan	Eoin Griffin IRE
021121-	<b>PEPSYROCK (FR)</b>	6-10-05	John & Barbara Cotton	Nicky Henderson
245P0-P2	<b>BATTLECRY</b>	8-10-04	Trevor Hemmings	Nigel Twiston-Davies
112500-	<b>I'M SO LUCKY</b>	7-10-04	Sheila Brookhouse	David Pipe
223445-	<b>STRAW BEAR (USA)</b>	8-10-04	J P McManus	Nick Gifford
1231FP-	<b>POP (FR)</b>	6-10-03	Robert Kirkland	Henry Daly
60/11F-0	<b>PALOMAR (USA)</b>	7-10-03	Sir Robert Ogden	Nicky Richards
5-0212F	<b>WAR OF THE WORLD (IRE)</b>	7-10-03	Ian Stuart Griffiths	Tim Vaughan
564P-46	<b>THREE MIRRORS</b>	9-10-01	Sean J Murphy	Ferdy Murphy
144-044	<b>LESLINGTAYLOR (IRE)</b>	7-10-01	Marie Taylor	John Quinn
2/31/21-3	<b>FROM DAWN TO DUSK</b>	10-10-01	C G M Lloyd-Baker	Philip Hobbs
1/56133-	<b>STRAWBERRY (IRE)</b>	8-10-00	Paul Murphy	Nicky Henderson
4/2120-6	<b>AKILAK (IRE)</b>	8-10-00	ADA Partnership	Howard Johnson
3U1-250	<b>JAAMID</b>	7-9-13	Peter Law	Noel Meade IRE
1-06P035	<b>HOLD EM (IRE)</b>	7-9-13	David Hughes Mike Evans and Partners	Keith Goldsworthy
23112-1	<b>VALLEY RIDE (IRE)</b>	9-9-13	Saith O Ni & Ednyfed & Elizabeth Morgan	Peter Bowen
4P-550U0	<b>ALWAYS WAINING (IRE)</b>	8-9-12	Mr & Mrs Peter James Douglas	Peter Bowen
0U00-13	<b>ABRAGANTE (IRE)</b>	8-9-12	David Johnson	Peter Monteith
1412/14-F	<b>SIR HARRY ORMESHER</b>	6-9-12	David Sewell	Alan King
141P-25	<b>WATCH MY BACK</b>	8-9-11	Tony Ambler	Ferdy Murphy
241522	<b>GAELIC FLIGHT (IRE)</b>	11-9-09	The Town & Country Partnership	Jeremy Scott
6-260152	<b>COMMEMORATION DAY (IRE)</b>	8-9-08	Alan Bosley	Gary Moore
6/F313-0	<b>RAZOR ROYALE (IRE)</b>	7-9-08	Colin Cornes	Nigel Twiston-Davies
2203-02	<b>THE PACKAGE</b>	6-9-08	David Johnson	David Pipe
P6100-0	<b>ISLAND LIFE (IRE)</b>	6-9-04	Miss L Wallace	John O'Shea

**49 Entries**  
**4 Irish-trained**

# THE GREATWOOD HANDICAP HURDLE

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12/2120-	<b>CELESTIAL HALO (IRE)</b>	5-11-12	The Stewart Family	Paul Nicholls
333004-	<b>BLUE BAJAN (IRE)</b>	7-11-06	Dr John Hollowood	Andrew Turnell
112/010-1	<b>ASHKAZAR (FR)</b>	5-11-02	David Johnson	David Pipe
00/1100-	<b>SENTRY DUTY (FR)</b>	7-11-00	Peter Spiller	Nicky Henderson
340123-	<b>AMERICAN TRILOGY (IRE)</b>	5-10-13	Fulton,Donlon,Kilduff & Scott-MacDonald	Paul Nicholls
112/206-	<b>WHITEOAK (IRE)</b>	6-10-11	Brendan Richardson	Donald McCain Jnr
10200-1	<b>DONNAS PALM (IRE)</b>	5-10-10	Grand Alliance Racing Club	Noel Meade IRE
14-00F1	<b>KATIES TUTOR</b>	6-10-09	Bill Adams	Charlie Mann
11143-1	<b>STARLUCK (IRE)</b>	4-10-08	Andrew Wates	Alan Fleming
3310-01	<b>RAISE YOUR HEART (IRE)</b>	6-10-07	Gaeltacht Gang Syndicate	Joanna Morgan IRE
121125-	<b>MEDERMIT (FR)</b>	5-10-07	The Dunkley & Reilly Partnership	Alan King
6211-66	<b>EL DANCER (GER)</b>	5-10-06	Ron Davies	Lucy Wadham
13/1155-	<b>CAPE TRIBULATION</b>	5-10-06	David Abell	Malcolm Jefferson
0312-2P	<b>PRINCE TAIME (FR)</b>	6-10-06	Diana Whateley	Philip Hobbs
342500-	<b>CLOPF (IRE)</b>	8-10-06	Bernard & Andrew Heffernan	Andrew Heffernan IRE
1323P1	<b>MUTUAL FRIEND (USA)</b>	5-10-05	Pond House Racing	David Pipe
11160-2	<b>RED MOLONEY (USA)</b>	5-10-04	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Howard Johnson
110/20P-	<b>AIGLE D'OR</b>	6-10-04	J P McManus	Nicky Henderson
41//6500-	<b>ARCALIS</b>	9-10-04	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Howard Johnson
20500-5	<b>KHYBER KIM</b>	7-10-04	Caroline Mould	Nigel Twiston-Davies
P0-0215	<b>DANI CALIFORNIA</b>	5-10-03	W K McCarthy	Willie Mullins IRE
11430-3	<b>SIMARIAN (IRE)</b>	4-10-02	Peter Conway	Evan Williams
0112-03	<b>SECRET TUNE</b>	5-10-00	R Davies	Tom George
1203-6	<b>AINAMA (IRE)</b>	5-10-00	J P McManus	Nicky Henderson
0221-11	<b>TAWAAGG</b>	5-10-00	Eamonn Duignan	Willie Mullins IRE
2145-51	<b>NAMPOUR (FR)</b>	4-9-13	Terry Warner	Philip Hobbs
11213-	<b>PEPITE DE SOLEIL (FR)</b>	4-9-13	The Whittaker Family	Paul Nicholls
662-506	<b>SILVERHAND (IRE)</b>	5-9-12	Anna Foxe	Noel Meade IRE
416010-	<b>CULCABOCK (IRE)</b>	9-9-12	Elizabeth Ferguson	Lucinda Russell
B06404-	<b>MAMLOOK (IRE)</b>	5-9-10	Peter Deal & G Lowe	David Pipe
512U6-2	<b>EUROPEAN DREAM (IRE)</b>	6-9-10	You Trotters	Richard Guest
0/14054-	<b>NUMIDE (FR)</b>	6-9-10	H R Hunt	Gary Moore
114002-	<b>ISSAQUAH (IRE)</b>	7-9-09	Mr & Mrs J M Davenport	Malcolm Jefferson
2145P4-	<b>SQUADRON</b>	5-9-09	Tony Fisher & Mrs Jeni Fisher	Alan King
211120-	<b>RONALDO DES MOTTES (FR)</b>	4-9-09	K & D Ives	David Pipe
2112220	<b>CLASSIC SWAIN (USA)</b>	4-9-09	The Stewart Family	Paul Nicholls
2166-22	<b>TRAMP STAMP (IRE)</b>	5-9-09	J D Flood	Matthieu Palussiere IRE
52-1223	<b>GLENSTAL ABBEY (IRE)</b>	5-9-09	J P McManus	Charlie Swan IRE
255///111-	<b>KING RAMA (USA)</b>	8-9-08	Brainwave Syndicate	John Kiely IRE
104-1	<b>JAMES DE VASSY (FR)</b>	4-9-08	Jakeman, Barrett, Booth & Ferrand	Nick Williams
6214F5	<b>THE GOD OF LOVE (USA)</b>	6-9-08	Gigginstown House Stud	Philip Rothwell IRE
132F0-00	<b>SKY HALL (IRE)</b>	6-9-07	SPK Syndicate	Noel Meade IRE
1F055-6	<b>PREMIER DANE (IRE)</b>	7-9-07	Jim Ennis Construction Ltd	Nicky Richards
6-010556	<b>ROYAL RATIONALE (IRE)</b>	5-9-07	Pond House Racing	David Pipe
5U00-00	<b>GASPARA (FR)</b>	6-9-07	P McMahan	David Pipe
0/2245-30	<b>HIBIKI (IRE)</b>	5-9-06	Richard Green	Philip Hobbs
0/3153-0U	<b>COCKNEY TRUCKER (IRE)</b>	7-9-05	Karola Vann	Philip Hobbs
0/20-040	<b>DEFINATE SPECTACLE (IRE)</b>	9-9-05	Mrs Pat Sloan	Noel Meade IRE
121442-	<b>HECTOR'S CHOICE (FR)</b>	5-9-05	James and Jean Potter	Philip Hobbs
31F111-	<b>CALUSA CRYSTAL (FR)</b>	6-9-05	Mr Peter Luff	Philip Hobbs
6//2103-4	<b>GEE DEE NEN</b>	6-9-03	Chris Duggan & Brendan Gilligan	Gary Moore
05-3112	<b>MCMURDO SOUND (IRE)</b>	5-9-02	Janet Williamson	Gordon Elliott IRE
0663-P5	<b>HARRY TRICKER</b>	5-8-10	Richard Green	Gary Moore
0/0/105-6	<b>SALUTE HIM (IRE)</b>	6-8-07	Byrne Bros (Formwork) Limited	Tony Martin IRE
P50F4-0	<b>CONCLAVE (IRE)</b>	5-8-06	Shane Buggy	Willie Mullins IRE
5/UF/0P0-	<b>HEARTHSTEAD DREAM</b>	8-8-04	M Wasyllocha	Gordon Elliott IRE

**56 Entries**

**16 Irish-trained**