

INDEX TO THE SECOND 2017 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL MEDIA INFORMATION PACK

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Douvan stars among Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase entries

Thursday, January 12, 2017 – **Douvan** headlines 28 entries, the second-highest level since 2009, for the £350,000 Grade One Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham on the second day of The Festival, Ladies Day, Wednesday, March 15.

Douvan, owned by Susannah Ricci and trained by Ireland's champion Jump handler Willie Mullins, is the 4/9 favourite with the sponsor Betway for the two-mile chasing championship as he goes for a third consecutive success at The Festival.

Unbeaten in 12 outings since joining Mullins, the French import landed the Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle impressively in 2015 and last year defeated **Sizing John** (Jessica Harrington, 33/1) comfortably by seven lengths in the Racing Post Arkle Chase. His unbeaten streak was extended to 13 at Leopardstown over Christmas when he took his Grade One tally to eight.

Mullins has also entered last year's runner-up and 2015 Racing Post Arkle Chase victor **Un De Sceaux** (12/1), who captured the G1 Tingle Creek Chase gamely by a length at Sandown Park in December, **Champagne Fever** (33/1), **Black Hercules** (40/1) and **Vroum Vroum Mag** (25/1).

Fox Norton (Colin Tizzard, 7/1) is one of the leading British-trained hopes for the Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase after an impressive debut for new connections in the G2 Shloer Chase at Cheltenham in November. He is joined by stablemates **Sizing Granite** (50/1) and **Vicente Du Noyer** (66/1).

Gloucestershire handler Tom George has two contenders for the Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase in **God's Own** (20/1) and **Sir Valentino** (40/1). God's Own, who also holds an entry in the Ryanair Chase, was fourth last year before going on to top-level triumphs in the Melling Chase at Aintree and two-mile Champion Chase at Punchestown. The nine-year-old kept on strongly behind Un De Sceaux on his latest start when a length and a quarter third in the Tingle Creek Chase.

Sir Valentino finished fifth to Un De Sceaux at Sandown Park, having just beaten **Garde La Victoire** (Philip Hobbs, 40/1) on his reappearance in the G2 Haldon Gold Cup at Exeter in November. The progressive eight-year-old went down by half a length to **Special Tiara** (Henry de Bromhead IRE, 25/1) in the G2 Desert Orchid Chase at Kempton Park over Christmas.

George said: "God's Own is fine. He has had a winter break and we are just starting away again with him now. I would say it is more than likely that he will go straight to Cheltenham. We haven't made any concrete plans but that is the way it is looking.

"He has got entries in the Champion Chase and Ryanair Chase just to give us options really. He proved he stays at Aintree last spring and it makes sense to have both entries.

"Sir Valentino has also had a little break and we will start building him up again. He is improving all the time and it was a great run against Special Tiara giving him six pounds. There isn't an apparent reason why he has improved so much. We have just given him plenty of time and he has kept stepping up."

Other notable entries for the Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase include exciting novice **Altior** (Nicky Henderson, 7/1), who is the ante-post favourite for the Racing Post Arkle Chase, and the Gary Moore-trained 2014 winner **Sire De Grugy** (33/1) and **Ar Mad** (16/1), second and fourth in the Tingle Creek Chase. Moore's third entry is **Traffic Fluide** (40/1).

Britain's champion Jump trainer Paul Nicholls relies on 2015 victor **Dodging Bullets** (50/1).

Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase – Betway prices: 4/9 Douvan; 7/1 Fox Norton; 12/1 Un De Sceaux; 16/1 Ar Mad; 20/1 God's Own; 25/1 Special Tiara, Vroum Vroum Mag; 33/1 Champagne Fever, Sire De Grugy, Sizing John, Uxizandre; 40/1 Black Hercules, Garde La Victoire, Simply Ned, Sir Valentino, Tell Us More, The Game Changer, Traffic Fluide; 50/1 Alisier d'Irlande, Dodging Bullets, L'Ami Serge, Sizing Granite, Vaniteux; 66/1 Eastlake, Royal Regatta, Viconte du Noyer; 100/1 Just Cameron

Cue Card among 48 entries for Ryanair Chase

Cue Card (Colin Tizzard) could bid for a second victory in the £300,000 Grade One Ryanair Chase on the third day of The Festival, St Patrick's Thursday, March 16. The 11-year-old ran away with the near two-mile, five-furlong contest in 2013 when thrashing First Lieutenant by nine lengths, and has since established himself as one of Britain's leading staying chasers.

He fell at the third last when going strongly in the 2016 Timico Cheltenham Gold Cup, losing the chance of both glory and the £1-million bonus offered by Jockey Club Racecourses for the Chase Triple Crown. Cue Card captured his third G1 Betfair Chase at Haydock Park in November before chasing home impressive stablemate Thistlecrack in the G1 32Red King George VI Chase at Kempton Park over Christmas. Colin Tizzard's five entries also include French import **Alary**, who is yet to run for the stable and is entered in the Timico Cheltenham Gold Cup like Cue Card, G2 Shloer Chase victor **Fox Norton**, **Sizing Granite** and **Viconte Du Noyer**. The last three also hold entries in the Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase.

Willie Mullins accounts for seven of the 18 Irish-trained entries. The septet features hot Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase favourite **Douvan**, dual Timico Cheltenham Gold Cup runner-up **Djakadam**, 2015 Racing Post Arkle Chase victor **Un De Sceaux** and the star mare **Vroum Vroum Mag**.

Among Henry de Bromhead's three contenders is Down Royal G1 scorer **Valseur Lido**, runner-up last year when trained by Willie Mullins, while Gordon Elliott has course and distance scorer **Empire Of Dirt** and **Outlander** in his three entries. Other possibles include **Uxizandre** (Alan King), off the course since winning the 2015 Ryanair Chase, French-trained **Vezelay** (Emmanuel Clayeux FR), third on his British debut in the Betfair Chase, BetVictor Gold Cup scorer **Taquin De Seuil** (Jonjo O'Neill) and **Ar Mad** (Gary Moore).

The 48-strong entry represents the joint third-highest level of entries in the history of the Ryanair Chase, founded in 2005.

Cheltenham Racecourse

Cheltenham Racecourse is situated in Prestbury on the outskirts of the historic spa town of Cheltenham. The Home of Jump Racing, Cheltenham Racecourse is the venue for the world's pre-eminent Jump meeting, The Festival, which happens in March over four days every year. The Festival 2017 takes place from Tuesday, March 14, to Friday, March 17 inclusive. Set against the beautiful backdrop of the Cotswolds, Cheltenham Racecourse is a stunning natural arena and offers the highest-quality action throughout the Jump season.

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Entry Statistics

Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase Total Entries

2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
28	23	33	26	17	19	21	24	29	25	30

2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
29	19	25	23	32	25	22	28	19	17	21

Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase Irish-trained Entries

2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
10	10	14	9	4	5	8	7	5	5	12

2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
11	5	8	6	5	3	5	5	2	4	3

Ryanair Chase Total Entries

2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
48	48	39	43	39	38	46	43	48	57	46

2006	2005
54	39

First Run in 2005

Ryanair Chase Irish-trained Entries

2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
18	22	16	20	15	14	18	18	13	18	15

2006	2005
16	10

First Run in 2005

The Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase

Grade 1, £350,000 Total Prize Fund. 3.30pm Cheltenham, Wednesday, March 15, 2017. Two miles (1m 7f 199y). For 5yo+ who are allotted a rating of 130 or more by the BHA Head of Handicapping following a review of the horses entered and after taking account of races run up to and including March 8 - horses who are not qualified for a rating in Great Britain, Ireland or France may also be entered & such horses may be eligible providing the Handicapper is satisfied that the horse's racecourse performances up to and including March 8 would merit a minimum rating of 130 (the decision of the BHA Head of Handicapping shall be final). Weights: 11st 10lb. Allowances: mares 7lb. Entries closed January 10, entries revealed January 12 (**28 entries**), scratchings' deadline February 14, £17,500 supplementary entry & six-day confirmation stage March 9. Final 48-hour declaration stage, 10am, March 13. Maximum number of runners - 24.

Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
ALISIER D'IRLANDE (FR)	7	Roger Brookhouse	Henry de Bromhead IRE
ALTIOR (IRE)	7	Patricia Pugh	Nicky Henderson
AR MAD (FR)	7	Ashley Head	Gary Moore
BLACK HERCULES (IRE)	8	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Willie Mullins IRE
CHAMPAGNE FEVER (IRE)	10	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
DODGING BULLETS	9	Martin Broughton & Friends	Paul Nicholls
DOUVAN (FR)	7	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
EASTLAKE (IRE)	11	J P McManus	Jonjo O'Neill
FOX NORTON (FR)	7	Ann & Alan Potts	Colin Tizzard
GARDE LA VICTOIRE (FR)	8	Diana Whateley	Philip Hobbs
GOD'S OWN (IRE)	9	Crossed Fingers Partnership	Tom George
JUST CAMERON	10	Mr & Mrs Paul Chapman	Micky Hammond
L'AMI SERGE (IRE)	7	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nicky Henderson
ROYAL REGATTA (IRE)	9	Lesley Field & Eileen Murphy	Philip Hobbs
SIMPLY NED (IRE)	10	David & Nicky Robinson	Nicky Richards
SIR VALENTINO (FR)	8	Doone Hulse Susie Saunders & Lady Cobham	Tom George
SIRE DE GRUGY (FR)	11	The Preston Family & Friends Ltd	Gary Moore
SIZING GRANITE (IRE)	9	Ann & Alan Potts	Colin Tizzard
SIZING JOHN	7	Ann & Alan Potts Partnership	Jessica Harrington IRE
SPECIAL TIARA	10	Sally Rowley-Williams	Henry de Bromhead IRE
TELL US MORE (IRE)	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
THE GAME CHANGER (IRE)	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
TRAFFIC FLUIDE (FR)	7	Galloping On The South Downs Partnership	Gary Moore
UN DE SCEAUX (FR)	9	Edward O'Connell	Willie Mullins IRE
UXIZANDRE (FR)	9	J P McManus	Alan King
VANITEUX (FR)	8	Richard & Lizzie Kelvin-Hughes	Nicky Henderson
VICONTE DU NOYER (FR)	8	Ann & Alan Potts	Colin Tizzard
VROUM VROUM MAG (FR)	8	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE

28 entries

10 Irish-trained

Breakdown of Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase Entries by Trainer

5 entries

Willie Mullins IRE – **Black Hercules, Champagne Fever, Douvan, Un De Sceaux, Vroum Vroum Mag**

3 entries

Nicky Henderson – **Altior, L'Ami Serge, Vaniteux**

Gary Moore – **Ar Mad, Sire De Grugy, Traffic Fluide**

Colin Tizzard – **Fox Norton, Sizing Granite, Viconte Du Noyer**

2 entries

Henry de Bromhead IRE – **Alisier D'Irlande, Special Tiara**

Gordon Elliott IRE – **Tell Us More, The Game Changer**

Tom George – **God's Own, Sir Valentino**

Philip Hobbs – **Garde La Victoire, Royal Regatta**

1 entry

Micky Hammond – **Just Cameron**

Jessica Harrington IRE – **Sizing John**

Alan King – **Uxizandre**

Paul Nicholls – **Dodging Bullets**

Jonjo O'Neill – **Eastlake**

Nicky Richards – **Simply Ned**

Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase entries with previous Festival form

Year	Race	Pos	Jockey	SP
Altior (Nicky Henderson)				
2016	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	1st	Nico de Boinville	4/1
Black Hercules (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2014	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	4th	Mr Patrick Mullins	13/2
2015	Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle	7th	Ruby Walsh	5/2f
2016	JLT Novices' Chase	1st	Ruby Walsh	4/1cf
Champagne Fever (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2012	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	1st	Mr Patrick Mullins	16/1
2013	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	1st	Ruby Walsh	5/1
2014	Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase	2nd	Ruby Walsh	11/4jf
Dodging Bullets (Paul Nicholls)				
2012	JCB Triumph Hurdle	4th	Daryl Jacob	20/1
2013	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	9th	Daryl Jacob	12/1
2014	Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase	4th	Daryl Jacob	6/1
2015	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	1st	Sam Twiston-Davies	9/2
2016	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	7th	Sam Twiston-Davies	10/1
Douvan (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2015	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	1st	Ruby Walsh	2/1f
2016	Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase	1st	Ruby Walsh	1/4f
Eastlake (Jonjo O'Neill)				
2014	Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Chase	6th	Maurice Linehan	20/1
2015	Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Chase	2nd	Paul Carberry	12/1
2016	Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Chase	9th	Barry Geraghty	12/1
Fox Norton (Colin Tizzard)				
2016	Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase	3rd	Richard Johnson	33/1
Garde La Victoire (Philip Hobbs)				
2014	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	14th	Richard Johnson	33/1
2016	JLT Novices' Chase	F	Richard Johnson	4/1cf
God's Own (Tom George)				
2015	Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase	2nd	Paddy Brennan	33/1
2016	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	4th	Paddy Brennan	20/1
Just Cameron (Micky Hammond)				
2016	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	6th	Joe Colliver	66/1
L'Ami Serge (Nicky Henderson)				
2015	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	4th	Barry Geraghty	7/2
2016	JLT Novices' Chase	3rd	Nico de Boinville	8/1
Royal Regatta (Philip Hobbs)				
2014	Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle	10th	Micheal Nolan	12/1
Simply Ned (Nicky Richards)				
2015	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	5th	Brian Harding	14/1
Sire De Grugy (Gary Moore)				
2014	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	1st	Jamie Moore	11/4f
2015	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	4th	Jamie Moore	5/2
2016	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	8th	Jamie Moore	16/1

Sizing Granite (Colin Tizzard)

2016 Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase PU Jonathan Burke 33/1

Sizing John (Jessica Harrington IRE)

2015 Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle 3rd Jonathan Burke 25/1

2016 Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase 2nd Jonathan Burke 9/1

Special Tiara (Henry de Bromhead IRE)

2014 Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase 6th Davy Russell 16/1

2015 Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase 3rd Noel Fehily 18/1

2016 Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase 3rd Noel Fehily 16/1

Tell Us More (Gordon Elliott IRE)

2015 Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle 6th Bryan Cooper 12/1

The Game Changer (Gordon Elliott IRE)

2015 Randox Health County Handicap Hurdle 9th Bryan Cooper 8/1

2016 Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase 4th Bryan Cooper 14/1

Un De Sceaux (Willie Mullins IRE)

2015 Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase 1st Ruby Walsh 4/6f

2016 Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase 2nd Ruby Walsh 4/6f

Uxizandre (Alan King)

2014 JLT Novices' Chase 2nd Robert Thornton 33/1

2015 Ryanair Chase 1st A P McCoy 16/1

Vaniteux (Nicky Henderson)

2014 Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle 3rd Barry Geraghty 11/1

2015 Stan James Champion Hurdle 8th Barry Geraghty 25/1

2016 Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase UR Nico de Boinville 8/1

Vroum Vroum Mag (Willie Mullins IRE)

2016 OLBG Mares' Hurdle 1st Ruby Walsh 4/6f

Record of trainers with entries in the Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase (since 1994 plus any winners beforehand)

Year	Pos	Horse	Jockey	SP
Henry de Bromhead IRE – Alisier D’Irlande, Special Tiara				
2011	1st	Sizing Europe	Andrew Lynch	10/1
2012	2nd	Sizing Europe	Andrew Lynch	4/5f
2013	2nd	Sizing Europe	Andrew Lynch	6/1
2014	4th	Sizing Europe	Andrew Lynch	11/1
2014	6th	Special Tiara	Davy Russell	16/1
2015	3rd	Special Tiara	Noel Fehily	18/1
2015	7th	Sizing Europe	Jonathan Burke	22/1
2016	3rd	Special Tiara	Noel Fehily	16/1
Gordon Elliott IRE – Tell Us More, The Game Changer				
No previous runners				
Tom George – God’s Own, Sir Valentino				
2013	6th	Mail de Bievre	Paddy Brennan	20/1
2014	3rd	Module	Paddy Brennan	20/1
2016	4th	God's Own	Paddy Brennan	20/1
Micky Hammond – Just Cameron				
2016	6th	Just Cameron	Joe Colliver	66/1
Philip Hobbs – Garde La Victoire, Royal Regatta				
2002	1st	Flagship Uberalles	Richard Johnson	7/4f
2003	5th	Flagship Uberalles	Richard Johnson	12/1
2004	2nd	Flagship Uberalles	Richard Johnson	14/1
2008	3rd	Fair Along	Richard Johnson	12/1
2012	F	Wishfull Thinking	Richard Johnson	16/1
2013	3rd	Wishfull Thinking	Richard Johnson	25/1
2014	5th	Wishfull Thinking	Richard Johnson	18/1
Jessica Harrington IRE – Sizing John				
2000	5th	Space Trucker	Shay Barry	11/1
2003	1st	Moscow Flyer	Barry Geraghty	7/4f
2004	UR	Moscow Flyer	Barry Geraghty	5/6f
2005	1st	Moscow Flyer	Barry Geraghty	6/4f
2006	5th	Moscow Flyer	Barry Geraghty	5/1
Nicky Henderson – Altior, L’Ami Serge, Vaniteux				
1992	1st	Remittance Man	Jamie Osborne	Evsf
1994	2nd	Travado	Jamie Osborne	100/30
1994	F	Remittance Man	Mick Fitzgerald	11/4f
1995	8th	Travado	Richard Dunwoody	9/2
1996	4th	Travado	Mick Fitzgerald	16/1
2002	5th	Tiutchev	Mick Fitzgerald	5/1
2003	4th	Geos	Mick Fitzgerald	25/1
2009	3rd	Petit Robin	Barry Geraghty	12/1
2011	10th	Mad Max	Paul Carberry	20/1
2011	6th	French Opera	Andrew Tinkler	22/1
2012	1st	Finian's Rainbow	Barry Geraghty	4/1
2013	1st	Sprinter Sacre	Barry Geraghty	1/4f
2014	7th	Kid Cassidy	A P McCoy	10/1
2014	PU	Captain Conan	Barry Geraghty	7/2
2015	PU	Sprinter Sacre	Barry Geraghty	9/4f
2016	1st	Sprinter Sacre	Nico de Boinville	5/1

Alan King – Uxizandre

2007	1st	Voy Por Ustedes	Robert Thornton	5/1
2008	2nd	Voy Por Ustedes	Robert Thornton	5/2f
2010	5th	Oh Crick	Wayne Hutchinson	66/1

Gary Moore – Ar Mad, Sire De Grugy, Traffic Fluide

2014	1st	Sire De Grugy	Jamie Moore	11/4f
2015	4th	Sire De Grugy	Jamie Moore	5/2
2016	8th	Sire De Grugy	Jamie Moore	16/1

Willie Mullins IRE – Black Hercules, Champagne Fever, Douvan, Un De Sceaux, Vroum Vroum Mag

2003	8th	Florida Pearl	Paul Carberry	12/1
2009	5th	Scotsirish	Paul Townend	40/1
2010	6th	Golden Silver	Paul Townend	33/1
2011	4th	Golden Silver	Paul Townend	11/1
2014	PU	Arvika Ligeonniere	Ruby Walsh	8/1
2016	2nd	Un De Sceaux	Ruby Walsh	4/6f
2016	PU	Felix Yonger	Paul Townend	11/1

Paul Nicholls – Dodging Bullets

1999	1st	Call Equiname	Mick Fitzgerald	7/2
1999	4th	Green Green Desert	Joe Tizzard	40/1
2000	3rd	Flagship Uberalles	Joe Tizzard	11/10f
2002	10th	Desert Mountain	Joe Tizzard	50/1
2002	3rd	Cenkos	Timmy Murphy	66/1
2002	8th	Fadalko	Ruby Walsh	14/1
2003	3rd	Cenkos	Ruby Walsh	7/1
2003	7th	Kadarann	Joe Tizzard	9/1
2004	1st	Azertyuiop	Ruby Walsh	15/8
2004	4th	Cenkos	Mick Fitzgerald	16/1
2004	5th	Venn Ottery	Timmy Murphy	33/1
2005	3rd	Azertyuiop	Ruby Walsh	2/1
2005	5th	Kadarann	Paddy Brennan	100/1
2005	PU	Cenkos	Joe Tizzard	100/1
2006	F	Kauto Star	Ruby Walsh	2/1f
2008	1st	Master Minded	Ruby Walsh	3/1
2008	6th	Twist Magic	Sam Thomas	5/1
2009	1st	Master Minded	Ruby Walsh	4/11f
2009	F	Twist Magic	Sam Thomas	16/1
2010	4th	Master Minded	Ruby Walsh	4/5f
2010	PU	Twist Magic	Robert Thornton	8/1
2011	10th	Woolcombe Folly	Daryl Jacob	7/1
2011	8th	Master Minded	Ruby Walsh	2/1f
2012	F	Kauto Stone	Ruby Walsh	14/1
2013	4th	Sanctuaire	Ruby Walsh	20/1
2014	UR	Hinterland	Noel Fehily	11/1
2015	1st	Dodging Bullets	Sam Twiston-Davies	9/2
2015	8th	Mr Mole	A P McCoy	13/2
2016	7th	Dodging Bullets	Sam Twiston-Davies	10/1

Jonjo O'Neill – Eastlake**No previous runners****Nicky Richards – Simply Ned**

2015	5th	Simply Ned	Brian Harding	14/1
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Colin Tizzard – Fox Norton, Sizing Granite, Viconte Du Noyer**No previous runners**

Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase Facts & Figures

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The National Hunt two-mile Champion Chase was first run in 1959 and the Queen Mother's name was added to the race title in 1980, the year of her 80th birthday. The race has been sponsored by Betway since 2015.

BIGGEST FIELD

The biggest field was in 1999 when 13 went to post, though five took part in 1985, 1972, 1968, 1964, 1963 and 1961.

MULTIPLE WINNERS

The race's roll of honour includes many multiple winners, with Badsworth Boy (1983-85) the only three-time scorer.

The 11 dual winners are Fortria (1960 and 1961), Drinny's Double (1967 and 1968), Royal Relief (1972 and 1974), Skymas (1976 and 1977), Hilly Way (1978 and 1979), Pearlyman (1987 and 1988), Barnbrook Again (1989 and 1990), Viking Flagship (1994 and 1995), Moscow Flyer (2003 and 2005), Master Minded (2008 and 2009) and Sprinter Sacre (2013 & 2016).

MOST SUCCESSFUL OWNER

The most successful owners have been George Ansley, who enjoyed three wins with Fortria (1960 and 1961) and Straight Fort (1970), and Doug Armitage who also had three victories with Badsworth Boy (1983, 1984 and 1985).

MOST SUCCESSFUL TRAINER

Tom Dreaper had the best record of any trainer in the race, winning six runnings with Fortria (1960 and 1961), Ben Stack (1964), Flyingbolt (1966), Muir (1969) and Straight Fort (1970).

Of current trainers, champion Paul Nicholls (1999 Call Equiname, 2004 Azertyuiop, 2008 & 2009 Master Minded & 2015 Dodging Bullets) is leading the way with five wins.

MOST SUCCESSFUL JOCKEY

Pat Taaffe and Barry Geraghty have been the most successful riders with five wins each. Taaffe scored on Fortria (1960, 1961), Ben Stack (1964), Flyingbolt (1966) and Straight Fort (1970), while Geraghty, a current jockey, has won on Moscow Flyer (2003 & 2005), Big Zeb (2010), Finian's Rainbow (2012) and Sprinter Sacre (2013).

MARES

No mare has ever won the Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase.

FASTEST

The fastest time for the Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase is 3m 44.70s, set by Edredon Bleu in 2000.

BETTING

Flyingbolt was the shortest-priced winner when succeeding at 1/5 in 1966, while Another Dolly, who was awarded the 1980 race, started at odds of 33/1 and provided the biggest upset.

In the 57 runnings, 18 favourites (just under 32 per cent) have prevailed.

GREYS

The two greys to succeed were One Man in 1998 and Call Equiname in 1999.

AGE

The oldest horse to have triumphed was the 12-year-old Skymas in 1977, while the youngest was Master Minded, who was just five when winning for the first time in 2008.

The overall breakdown by age is as follows:

5yo - 1 victory
6yo - 3 victories
7yo - 8 victories
8yo - 20 victories
9yo - 12 victories
10yo - 10 victories
11yo - 2 victories
12yo - 1 victory

OVERSEAS-TRAINED WINNERS

IRELAND (21): Quita Que (1959), Fortria (1960 & 1961), Ben Stack (1964), Flyingbolt (1966), Muir (1969), Straight Fort (1970), Inkslinger (1973), Lough Inagh (1975), Skymas (1976 & 1977), Hilly Way (1978 & 1979), Drumgora (1981), Buck House (1986), Klairon Davis (1996), Moscow Flyer (2003 & 2005), Newmill (2006), Big Zeb (2010) and Sizing Europe (2011).

DID YOU KNOW?

Michael Dickinson trained the winner for three consecutive years with Rathgorman (1982) and Badsworth Boy (1983 & 1984). His mother Monica had taken charge of the family training operation for Badsworth Boy's final success in 1985.

The 1986 winner Buck House subsequently met with that season's Cheltenham Gold Cup heroine Dawn Run in a special match race over two miles at Punchestown in April the same year. Dawn Run prevailed by two and a half lengths.

The Racing Post Arkle Chase is a good guide for future success in the Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase. A total of 11 horses - Sprinter Sacre (2013 & 2016), Sizing Europe (2011), Voy Por Ustedes (2007), Azertyuiop (2004), Moscow Flyer (2003 and 2005), Flagship Uberalles (2002), Klairon Davis (1996), Remittance Man (1992), Flyingbolt (1966), Ben Stack (1964) and Fortria (1960 & 1961) - all won the novices' event at the Festival before their Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase victory.

Previous Results – Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase

2016-WINNER-SPRINTER SACRE 10-11-10 Owner-Caroline Mould; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Nico de Boinville; SP-5/1
2ND-Un De Sceaux 8-11-10 Owner-Edward O'Connell; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-4/6 Fav
3RD-Special Tiara 9-11-10 Owner-Sally Rowley-Williams; Trainer-Henry de Bromhead IRE; Jockey-Noel Fehily; SP-16/1
10 ran, Time-3m 48.90s, Dist-3½, ns

2015-WINNER-DODGING BULLETS 7-11-10 Owner-Martin Broughton & Friends; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Sam Twiston-Davies; SP-9/2
2ND-Somersby 11-11-10 Owner-Camilla Radford; Trainer-Mick Channon; Jockey-Brian Hughes; SP-33/1
3RD-Special Tiara 8-11-10 Owner-Sally Rowley-Williams; Trainer-Henry de Bromhead IRE; Jockey-Noel Fehily; SP-18/1
9 ran, Time-3m 53.00s, Dist-1¼, 1¾ 9/4 Fav Sprinter Sacre (Pulled Up)

2014-WINNER-SIRE DE GRUGY 8-11-10 Owner-The Preston Family & Friends Ltd; Trainer-Gary Moore; Jockey-Jamie Moore; SP-11/4 Fav
2ND-Somersby 10-11-10 Owner-Camilla Radford; Trainer-Mick Channon; Jockey-Dominic Elsworth; SP-14/1
3RD-Module 7-11-10 Owner-Simon Clarke; Trainer-Tom George; Jockey-Paddy Brennan; SP-20/1
11 ran, Time-3m 48.49s, Dist-6, nk

2013-WINNER-SPRINTER SACRE 7-11-10 Owner-Caroline Mould; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-1/4 Fav
2ND-Sizing Europe 11-11-10 Owner-Ann & Alan Potts; Trainer-Henry de Bromhead IRE; Jockey-Andrew Lynch; SP-6/1
3RD-Wishfull Thinking 10-11-10 Owner-Diana Whateley; Trainer-Philip Hobbs; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-25/1
7 ran, Time-4m 0.27s, Dist-19, 6

2012-WINNER-FINIAN'S RAINBOW 9-11-10 Owner-Michael Buckley; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-4/1
2ND-Sizing Europe 10-11-10 Owner-Ann & Alan Potts; Trainer-Henry de Bromhead IRE; Jockey-Andrew Lynch; SP-4/5 Fav
3RD-Big Zeb 11-11-10 Owner-Pat Redmond; Trainer-Colm Murphy IRE; Jockey-Robbie Power, SP-13/2
8 ran, Time-3m 52.21s, Dist-1¼, 15

2011-WINNER-SIZING EUROPE 9-11-10 Owner-Ann & Alan Potts; Trainer-Henry de Bromhead IRE; Jockey-Andrew Lynch; SP-10/1
2ND-Big Zeb 10-11-10 Owner-Pat Redmond; Trainer-Colm Murphy IRE; Jockey-Barry Geraghty, SP-3/1
3RD-Captain Cee Bee 10-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Edward Harty IRE; Jockey- AP McCoy, SP-14/1
11 ran, Time-3m 54.92s, Dist-5, 4 2/1 Fav Master Minded (8th)

2010-WINNER-BIG ZEB 9-11-10 Owner-Pat Redmond; Trainer-Colm Murphy IRE; Jockey-Barry Geraghty, SP-10/1
2ND-Forpadydeplasterer 8-11-10 Owner-The Goat Syndicate; Trainer-Tom Cooper IRE; Jockey-AP McCoy; SP-10/1
3RD-Kalahari King 9-11-10 Owner-Julie Morgan; Trainer-Ferdy Murphy; Jockey-Graham Lee; SP-9/2
9 ran, Time-3m 51.30s, Dist-6, 3¼ 4/5 Fav Master Minded (4th)

2009-WINNER-MASTER MINDED 6-11-10 Owner-Clive Smith; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-4/11 Fav
2ND-Well Chief 10-11-10 Owner-David Johnson; Trainer-David Pipe; Jockey-Timmy Murphy; SP-12/1
3RD-Petit Robin 6-11-10 Owner-John and Anne Poynton; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-12/1
12 ran, Time-3m 59.50s, Dist-7, 2

2008-WINNER-MASTER MINDED 5-11-10 Owner-Clive Smith; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-3/1
2ND-Voy Por Ustedes 7-11-10 Owner-Sir Robert Ogden; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-5/2 Fav
3RD-Fair Along 6-11-10 Owner-Alan Peterson; Trainer-Philip Hobbs; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-12/1
8 ran, Time-3m 55.80s, Dist-19, 16

2007-WINNER-VOY POR USTEDES 6-11-10 Owner-Sir Robert Ogden; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-5/1
2ND-Dempsey 9-11-10 Owner-Tracey Brown; Trainer-Carl Llewellyn; Jockey-Noel Fehily; SP-20/1
3RD-River City 10-11-10 Owner-Sarah Rowley-Williams; Trainer-Noel Chance; Jockey-Tom Doyle; SP-33/1
10 ran, Time-3m 53.88s, Dist-1½, 5 Evens Fav Well Chief (Fell)

2006-WINNER-NEWMILL 8-11-10 Owner-Mary Hayes; Trainer-John Murphy IRE; Jockey-Andrew McNamara; SP-16/1
2ND-Fota Island 10-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Mouse Morris IRE; Jockey-AP McCoy; SP-4/1
3RD-Mister McGoldrick 9-11-10 Owner-Richard Longley; Trainer-Sue Smith; Jockey-Dominic Elsworth; SP-50/1
12 ran, Time-3m 51.50s, Dist-9, 1½ 2/1 Fav Kauto Star (Fell)

2005-WINNER-MOSCOW FLYER 11-11-10 Owner-Brian Kearney; Trainer-Jessica Harrington IRE; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-6/4 Fav
2ND-Well Chief 6-11-10 Owner-David Johnson; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Timmy Murphy; SP-7/2
3RD-Azertyuiop 8-11-10 Owner-John Hales; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-2/1
8 ran, Time-3m 54.30s, Dist-2, 13

2004-WINNER-AZERTYUIOP 7-11-10 Owner-John Hales; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-15/8
2ND-Flagship Uberalles 10-11-10 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Philip Hobbs; Jockey; Richard Johnson; SP-14/1
3RD-Tiutchev 11-11-10 Owner-The Liars Poker Partnership; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-AP McCoy; SP-16/1
8 ran, Time-3m 54.10s, Dist-9, 1½ 5/6 Fav Moscow Flyer (UR)

Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase Roll of Honour

(Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase from 2015, BetVictor Queen Mother Champion Chase 2014, Sportingbet Queen Mother Champion Chase 2013, sportingbet.com Queen Mother Champion Chase 2011-2012, Seasons Holidays Queen Mother Champion Chase 2007-2010, Queen Mother Champion Chase 1980-2006, previously National Hunt Two Mile Champion Chase from when first run in 1959)

Year	Winner	Age/Wt	Jockey	Trainer	Owner	SP	Ran
2016	Sprinter Sacre	10-11-10	Nico de Boinville	Nicky Henderson	Caroline Mould	5/1	10
2015	Dodging Bullets	7-11-10	Sam Twiston-Davies	Paul Nicholls	Martin Broughton & Friends	9/2	9
2014	Sire De Grugy	8-11-10	Jamie Moore	Gary Moore	The Preston Family & Friends Ltd	11/4F	11
2013	Sprinter Sacre	7-11-10	Barry Geraghty	Nicky Henderson	Caroline Mould	1/4F	7
2012	Finian's Rainbow	9-11-10	Barry Geraghty	Nicky Henderson	Michael Buckley	4/1	8
2011	Sizing Europe	9-11-10	Andrew Lynch	Henry de Bromhead IRE	Ann & Alan Potts	10/1	11
2010	Big Zeb	9-11-10	Barry Geraghty	Colm Murphy IRE	Pat Redmond	10/1	9
2009	Master Minded	6-11-10	Ruby Walsh	Paul Nicholls	Clive Smith	4/11F	12
2008	Master Minded	5-11-10	Ruby Walsh	Paul Nicholls	Clive Smith	3/1	8
2007	Voy Por Ustedes	6-11-10	Robert Thornton	Alan King	Sir Robert Ogden	5/1	10
2006	Newmill	8-11-10	Andrew McNamara	John Murphy IRE	Mary Hayes	16/1	12
2005	Moscow Flyer	11-11-10	Barry Geraghty	Jessica Harrington IRE	Brian Kearney	6/4F	8
2004	Azertyuiop	7-11-10	Ruby Walsh	Paul Nicholls	John Hales	15/8	8
2003	Moscow Flyer	9-12-00	Barry Geraghty	Jessica Harrington IRE	Brian Kearney	7/4F	11
2002	Flagship Uberalles	8-12-00	Richard Johnson	Philip Hobbs	Elizabeth Gutner/Michael Krysztofiak	7/4F	12
2001	<i>No Race (Foot and Mouth)</i>						
2000	Edredon Bleu	8-12-00	A P McCoy	Henrietta Knight	Jim Lewis	7/2	9
1999	Call Equiname	9-12-00	Mick Fitzgerald	Paul Nicholls	Mick Coburn, Paul Barber, Colin Lewis	7/2	13
1998	One Man	10-12-00	Brian Harding	Gordon Richards	John Hales	7/2	8
1997	Martha's Son	10-12-00	Rodney Farrant	Tim Forster	Paddy Hartigan/Michael Ward-Thomas	9/1	6
1996	Klairon Davis	7-12-00	Francis Woods	Arthur Moore IRE	Chris Jones	9/1	7
1995	Viking Flagship	8-12-00	Charlie Swan	David Nicholson	Roach Foods Ltd	5/2F	10
1994	Viking Flagship	7-12-00	Adrian Maguire	David Nicholson	Roach Foods Ltd	4/1	8
1993	Deep Sensation	8-12-00	Declan Murphy	Josh Gifford	Robin Eliot	11/1	9
1992	Remittance Man	8-12-00	Jamie Osborne	Nicky Henderson	Jim Collins	Evs F	6
1991	Katabatic	8-12-00	Simon McNeill	Andrew Turnell	Pell-Mell Partners	9/1	7
1990	Barnbrook Again	9-12-00	Hywel Davies	David Elsworth	Mel Davies	11/10F	9
1989	Barnbrook Again	8-12-00	Simon Sherwood	David Elsworth	Mel Davies	7/4F	8
1988	Pearlyman	9-12-00	Tom Morgan	John Edwards	Valerie Shaw	15/8F	8
1987	Pearlyman	8-12-00	Peter Scudamore	John Edwards	Valerie Shaw	13/8F	8
1986	Buck House	8-12-00	Tommy Carmody	Mouse Morris IRE	Mrs Phil Purcell	5/2	11
1985	Badsworth Boy	10-12-00	Robert Earnshaw	Monica Dickinson	Doug Armitage	11/8	5
1984	Badsworth Boy	9-12-00	Robert Earnshaw	Michael Dickinson	Doug Armitage	8/13F	10
1983	Badsworth Boy	8-12-00	Robert Earnshaw	Michael Dickinson	Doug Armitage	2/1	6
1982	Rathgorman	10-12-00	Kevin Whyte	Michael Dickinson	J Lilley	100/30	9
1981	Drumgora	9-12-00	Frank Berry	Arthur Moore IRE	D Monahan	25/1	9
1980	*Another Dolly	10-12-00	Sam Morshead	Fred Rimell	Ian Urquhart	33/1	7
1979	Hilly Way	9-12-00	Mr Ted Walsh	Peter McCreery IRE	J W Sweeney	7/1	9
1978	Hilly Way	8-12-00	Tommy Carmody	Peter McCreery IRE	J W Sweeney	7/1	10
1977	Skymas	12-12-00	Mouse Morris	Brian Lusk IRE	Mathew Magee	7/2	8
1976	Skymas	11-12-00	Mouse Morris	Brian Lusk IRE	Mathew Magee	8/1	7
1975	Lough Inagh	8-12-00	Sean Barker	Jim Dreaper IRE	A Martin	100/30	8
1974	Royal Relief	10-12-00	Bill Smith	Edward Courage	Edward Courage	6/1	6
1973	Inkslinger	6-12-00	Tommy Carberry	Dan Moore IRE	Mrs M Jenney	6/1	6
1972	Royal Relief	8-12-00	Bill Smith	Edward Courage	Edward Courage	15/8	5
1971	Crisp	8-12-00	Paul Kelleway	Fred Winter	Sir Chester Manifold 3/1	8	
1970	Straight Fort	7-12-00	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	George Ansley	7/4F	6
1969	Muir	10-12-00	Ben Hannon	Tom Dreaper IRE	Waring Willis	15	11
1968	Drinny's Double	10-12-00	Frank Nash	Bob Turnell	Paul Mellon	6/1	5
1967	Drinny's Double	9-12-00	Frank Nash	Bob Turnell	Paul Mellon	7/2	8
1966	Flyingbolt	7-12-00	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	Mrs Jean Wilkinson	1/5F	6
1965	Dunkirk	8-12-00	Dave Dick	Peter Cazalet	Bill Whitbread	8/1	6
1964	Ben Stack	7-12-00	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	Anne, Duchess of Westminster	2/1	5
1963	Sandy Abbot	8-12-00	Stan Mellor	George Owen	Mrs J D McKechnie	5/1	5
1962	Piperton	8-12-00	Dave Dick	Archie Thomlinson	Archie Thomlinson	100/6	7
1961	Fortria	9-12-00	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	George Ansley	2/5F	5
1960	Fortria	8-12-00	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	George Ansley	15/8F	7
1959	Quita Que	10-12-00	Bunny Cox	Dan Moore IRE	Mrs D R Brand	4/9F	9

*Another Dolly finished second to Chinrullah, who was subsequently disqualified after failing a post-race test

The Ryanair Chase

Grade 1, £300,000 Total Prize Fund. 2.50pm, Cheltenham, Thursday, March 16, 2017, two miles & five furlongs (2m 4f 166y). For 5yo+ who are allotted a rating of 130 or more by the BHA Head of Handicapping following a review of the horses entered and after taking account of races run up to and including March 9 - horses who are not qualified for a rating in Great Britain, Ireland or France may also be entered & such horses may be eligible providing the Handicapper is satisfied that the horse's racecourse performances up to and including March 9 would merit a minimum rating of 130 (the decision of the BHA Head of Handicapping shall be final). Weights: 11st 10lb. Allowances: mares 7lb. Entries closed January 10, entries revealed January 12 (**48 entries**), scratchings deadline February 14, £15,000 supplementary entry stage and six-day confirmation stage March 10. Final 48-hour declaration stage, 10.00am, March 14. Maximum number of runners - 24.

Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
ALARY (FR)	7	Ann & Alan Potts	Colin Tizzard
AR MAD (FR)	7	Ashley Head	Gary Moore
ARCTIC SKIPPER (IRE)	8	L Halley	Vincent Halley IRE
ART MAURESQUE (FR)	7	Mrs Johnny de la Hey	Paul Nicholls
ASO (FR)	7	The Bellamy Partnership	Venetia Williams
BALLYCASEY (IRE)	10	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
BLACK HERCULES (IRE)	8	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Willie Mullins IRE
BRISTOL DE MAI (FR)	6	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nigel Twiston-Davies
CARRAIG MOR (IRE)	9	Masterson Holdings Limited	Alan King
CHAMPAGNE FEVER (IRE)	10	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
CHAMPAGNE WEST (IRE)	9	Roger Brookhouse	Henry de Bromhead IRE
COLD MARCH (FR)	7	Andrew Brooks	Venetia Williams
CUE CARD	11	Jean Bishop	Colin Tizzard
DJAKADAM (FR)	8	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
DODGING BULLETS	9	Martin Broughton & Friends	Paul Nicholls
DOUVAN (FR)	7	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
EMPIRE OF DIRT (IRE)	10	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
FOX NORTON (FR)	7	Ann & Alan Potts	Colin Tizzard
GOD'S OWN (IRE)	9	Crossed Fingers Partnership	Tom George
IRISH CAVALIER (IRE)	8	Andrew McIver	Rebecca Curtis
JOSSES HILL (IRE)	9	Alan Spence	Nicky Henderson
KING'S ODYSSEY (IRE)	8	William & Angela Rucker	Evan Williams
KYLEMORE LOUGH	8	M J McMahon & Denis Gallagher	Kerry Lee
LONG HOUSE HALL (IRE)	9	Carl Hinchy	Dan Skelton
MORE OF THAT (IRE)	9	J P McManus	Jonjo O'Neill
OUTLANDER (IRE)	9	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
ROAD TO RICHES (IRE)	10	Gigginstown House Stud	Noel Meade IRE
ROI DES FRANCS (FR)	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
ROYAL REGATTA (IRE)	9	Lesley Field & Eileen Murphy	Philip Hobbs
SAPHIR DU RHEU (FR)	8	The Stewart Family	Paul Nicholls
SHANTOU FLYER (IRE)	7	Carl Hinchy	Rebecca Curtis
SIZING GRANITE (IRE)	9	Ann & Alan Potts	Colin Tizzard
SIZING JOHN	7	Ann & Alan Potts Partnership	Jessica Harrington IRE
SMAD PLACE (FR)	10	Mrs Peter Andrews	Alan King
SMASHING (FR)	8	Ann & Alan Potts Partnership	Mouse Morris IRE
SUB LIEUTENANT (IRE)	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Henry de Bromhead IRE
TAMQUIN DU SEUIL (FR)	10	Martin Broughton & Friends 1	Jonjo O'Neill
TRAFFIC FLUIDE (FR)	7	Galloping On The South Downs Partnership	Gary Moore
UN DE SCEAUX (FR)	9	Edward O'Connell	Willie Mullins IRE
UXIZANDRE (FR)	9	J P McManus	Alan King
VALSEUR LIDO (FR)	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Henry de Bromhead IRE
VANITEUX (FR)	8	Richard & Lizzie Kelvin-Hughes	Nicky Henderson
VEZELAY (FR)	8	P Joubert	Emmanuel Clayeux FR
VIBRATO VALTAT (FR)	8	Axom XLIII	Paul Nicholls
VICONTE DU NOYER (FR)	8	Ann & Alan Potts	Colin Tizzard
VILLAGE VIC (IRE)	10	Alan Peterson	Philip Hobbs
VROUM VROUM MAG (FR)	8	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
ZABANA (IRE)	8	Chris Jones	Andrew Lynch IRE

48 entries

18 Irish-trained

1 French-trained

Breakdown of Ryanair Chase Entries by Trainer

7 entries

Willie Mullins IRE – **Ballycasey, Black Hercules, Champagne Fever, Djakadam, Douvan, Un De Sceaux, Vroum Vroum Mag**

5 entries

Colin Tizzard – **Alary, Cue Card, Fox Norton, Sizing Granite, Viconte Du Noyer**

4 entries

Paul Nicholls – **Art Mauresque, Dodging Bullets, Saphir Du Rheu, Vibrato Valtat**

3 entries

Henry de Bromhead IRE – **Champagne West, Sub Lieutenant, Valseur Lido**

Gordon Elliott IRE – **Empire Of Dirt, Outlander, Roi Des Francs**

Alan King – **Carraig Mor, Smad Place, Uxizandre**

2 entries

Rebecca Curtis – **Irish Cavalier, Shantou Flyer**

Nicky Henderson – **Josses Hill, Vaniteux**

Philip Hobbs – **Royal Regatta, Village Vic**

Gary Moore – **Ar Mad, Traffic Fluide**

Jonjo O'Neill – **More Of That, Taquin Du Seuil**

Venetia Williams – **Aso, Cold March**

1 entry

Emmanuel Clayeux FR – **Vezelay**

Tom George – **God's Own**

Vincent Halley IRE – **Arctic Skipper**

Jessica Harrington IRE – **Sizing John**

Kerry Lee – **Kylemore Lough**

Andrew Lynch IRE – **Zabana**

Noel Meade IRE – **Road To Riches**

Mouse Morris IRE – **Smashing**

Dan Skelton – **Long House Hall**

Nigel Twiston-Davies – **Bristol De Mai**

Evan Williams – **King's Odyssey**

Ryanair Chase entries with previous Festival form

Year	Race	Pos	Jockey	SP
Art Mauresque (Paul Nicholls)				
2016	Brown Advisory & Merriebelle Stable Plate	PU	Nick Scholfield	11/1
Aso (Venetia Williams)				
2015	Randex Health County Handicap Hurdle	11th	Aidan Coleman	33/1
2016	Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase	5th	Aidan Coleman	66/1
Ballycasey (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2014	RSA Chase	4th	Ruby Walsh	13/2j
2015	Ryanair Chase	PU	Ruby Walsh	22/1
2016	Brown Advisory & Merriebelle Stable Plate	5th	Ruby Walsh	10/1
Black Hercules (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2014	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	4th	Mr Patrick Mullins	13/2
2015	Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle	7th	Ruby Walsh	5/2f
2016	JLT Novices' Chase	1st	Ruby Walsh	4/1cf
Bristol De Mai (Nigel Twiston-Davies)				
2016	JLT Novices' Chase	2nd	Daryl Jacob	4/1cf
Champagne Fever (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2012	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	1st	Mr Patrick Mullins	16/1
2013	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	1st	Ruby Walsh	5/1
2014	Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase	2nd	Ruby Walsh	11/4j
Champagne West (Henry de Bromhead IRE)				
2014	Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle	4th	Richard Johnson	14/1
2016	Ryanair Chase	PU	Tom O'Brien	50/1
Cold March (Venetia Williams)				
2015	Close Brothers Novices' Handicap Chase	PU	Aidan Coleman	33/1
Cue Card (Colin Tizzard)				
2010	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	1st	Joe Tizzard	40/1
2011	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	4th	Joe Tizzard	7/4f
2012	Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase	2nd	Joe Tizzard	13/2
2013	Ryanair Chase	1st	Joe Tizzard	7/2
2016	Timico Cheltenham Gold Cup	F	Paddy Brennan	5/2
Djakadam (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2014	JLT Novices' Chase	F	Paul Townend	14/1
2015	Timico Cheltenham Gold Cup	2nd	Ruby Walsh	10/1
2016	Timico Cheltenham Gold Cup	2nd	Ruby Walsh	9/2
Dodging Bullets (Paul Nicholls)				
2012	JCB Triumph Hurdle	4th	Daryl Jacob	20/1
2013	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	9th	Daryl Jacob	12/1
2014	Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase	4th	Daryl Jacob	6/1
2015	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	1st	Sam Twiston-Davies	9/2
2016	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	7th	Sam Twiston-Davies	10/1
Douvan (Willie Mullins IRE)				
2015	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	1st	Ruby Walsh	2/1f
2016	Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase	1st	Ruby Walsh	1/4f
Empire Of Dirt (Gordon Elliott IRE)				
2016	Brown Advisory & Merriebelle Stable Plate	1st	Bryan Cooper	16/1
Fox Norton (Colin Tizzard)				
2016	Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase	3rd	Richard Johnson	33/1

God's Own (Tom George)				
2015	Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase	2nd	Paddy Brennan	33/1
2016	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	4th	Paddy Brennan	20/1
Irish Cavalier (Rebecca Curtis)				
2015	Close Brothers Novices' Handicap Chase	1st	Paul Townend	11/1
2016	Timico Cheltenham Gold Cup	5th	Paul Townend	66/1
Josses Hill (Nicky Henderson)				
2014	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	2nd	Andrew Tinkler	14/1
2015	Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase	3rd	Barry Geraghty	12/1
2016	Ryanair Chase	8th	Nico de Boinville	20/1
Kylemore Lough (Kerry Lee)				
2015	Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle	PU	Charlie Poste	100/1
Long House Hall (Dan Skelton)				
2016	Coral Cup	2nd	Harry Skelton	16/1
More Of That (Jonjo O'Neill)				
2014	World Hurdle	1st	Barry Geraghty	15/2
2016	RSA Chase	3rd	Barry Geraghty	6/4f
Outlander (Gordon Elliott IRE)				
2015	Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle	6th	Bryan Cooper	4/1
2016	JLT Novices' Chase	F	Bryan Cooper	6/1
Road To Riches (Noel Meade IRE)				
2015	Timico Cheltenham Gold Cup	3rd	Bryan Cooper	8/1
2016	Ryanair Chase	3rd	Bryan Cooper	7/1
Roi Des Francs (Gordon Elliott IRE)				
2015	Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle	3rd	David Mullins	3/1f
2016	RSA Chase	6th	Ruby Walsh	10/1
Royal Regatta (Philip Hobbs)				
2014	Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle	10th	Micheal Nolan	12/1
Saphir Du Rheu (Paul Nicholls)				
2013	Fred Winter Juvenile Handicap Hurdle	20th	Ruby Walsh	6/1j
2015	World Hurdle	2nd	Sam Twiston-Davies	5/1f
2016	World Hurdle	6th	Sam Twiston-Davies	11/1
Shantou Flyer (Rebecca Curtis)				
2016	National Hunt Chase	F	Mr B O'Neill	25/1
Sizing Granite (Colin Tizzard)				
2016	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	PU	Jonathan Burke	33/1
Sizing John (Jessica Harrington IRE)				
2015	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	3rd	Jonathan Burke	25/1
2016	Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase	2nd	Jonathan Burke	9/1
Smad Place (Alan King)				
2011	JCB Triumph Hurdle	10th	Robert Thornton	11/1
2012	Sun Bets Stayers' Hurdle	3rd	Robert Thornton	20/1
2013	Sun Bets Stayers' Hurdle	3rd	Wayne Hutchinson	9/1
2014	RSA Chase	2nd	Robert Thornton	13/2j
2015	Timico Cheltenham Gold Cup	8th	Wayne Hutchinson	25/1
2016	Timico Cheltenham Gold Cup	6th	Wayne Hutchinson	10/1

Smashing (Mouse Morris IRE)

2014	Coral Cup	4th	Andrew Lynch	25/1
2015	Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase	7th	Jonathan Burke	20/1
2016	Ryanair Chase	PU	Jonathan Burke	20/1

Taquin Du Seuil (Jonjo O'Neill)

2013	Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle	6th	A P McCoy	6/1
2014	JLT Novices' Chase	1st	A P McCoy	7/1
2015	Ryanair Chase	9th	Noel Fehily	14/1
2016	Ryanair Chase	6th	Noel Fehily	16/1

Un De Sceaux (Willie Mullins IRE)

2015	Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase	1st	Ruby Walsh	4/6f
2016	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	2nd	Ruby Walsh	4/6f

Uxizandre (Alan King)

2014	JLT Novices' Chase	2nd	Robert Thornton	33/1
2015	Ryanair Chase	1st	A P McCoy	16/1

Valseur Lido (Henry de Bromhead IRE)

2014	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	10th	Bryan Cooper	16/1
2015	JLT Novices' Chase	3rd	Bryan Cooper	9/2
2016	Ryanair Chase	2nd	David Mullins	11/1

Vaniteux (Nicky Henderson)

2014	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	3rd	Barry Geraghty	11/1
2015	Stan James Champion Hurdle	8th	Barry Geraghty	25/1
2016	Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase	UR	Nico de Boinville	8/1

Vibrato Valtat (Paul Nicholls)

2015	Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase	4th	Sam Twiston-Davies	7/1
2016	Ryanair Chase	F	Sam Twiston-Davies	33/1

Village Vic (Philip Hobbs)

2012	Weatherbys Champion Bumper	13th	Tom O'Brien	14/1
2013	Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle	10th	Micheal Nolan	8/1
2016	Ryanair Chase	9th	Richard Johnson	20/1

Vroum Vroum Mag (Willie Mullins IRE)

2016	OLBG Mares' Hurdle	1st	Ruby Walsh	4/6f
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Zabana (Andrew Lynch IRE)

2015	Coral Cup	2nd	Robbie Colgan	25/1
2016	JLT Novices' Chase	UR	Davy Russell	8/1

Record of trainers with entries in the Ryanair Chase

Year	Pos	Horse	Jockey	SP
Henry de Bromhead IRE – Champagne West, Sub Lieutenant, Valseur Lido				
2016	PU	Smashing	Jonathan Burke	20/1
Emmanuel Clayeux FR – Vezelay				
No previous runners				
Rebecca Curtis – Irish Cavalier, Shantou Flyer				
No previous runners				
Gordon Elliott IRE – Empire Of Dirt, Outlander, Roi Des Francs				
2015	3rd	Don Cossack	Bryan Cooper	5/2f
Tom George – God’s Own				
2011	7th	Tartak	Paddy Brennan	16/1
Jessica Harrington IRE – Sizing John				
2008	4th	Knight Legend	Barry Geraghty	33/1
2009	8th	Knight Legend	Andrew Leigh	100/1
2011	10th	Roberto Goldback	Robbie Power	16/1
Nicky Henderson – Josses Hill, Vaniteux				
2005	2nd	Fondmort	Mick Fitzgerald	9/1
2006	1st	Fondmort	Mick Fitzgerald	10/3jf
2006	7th	Calling Brave	Marcus Foley	50/1
2007	F	Crozan	Mick Fitzgerald	20/1
2010	10th	Petit Robin	Paul Carberry	16/1
2010	7th	Barbers Shop	Barry Geraghty	11/2
2010	8th	Jack The Giant	Andrew Tinkler	25/1
2011	5th	Voy Por Ustedes	Barry Geraghty	11/1
2012	1st	Riverside Theatre	Barry Geraghty	7/2f
2013	4th	Riverside Theatre	Barry Geraghty	7/1
2014	3rd	Rajdhani Express	Mr Sam Waley-Cohen	18/1
2014	4th	Hunt Ball	Barry Geraghty	14/1
2015	2nd	Ma Filleule	Barry Geraghty	5/1
2016	12th	Captain Conan	Andrew Tinkler	100/1
2016	8th	Josses Hill	Nico de Boinville	20/1
Philip Hobbs – Royal Regatta, Village Vic				
2006	2nd	Lacdoudal	Richard Johnson	20/1
2010	11th	Planet of Sound	Richard Johnson	11/1
2012	4th	Captain Chris	Richard Johnson	10/1
2013	PU	Menorah	Richard Johnson	8/1
2014	10th	Menorah	Richard Johnson	15/2
2015	PU	Wishfull Thinking	Richard Johnson	28/1
2016	9th	Village Vic	Richard Johnson	20/1
2016	PU	Champagne West	Tom O'Brien	50/1
Alan King – Carraig Mor, Smad Place, Uxizandre				
2009	2nd	Voy Por Ustedes	Robert Thornton	4/5f
2010	5th	Voy Por Ustedes	Robert Thornton	10/1
2012	3rd	Medermit	Robert Thornton	8/1
2014	8th	Medermit	Robert Thornton	20/1
2015	1st	Uxizandre	A P McCoy	16/1
2015	7th	Balder Succes	Wayne Hutchinson	7/1
2016	11th	Annacotty	Ian Popham	40/1
Kerry Lee – Kylemore Lough				
No previous runners				
Andrew Lynch IRE – Zabana				
No previous runners				
Noel Meade IRE – Road To Riches				
2006	F	Sir Oj	Paul Carberry	8/1
2016	3rd	Road To Riches	Bryan Cooper	7/1

Gary Moore – Ar Mad, Traffic Fluide**No previous runners****Mouse Morris IRE - Smashing**

2013	2nd	First Lieutenant	Bryan Cooper	2/1f
2014	7th	Rathlin	David Casey	20/1

Willie Mullins IRE – Ballycasey, Black Hercules, Champagne Fever, Djakadam, Douvan, Un De Sceaux, Vroum Vroum Mag

2010	3rd	J'y Vole	Davy Condon	28/1
2010	6th	Scotsirish	Paul Townend	20/1
2010	PU	Barker	David Casey	33/1
2011	6th	J'y Vole	Paul Townend	8/1
2012	PU	Blazing Tempo	Ruby Walsh	16/1
2014	6th	Boston Bob	Ruby Walsh	8/1
2015	PU	Ballycasey	Ruby Walsh	22/1
2016	1st	Vautour	Ruby Walsh	Evsf
2016	2nd	Valseur Lido	David Mullins	11/1

Paul Nicholls – Art Mauresque, Dodging Bullets, Saphir Du Rheu, Vibrato Valtat

2005	1st	Thisthatandtother	Ruby Walsh	9/2
2005	5th	Le Roi Miguel	Barry Geraghty	10/1
2006	4th	My Will	Ruby Walsh	14/1
2006	PU	Armatürk	Christian Williams	14/1
2007	1st	Taranis	Ruby Walsh	9/2
2007	7th	Thisthatandtother	Sam Thomas	16/1
2008	3rd	Turko	Ruby Walsh	7/1
2009	5th	Gwanako	Ruby Walsh	16/1
2010	2nd	Poquelin	Ruby Walsh	11/4f
2011	4th	Poquelin	Ruby Walsh	2/1f
2011	PU	Breedsbreeze	Nick Scholfield	40/1
2013	6th	Ghizao	Ruby Walsh	25/1
2014	5th	Al Ferof	Daryl Jacob	5/1
2014	9th	Kauto Stone	Sam Twiston-Davies	50/1
2015	8th	Wonderful Charm	Sam Twiston-Davies	16/1
2016	F	Vibrato Valtat	Sam Twiston-Davies	33/1

Jonjo O'Neill – More Of That, Taquin Du Seuil

2010	1st	Albertas Run	A P McCoy	14/1
2011	1st	Albertas Run	A P McCoy	6/1
2012	2nd	Albertas Run	A P McCoy	10/1
2013	PU	Albertas Run	A P McCoy	14/1
2015	5th	Johns Spirit	Richie McLernon	8/1
2015	9th	Taquin Du Seuil	Noel Fehily	14/1
2016	6th	Taquin Du Seuil	Noel Fehily	16/1

Dan Skelton – Long House Hall

2016	4th	Al Ferof	Harry Skelton	9/1
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Colin Tizzard – Alary, Cue Card, Fox Norton, Sizing Granite, Viconte Du Noyer

2011	9th	Hey Big Spender	Joe Tizzard	18/1
2013	1st	Cue Card	Joe Tizzard	7/2
2015	10th	Third Intention	Daryl Jacob	66/1

Nigel Twiston-Davies – Bristol De Mai

2009	1st	Imperial Commander	Paddy Brennan	6/1
2012	10th	Little Josh	Sam Twiston-Davies	66/1
2015	11th	Double Ross	Ryan Hatch	66/1

Evan Williams – King's Odyssey

2010	4th	Deep Purple	Paul Moloney	11/1
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Venetia Williams – Aso, Cold March**No previous runners**

Ryanair Chase - Facts & Figures

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Ryanair Chase, introduced at The Festival 2005, replaced the Cathcart Chase. The race conditions also changed, with the contest being open to all horses rather than restricted to first & second-season chasers. For the first three years, it was run at Grade Two level before an upgrade to Grade One status (2008). The Daily Telegraph backed the inaugural contest, with Irish airline Ryanair taking over from 2006.

BIGGEST FIELD

The biggest field was in 2016, when there were 15 runners, while the smallest was eight in 2013.

MULTIPLE WINNERS

Albertas Run was successful in both 2010 and 2011, and also finished runner-up in 2012.

MOST SUCCESSFUL OWNER

Trevor Hemmings is the most successful owner with two wins - Albertas Run in 2010 and 2011.

MOST SUCCESSFUL TRAINER

Paul Nicholls (2005 Thisthatandtother, 2007 Taranis), Jonjo O'Neill (2010 & 2011 Albertas Run), Nicky Henderson (2006 Fondmort, 2012 Riverside Theatre) and David Pipe (2008 Our Vic, 2014 Dynaste) each have two wins.

MOST SUCCESSFUL JOCKEY

Ruby Walsh is the leading current jockey with three wins – Thisthatandtother (2005), Taranis (2007) and Vautour (2016). Sir A P McCoy, who retired in 2015, also partnered three winners - 2010 & 2011 Albertas Run, 2015 Uxizandre.

MARES

A mare has yet to win the Ryanair Chase.

BETTING

Uxizandre started at 16/1 in 2015, making him the longest-priced winner so far. The shortest-priced winner was Vautour, sent off Evens in 2016. Four favourites (33 per cent) have prevailed in the 12 runnings - Fondmort (2006), Riverside Theatre (2012), Dynaste (2014) and Vautour (2016).

GREYS

Dynaste, successful in 2014, is the only grey to have won the Ryanair Chase.

AGE

10-year-olds Albertas Run (2011), Our Vic (2008) and Fondmort (2006) are the oldest winners. Taranis (2007) was six, making him the youngest winner. The overall age breakdown is as follows:

6yo - 1 victory

7yo - 3 victories

8yo - 3 victories

9yo - 2 victories

10yo - 3 victories

FASTEST

The quickest time was 5m 1.10s, achieved by Uxizandre in 2015.

OVERSEAS-TRAINED WINNER

IRELAND (1): Vautour (2016)

DID YOU KNOW?

Michael O'Leary, Ryanair's chief executive, has owned the runner-up three times through Gigginstown House Stud - Mossbank (2008), First Lieutenant (2013) and Valseur Lido (2016). He has also had the third in both 2015 (Don Cossack) and 2016 (Road To Riches).

Ryanair Chase Roll Of Honour (Ryanair Chase from 2006, The Daily Telegraph Chase 2005)

Year	Winner	Age/Wt	Jockey	Trainer	Owner	SP	Ran
2016	Vautour	7-11-10	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	Susannah Ricci	EvsF	15
2015	Uxizandre	7-11-10	A P McCoy	Alan King	J P McManus	16/1	14
2014	Dynaste	8-11-10	Tom Scudamore	David Pipe	John White	3/1F	11
2013	Cue Card	7-11-10	Joe Tizzard	Colin Tizzard	Jean Bishop	7/2	8
2012	Riverside Theatre	8-11-10	Barry Geraghty	Nicky Henderson	Jimmy Nesbitt Partnership	7/2F	12
2011	Albertas Run	10-11-10	A P McCoy	Jonjo O'Neill	Trevor Hemmings	6/1	11
2010	Albertas Run	9-11-10	A P McCoy	Jonjo O'Neill	Trevor Hemmings	14/1	13
2009	Imperial Commander	8-11-10	Paddy Brennan	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Our Friends In The North	6/1	10
2008	Our Vic	10-11-10	Timmy Murphy	David Pipe	David Johnson	4/1	9
2007	Taranis	6-11-00	Ruby Walsh	Paul Nicholls	Angela Yeoman & Charles Whittaker	9/2	9
2006	Fondmort	10-11-00	Mick Fitzgerald	Nicky Henderson	Bill Brown	100/30JF	11
2005	Thisthatandtother	9-11-03	Ruby Walsh	Paul Nicholls	Graham Roach	9/2	12

