



**BETWAY QUEEN  
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# ALTIOR HEADS 31 ENTRIES FOR BETWAY QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE AS HE CHASES RECORD-EQUALLING THIRD SUCCESS

## FRODON AMONG 44 IN RYANAIR CHASE

**Altior (Nicky Henderson)** heads 31 entries for the £400,000 G1 Betway Queen Mother Chase, the championship contest for two-mile chasers and the highlight of day two at The Festival™ presented by Magners, Wednesday, 11 March.

The Patricia Pugh-owned 10-year-old annexed the 2018 running by seven lengths from **Min** (Willie Mullins) and last year took the honours by a length and three quarters from **Politologue** (Paul Nicholls). If successful again in 2020, he would become only the second three-time winner of the Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase following on from Badsworth Boy, who triumphed in 1983, 1984 and 1985. Altior is the 3/1 favourite with sponsor Betway.

Altior is a four-time winner at The Festival, having also landed the G1 Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle in 2016 and the G1 Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase in 2017. He went on to break the record of the great Big Buck's by winning 19 consecutive Jump races between October, 2015 and April, 2019 – 10 of which came at G1 level. Trainer Nicky Henderson has also made an entry for G2 Haldon Gold Cup victor **Janika** and is the joint-most successful handler ever in the Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase alongside the late Tom Dreaper with six victories.

The horse that brought Altior's winning run to a close was **Cyrname** (Paul Nicholls), who came out on top by two and a quarter length in the G2 1965 Chase over two and a half miles at Ascot on 23 November. Cyrname, who was subsequently a well-beaten second when stepped up to three miles for the G1 King George VI Chase at Kempton Park, has yet to run at Cheltenham having shown a preference for right-handed tracks. The 11-times champion Jump trainer Nicholls is bidding for a record-equalling sixth Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase and has six entries in total. In addition to Cyrname and Politologue, Nicholls has also entered **Dynamite Dollars**, who won four of his five starts in 2018/19 including the G1 Henry VIII Novices' Chase, **Capeland**, **Diego du Charmil** and **Magic Saint**.

A trainer chasing is a first Betway Champion Chase is Gloucestershire-based Tom George. The Slad handler has had three horses placed in recent years with Module taking third in 2014, Sir Valentino also taking third in 2017 and God's Own occupying the same position behind Altior in 2018.

This year George has entered **Bun Doran**, who recorded his biggest victory last time out in the G2 Desert Orchid Chase at Kempton Park on 27 December, when he defeated 2019 Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase winner **Duc des Genievres** (Willie Mullins) by a length and a half with **Sceau Royal** (Alan King) in third. The nine-year-old also has good course form at Cheltenham, winning a two-mile handicap chase under top-weight at The November Meeting in 2018 and finishing second under 11st 7lb in the 2019 G3 Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Handicap Chase at The Festival.

**George said:** "Bun Doran is in good form and the Betway Queen Champion Chase is the intended target for him. We were delighted with his victory at Kempton. Kempton is a tight track but he jumped really well. He is probably better suited to left-handed tracks, but he travelled nicely and won well."

"We will keep him fresh for Cheltenham and look forward to running there. He is improving all the time and we have had horses including God's Own and Sir Valentino placed in the race."

The 7/2 second favourite with Betway is **Defi du Seuil** (Philip Hobbs), who has twice been successful at The Festival with victories in the 2017 G1 JCB Triumph Hurdle and 2019 G1 MARSH Novices' Chase. The J P McManus-owned seven-year-old has won both his starts this season in the G2 Shloer Chase at Cheltenham and G1 Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown Park.

There are 13 Irish-trained entries, including seven from Ireland's champion Jump trainer Willie Mullins. The pick of Mullins' entries with Betway is **Chacun Pour Soi**, runner-up to **A Plus Tard** (Henry de Bromhead) in a G1 contest at Leopardstown over Christmas.

The Betway Champion Chase is one of the few major prizes in Jump racing to have so far eluded Mullins.

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**Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase, Betway bet: 3/1 Altior; 7/2 Defi Du Seuil; 4/1 Chacun Pour Soi; 7/1 Cilaos Emery; 8/1 A Plus Tard; 12/1 Douvan, Min; 14/1 Waiting Patiently; 16/1 Cyrname, Footpad, Sceau Royal, Un De Sceaux; 20/1 Politologue; 22/1 Kalashnikov; 25/1 Bun Doran, Fox Norton, Janika, Riders On the Storm; 33/1 Capeland, Dynamite Dollars, Lady Buttons, Simply Ned; 40/1 Hardline, Paloma Blue; 50/1 Castlegrove Paddy, Diego Du Charmil, Hell's Kitchen, Magin Saint, Ordinary World, Ornua**

**Alan Alger, Head Of Corporate Communications and PR at Betway, said:** “The big news story of late is that Altior will only have one entry at The Festival and that is for the Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase, where he will attempt to defend his crown and gain a record-equalling third success.

“The two-time winner of our showcase sponsorship race may not have it all his own way this year as there are a whole host of young pretenders who look set to make this year’s renewal the best for some years.”

The memorable 2019 winner **Frodon** is among 44 entries for the £350,000 G1 Ryanair Chase over an extended two and a half miles on day three of The Festival, 12 March.

Frodon and jockey Bryony Frost provided one of the moments of last season in Ryanair Chase, with Frost becoming the first female rider to win a G1 race over obstacles at The Festival.

Paul Nicholls has the best record of any trainer in Ryanair Chase, with three successes, and the Ditcheat handler’s four-strong team also features Ascot specialist **Cyrname, Dynamite Dollars** and **Politologue**.

Other previous Ryanair Chase winners among the entries are the 2018 victor **Un De Sceaux** (Willie Mullins) and 2017 scorer **Balko des Flos** (Henry de Bromhead), who form part of 22-strong Irish challenge.

Balko Des Flos’ stablemate A Plus Tard looks the pick of Irish-trained entries following his victory over **Chacun Pour Soi** (Willie Mullins) in a G1 chase at Leopardstown over Christmas. A Plus Tard was one of the most impressive winners of The Festival in 2019 when bolting up in the Listed Close Brothers Novices’ Handicap Chase.

Nigel Twiston-Davies captured the Ryanair Chase in 2009 with future Cheltenham Gold Cup hero Imperial Commander and the trainer could have another chaser in that bracket courtesy of **Riders Onthe Storm**.

Purchased out of Tom Taaffe’s yard for £50,000 at the Goffs Spring Sale in May, Riders Onthe Storm is unbeaten in two starts for Twiston-Davies. The seven-year-old defeated **Cepage** (Venetia Williams) in a valuable handicap chase at Aintree in November and took another step forward when impressively landing a graduation chase at Ascot on 21 December, both over intermediate distances.

**Carl Hinchy, who part-owns the horse alongside Mark Scott, said:** “Riders Onthe Storm is very well and came out of Ascot bouncing. He has done brilliantly since coming over from Ireland and we are looking forward to the rest of the season. He has been entered in the Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase as another option, but the Ryanair Chase would be the plan.

“It will be up to Nigel where he goes next. He may take in the Ascot Chase [15 February] on the way to Cheltenham because that race fits in nicely. However, we are just as happy if he goes straight to Cheltenham as the owners would be keen for him to run at Aintree in the Melling Chase after Cheltenham.”

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# ENTRY STATISTICS

## Total Entries

### Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase Total Entries

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
31	22	30	28	23	33	26	17	19	21	24	29
2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
25	30	29	19	25	23	32	25	22	28	19	17

### Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase Irish-trained Entries

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
13	10	17	10	10	14	9	4	5	8	7	5
2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
5	12	11	5	8	6	5	3	5	5	2	4

### Ryanair Chase Total Entries

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
44	44	44	48	48	39	43	39	38	46	43	48
2008	2007	2006	2005								
57	46	54	39								

First Run in 2005

### Ryanair Chase Irish-trained Entries

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
22	29	24	18	22	16	20	15	14	18	18	13
2008	2007	2006	2005								
18	15	16	10								

First Run in 2005

# BETWAY QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE

Grade 1, £400,000 Total Prize Fund. 3.30pm Cheltenham, Old Course, Wednesday, March 11, 2020. 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 the day prior to confirmation - 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 the day prior to confirmation 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 7 (31 entries), scratchings' deadline February 11, £20,000 supplementary entry & six-day confirmation stage March 5. Final 48-hour declaration stage, 10am, March 9. Maximum number of runners - 20.

Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
<b>A Plus Tard (FR)</b>	6	Cheveley Park Stud	Henry de Bromhead IRE
<b>Altior (IRE)</b>	10	Patricia Pugh	Nicky Henderson
<b>Bun Doran (IRE)</b>	9	Crossed Fingers Partnership	Tom George
<b>Capeland (FR)</b>	8	Kathy Stuart	Paul Nicholls
<b>Castlegrace Paddy (IRE)</b>	9	Clipper Logistics Group Ltd	Pat Fahy IRE
<b>Chacun Pour Soi (FR)</b>	8	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Cilaos Emery (FR)</b>	8	Luke McMahon	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Cyrname (FR)</b>	8	Mrs Johnny de la Hey	Paul Nicholls
<b>Defi du Seuil (FR)</b>	7	J P McManus	Philip Hobbs
<b>Diego du Charmil (FR)</b>	8	Mrs Johnny de la Hey	Paul Nicholls
<b>Douvan (FR)</b>	10	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Duc des Genievres (FR)</b>	7	Sullivan Bloodstock Limited	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Dynamite Dollars (FR)</b>	7	Michael Geoghegan	Paul Nicholls
<b>Footpad (FR)</b>	8	Simon Munir/Isaac Souede	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Fox Norton (FR)</b>	10	Ann & Alan Potts Limited	Colin Tizzard
<b>Hardline (IRE)</b>	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
<b>Hell's Kitchen</b>	9	J P McManus	Harry Fry
<b>Janika (FR)</b>	7	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nicky Henderson
<b>Kalashnikov (IRE)</b>	7	Paul Murphy	Amy Murphy
<b>Lady Buttons</b>	10	Jayne Sivils	Philip Kirby
<b>Magic Saint (FR)</b>	6	John & Barbara Cotton	Paul Nicholls
<b>Min (FR)</b>	9	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Ordinary World (IRE)</b>	10	Chris Jones	Henry de Bromhead IRE
<b>Ornua (IRE)</b>	9	John J Phelan/Syed Momin	Henry de Bromhead IRE
<b>Paloma Blue (IRE)</b>	8	Chris Jones	Henry de Bromhead IRE
<b>Politologue (FR)</b>	9	John Hales	Paul Nicholls
<b>Riders Onthe Storm (IRE)</b>	7	Carl Hinchy and Mark Scott	Nigel Twiston-Davies
<b>Sceau Royal (FR)</b>	8	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Alan King
<b>Simply Ned (IRE)</b>	13	David & Nicky Robinson	Nicky Richards
<b>Un de Sceaux (FR)</b>	12	E O'Connell	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Waiting Patiently (IRE)</b>	9	Richard Collins	Ruth Jefferson

**31 entries**

**13 Irish-trained**

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# BREAKDOWN OF BETWAY QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE ENTRIES BY TRAINER

## 7 entries

Willie Mullins IRE - **Chacun Pour Soi, Cilaos Emery, Douvan, Duc des Genievres, Footpad, Min, Un de Sceaux**

## 6 entries

Paul Nicholls - **Capeland, Cyrname, Diego du Charmil, Dynamite Dollars, Magic Saint, Politologue**

## 4 entries

Henry de Bromhead IRE - **A Plus Tard, Ordinary World, Ornua, Paloma Blue**

## 2 entries

Nicky Henderson - **Altior, Janika**

## 1 entry

Gordon Elliott IRE - **Hardline**

Pat Fahy IRE - **Castlegrace Paddy**

Harry Fry - **Hell's Kitchen**

Tom George - **Bun Doran**

Philip Hobbs - **Defi du Seuil**

Ruth Jefferson - **Waiting Patiently**

Alan King - **Sceau Royal**

Philip Kirby - **Lady Buttons**

Amy Murphy - **Kalashnikov**

Nicky Richards - **Simply Ned**

Colin Tizzard - **Fox Norton**

Nigel Twiston-Davies - **Riders Onthe Storm**

# BETWAY QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE ENTRIES WITH PREVIOUS FORM AT THE FESTIVAL

Date	Pos	Race	Jockey	SP
<b>A Plus Tard (Henry de Bromhead IRE)</b>				
12/03/2019	1	Close Brothers Novices' Handicap Chase	Rachael Blackmore	5/1F
<b>Altior (Nicky Henderson)</b>				
15/03/2016	1	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	Nico de Boinville	4/1
14/03/2017	1	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase	Nico de Boinville	1/4F
14/03/2018	1	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Nico de Boinville	EvsF
13/03/2019	1	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Nico de Boinville	4/11F
<b>Bun Doran (Tom George)</b>				
14/03/2017	6	Close Brothers Novices' Handicap Chase	Adrian Heskin	10/1
15/03/2019	2	Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Handicap Chase	Paddy Brennan	11/1
<b>Capeland (Paul Nicholls)</b>				
14/03/2019	8	MARSH Novices' Chase	Harry Cobden	28/1
<b>Castlegarce Paddy (Pat Fahy IRE)</b>				
13/03/2019	6	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Davy Russell	25/1
<b>Cilaos Emery (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
14/03/2017	5	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	David Mullins	12/1
<b>Defi du Seuil (Philip Hobbs)</b>				
17/03/2017	1	JCB Triumph Hurdle	Richard Johnson	5/2F
14/03/2019	1	MARSH Novices' Chase	Barry Geraghty	3/1F
<b>Diego du Charmil (Paul Nicholls)</b>				
16/03/2016	1	Boodles Juvenile Handicap Hurdle	Sam Twiston-Davies	13/2
17/03/2017	12	County Handicap Hurdle	Sam Twiston-Davies	12/1
<b>Douvan (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
10/03/2015	1	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	Ruby Walsh	2/1F
15/03/2016	1	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase	Ruby Walsh	1/4F
15/03/2017	7	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Ruby Walsh	2/9F
14/03/2018	F	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Mr Patrick Mullins	9/2
<b>Duc des Genievres (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
14/03/2018	5	Baring Bingham Novices' Hurdle	Paul Townend	10/1
12/03/2019	1	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase	Paul Townend	5/1
<b>Footpad (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
18/03/2016	3	JCB Triumph Hurdle	Ruby Walsh	5/1
14/03/2017	4	Unibet Champion Hurdle	Ruby Walsh	14/1
13/03/2018	1	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase	Ruby Walsh	5/6F
14/03/2019	8	Ryanair Chase	Ruby Walsh	7/2F
<b>Fox Norton (Colin Tizzard)</b>				
15/03/2016	3	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase	Richard Johnson	33/1
15/03/2017	2	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Aidan Coleman	7/1
<b>Hardline (Gordon Elliott IRE)</b>				
12/03/2019	7	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase	Davy Russell	10/3 F
<b>Hell's Kitchen (Harry Fry)</b>				
13/03/2019	4	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Barry Geraghty	25/1
<b>Janika (Nicky Henderson)</b>				
14/03/2019	2	Brown Advisory & Merriebelle Stable Plate	Daryl Jacob	3/1F
<b>Kalashnikov (Amy Murphy)</b>				
13/03/2018	2	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	Jack Quinlan	5/1
12/03/2019	UR	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase	Jack Quinlan	6/1

# BETWAY QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE ENTRIES WITH PREVIOUS FORM AT THE FESTIVAL CONTINUED

Date	Pos	Race	Jockey	SP
<b>Lady Buttons (Philip Kirby)</b>				
12/03/2019	4	David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle	Thomas Dowson	12/1
<b>Magic Saint (Paul Nicholls)</b>				
15/03/2019	10	Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Handicap Chase	Harry Cobden	9/2F
<b>Min (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
15/03/2016	2	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	Ruby Walsh	15/8F
14/03/2018	2	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Paul Townend	5/2
13/03/2019	5	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Ruby Walsh	7/2
<b>Ordinary World (Henry de Bromhead IRE)</b>				
14/03/2017	3	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase	Davy Russell	25/1
14/03/2018	5	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Davy Russell	40/1
13/03/2019	8	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Rachael Blackmore	33/1
<b>Ornua (Henry de Bromhead IRE)</b>				
12/03/2019	F	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase	Rachael Blackmore	14/1
<b>Paloma Blue (Henry de Bromhead IRE)</b>				
13/03/2018	4	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	Davy Russell	14/1
12/03/2019	6	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase	Robbie Power	10/1
<b>Politologue (Paul Nicholls)</b>				
16/03/2016	20	Coral Cup	Sam Twiston-Davies	9/1
16/03/2017	4	MARSH Novices' Chase	Sam Twiston-Davies	10/1
14/03/2018	4	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Sam Twiston-Davies	12/1
13/03/2019	2	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Harry Cobden	11/1
<b>Riders Onthe Storm (Nigel Twiston-Davies)</b>				
12/03/2019	F	Close Brothers Novices' Handicap Chase	Brian Hughes	10/1
<b>Sceau Royal (Alan King)</b>				
18/03/2016	12	JCB Triumph Hurdle	Daryl Jacob	8/1
14/03/2017	6	Unibet Champion Hurdle	Daryl Jacob	25/1
13/03/2019	3	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Daryl Jacob	16/1
<b>Simply Ned (Nicky Richards)</b>				
11/03/2015	5	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Brian Harding	14/1
15/03/2017	9	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Brian Harding	33/1
<b>Un de Sceaux (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
10/03/2015	1	<b>Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase</b>	<b>Ruby Walsh</b>	<b>4/6F</b>
16/03/2016	2	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Ruby Walsh	4/6F
16/03/2017	1	<b>Ryanair Chase</b>	<b>Ruby Walsh</b>	<b>7/4F</b>
15/03/2018	2	Ryanair Chase	Paul Townend	8/11F
14/03/2019	5	Ryanair Chase	Paul Townend	5/1

# RECORD OF TRAINERS WITH ENTRIES IN THE BETWAY QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE

(SINCE 1997 PLUS ANY WINNERS BEFOREHAND)

Year	Pos	Horse	Jockey	SP
<b>Henry de Bromhead IRE - A Plus Tard, Ordinary World, Ornua, Paloma Blue</b>				
2011	1	<b>Sizing Europe</b>	<b>Andrew Lynch</b>	<b>10/1</b>
2012	2	Sizing Europe	Andrew Lynch	4/5F
2013	2	Sizing Europe	Andrew Lynch	6/1
2014	4	Sizing Europe	Andrew Lynch	11/1
2014	6	Special Tiara	Davy Russell	16/1
2015	3	Special Tiara	Noel Fehily	18/1
2015	7	Sizing Europe	Jonathan Burke	22/1
2016	3	Special Tiara	Noel Fehily	16/1
<b>2017</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Special Tiara</b>	<b>Noel Fehily</b>	<b>11/1</b>
2018	5	Ordinary World	Davy Russell	40/1
2018	PU	Special Tiara	Noel Fehily	25/1
2019	8	Ordinary World	Rachael Blackmore	33/1
<b>Gordon Elliott IRE - Hardline</b>				
<b>No previous runners</b>				
<b>Pat Fahy IRE - Castlegrace Paddy</b>				
2019	6	Castlegrace Paddy	Davy Russell	25/1
<b>Harry Fry - Hell's Kitchen</b>				
2019	4	Hell's Kitchen	Barry Geraghty	25/1
<b>Tom George - Bun Doran</b>				
2013	6	Mail de Bievre	Paddy Brennan	20/1
2014	3	Module	Paddy Brennan	20/1
2016	4	Gods Own	Paddy Brennan	20/1
2017	3	Sir Valentino	Paddy Brennan	33/1
2017	5	God's Own	Adrian Heskin	6/1
2018	3	God's Own	Paddy Brennan	40/1
2019	PU	God's Own	Paddy Brennan	16/1
<b>Nicky Henderson - Altior, Janika</b>				
<b>1992</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Remittance Man</b>	<b>Jamie Osborne</b>	<b>EvsF</b>
2002	5	Tiutchev	Mick Fitzgerald	5/1
2003	4	Geos	Mick Fitzgerald	25/1
2009	3	Petit Robin	Barry Geraghty	12/1
2011	6	French Opera	Andrew Tinkler	22/1
2011	10	Mad Max	Paul Carberry	20/1
<b>2012</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Finians Rainbow</b>	<b>Barry Geraghty</b>	<b>4/1</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Sprinter Sacre</b>	<b>Barry Geraghty</b>	<b>1/4F</b>
2014	7	Kid Cassidy	A P McCoy	10/1
2014	PU	Captain Conan	Barry Geraghty	7/2
2015	PU	Sprinter Sacre	Barry Geraghty	9/4F
<b>2016</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Sprinter Sacre</b>	<b>Nico de Boinville</b>	<b>5/1</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Altior</b>	<b>Nico de Boinville</b>	<b>EvsF</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Altior</b>	<b>Nico de Boinville</b>	<b>4/11F</b>
<b>Philip Hobbs - Defi du Seuil</b>				
<b>2002</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Flagship Uberalles</b>	<b>Richard Johnson</b>	<b>7/4F</b>
2003	5	Flagship Uberalles	Richard Johnson	12/1
2004	2	Flagship Uberalles	Richard Johnson	14/1
2008	3	Fair Along	Richard Johnson	12/1
2012	F	Wishfull Thinking	Richard Johnson	16/1
2013	3	Wishfull Thinking	Richard Johnson	25/1
2014	5	Wishfull Thinking	Richard Johnson	18/1
2017	8	Garde La Victoire	Richard Johnson	14/1
<b>Ruth Jefferson - Waiting Patiently</b>				
<b>No previous runners</b>				
<b>Alan King - Sceau Royal</b>				
<b>2007</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Voy Por Ustedes</b>	<b>Robert Thornton</b>	<b>5/1</b>
2008	2	Voy Por Ustedes	Robert Thornton	5/2F
2010	5	Oh Crick	Wayne Hutchinson	66/1
2019	3	Sceau Royal	Daryl Jacob	16/1

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(SINCE 1997 PLUS ANY WINNERS BEFOREHAND)

Year	Pos	Horse	Jockey	SP
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**Philip Kirby - Lady Buttons**

No previous runners

<b>Willie Mullins IRE - Chacun Pour Soi, Cilaos Emery, Douvan, Duc des Genievres, Footpad, Min, Un de Sceaux</b>				
Year	Pos	Horse	Jockey	SP
2003	8	Florida Pearl	Paul Carberry	12/1
2009	5	Scotsirish	Paul Townend	40/1
2010	6	Golden Silver	Paul Townend	33/1
2011	4	Golden Silver	Paul Townend	11/1
2014	PU	Arvika Ligeonniere	Ruby Walsh	8/1
2016	2	Un de Sceaux	Ruby Walsh	4/6F
2016	PU	Felix Yonder	Paul Townend	11/1
2017	7	Douvan	Ruby Walsh	2/9F
2018	2	Min	Paul Townend	5/2
2018	F	Douvan	Mr Patrick Mullins	9/2
2019	5	Min	Ruby Walsh	7/2

**Amy Murphy - Kalashnikov**

No previous runners

**Paul Nicholls - Capeland, Cyrname, Diego du Charmil, Dynamite Dollars, Magic Saint, Politologue**

1999	1	<b>Call Equiname</b>	<b>Mick Fitzgerald</b>	<b>7/2</b>
1999	4	Green Green Desert	Joe Tizzard	40/1
2000	3	Flagship Uberalles	Joe Tizzard	11/10F
2002	3	Cenkos	Timmy Murphy	66/1
2002	8	Fadalko	Ruby Walsh	14/1
2002	10	Desert Mountain	Joe Tizzard	50/1
2003	3	Cenkos	Ruby Walsh	7/1
2003	7	Kadarann	Joe Tizzard	9/1
<b>2004</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Azertyuiop</b>	<b>Ruby Walsh</b>	<b>15/8</b>
2004	4	Cenkos	Mick Fitzgerald	16/1
2004	5	Venn Ottery	Timmy Murphy	33/1
2005	3	Azertyuiop	Ruby Walsh	2/1
2005	5	Kadarann	Paddy Brennan	100/1
2005	PU	Cenkos	Joe Tizzard	100/1
2006	F	Kauto Star	Ruby Walsh	2/1F
<b>2008</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Master Minded</b>	<b>Ruby Walsh</b>	<b>3/1</b>
2008	6	Twist Magic	Sam Thomas	5/1
<b>2009</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Master Minded</b>	<b>Ruby Walsh</b>	<b>4/11F</b>
2009	F	Twist Magic	Sam Thomas	16/1
2010	4	Master Minded	Ruby Walsh	4/5F
2010	PU	Twist Magic	Robert Thornton	8/1
2011	8	Master Minded	Ruby Walsh	2/1F
2011	10	Woolcombe Folly	Daryl Jacob	7/1
2012	F	Kauto Stone	Ruby Walsh	14/1
2013	4	Sanctuaire	Ruby Walsh	20/1
2014	UR	Hinterland	Noel Fehily	11/1
<b>2015</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Dodging Bullets</b>	<b>Sam Twiston-Davies</b>	<b>9/2</b>
2015	8	Mr Mole	A P McCoy	13/2
2016	7	Dodging Bullets	Sam Twiston-Davies	10/1
2018	4	Politologue	Sam Twiston-Davies	12/1
2019	2	Politologue	Harry Cobden	11/1

**Nicky Richards - Simply Ned**

2015	5	Simply Ned	Brian Harding	14/1
2017	9	Simply Ned	Brian Harding	33/1

**Colin Tizzard - Fox Norton**

2017	2	Fox Norton	Aidan Coleman	7/1
2017	PU	Sizing Granite	Tom O'Brien	50/1

**Nigel Twiston-Davies - Riders Onthe Storm**

2006	F	Fundamentalist	Carl Llewellyn	16/1
2009	6	Mahogany Blaze	Paddy Brennan	40/1
2010	F	Mahogany Blaze	Paddy Brennan	66/1

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# 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 championship chase has been sponsored by Betway since 2015. BetVictor backed the G1 contest in 2014, while it was supported by Sportingbet in 2013 and sportingbet.com in both 2011 & 2012. Seasons Holidays became the first sponsor of the Queen Mother Champion Chase in 2007 and continued support until 2010.

### Biggest Field

The biggest field was in 1999 when 13 went to post.

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 first and only three-time scorer.

The 12 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), Sprinter Sacre (2013 & 2016) and Altior (2018 & 2019).

### 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 and Nicky Henderson have the best record of any trainer in the race, with six wins apiece.

Dreaper was successful with Fortria (1960 and 1961), Ben Stack (1964), Flyingbolt (1966), Muir (1969) and Straight Fort (1970), while Henderson has sent out Remittance Man (1992), Finian's Rainbow (2012), Sprinter Sacre (2013 & 2016), Altior (2018 & 2019) to victory.

### Most Successful Jockey

Pat Taaffe and Barry Geraghty are the most successful riders with five wins each.

Taaffe scored on Fortria (1960, 1961), Ben Stack (1964), Flyingbolt (1966) and Straight Fort (1970).

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 is shortest-priced winner, having scored at 1/5 in 1966.

Another Dolly, who was awarded the 1980 race, started at odds of 33/1 and provided the biggest upset.

In the 60 runnings, 20 favourites (33 per cent) have prevailed.

### Greys

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

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## Age

The oldest horse to have triumphed was 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 - 21 victories  
9yo - 13 victories  
10yo - 11 victories  
11yo - 2 victories  
12yo - 1 victory

## Overseas-Trained Winners

**IRELAND (22):** 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), Sizing Europe (2011) & Special Tiara (2017).

## 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 Novices' Chase, which also takes place at The Festival™ presented by Magners, is a good guide for future success in the Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase. A total of 12 horses - Altior (2018 & 2019), 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 two-mile novices' event before winning the Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase.

# 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
2019	Altior	9-11-10	Nico de Boinville	Nicky Henderson	Patricia Pugh	4/11F	9
2018	Altior	8-11-10	Nico de Boinville	Nicky Henderson	Patricia Pugh	EvsF	9
2017	Special Tiara	10-11-10	Noel Fehily	Henry de Bromhead IRE	Sally Rowley-Williams	11/1	10
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	No Race (Foot and Mouth)						
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

## RYANAIR CHASE

Grade 1, £350,000 Total Prize Fund. 2.50pm, Cheltenham, Thursday, March 12, 2020, 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 the day prior to confirmation - 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 the day prior to confirmation would merit a minimum rating of 130 (the decision of the BHA Head of Handicapping shall be final). Weights: 5-y-o 11st 9lb, 6-y-o and upwards 11st 10lb. Allowances: mares 7lb. Entries closed January 7 (44 entries), scratchings deadline February 11, £17,500 supplementary entry stage and six-day confirmation stage March 6. Final 48-hour declaration stage, 10.00am, March 12. Maximum number of runners - 24.

<b>Horse</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Trainer</b>
<b>A Plus Tard (FR)</b>	6	Cheveley Park Stud	Henry de Bromhead IRE
<b>Articulum (IRE)</b>	10	Martin McDonagh/Paul Murphy/M Nixon	Terence O'Brien IRE
<b>Aso (FR)</b>	10	The Bellamy Partnership	Venetia Williams
<b>Balko des Flos (FR)</b>	9	Gigginstown House Stud	Henry de Bromhead IRE
<b>Bristol de Mai (FR)</b>	9	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nigel Twiston-Davies
<b>Cadmium (FR)</b>	8	In Our Element Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Cepage (FR)</b>	8	The Bellamy Partnership	Venetia Williams
<b>Chacun Pour Soi (FR)</b>	8	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Chris's Dream (IRE)</b>	8	Robcour	Henry de Bromhead IRE
<b>Cilaos Emery (FR)</b>	8	Luke McMahon	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Count Meribel</b>	8	Charles C Walker	Nigel Twiston-Davies
<b>Cyrname (FR)</b>	8	Mrs Johnny de la Hey	Paul Nicholls
<b>Darasso (FR)</b>	7	J P McManus	Joseph O'Brien IRE
<b>Death Duty (IRE)</b>	9	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
<b>Defi du Seuil (FR)</b>	7	J P McManus	Philip Hobbs
<b>Delta Work (FR)</b>	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
<b>Duc des Genievres (FR)</b>	7	Sullivan Bloodstock Limited	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Dynamite Dollars (FR)</b>	7	Michael Geoghegan	Paul Nicholls
<b>Footpad (FR)</b>	8	Simon Munir/Isaac Souede	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Fox Norton (FR)</b>	10	Ann & Alan Potts Limited	Colin Tizzard
<b>Frodon (FR)</b>	8	Paul Vogt	Paul Nicholls
<b>Hardline (IRE)</b>	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
<b>Hell's Kitchen</b>	9	J P McManus	Harry Fry
<b>Janika (FR)</b>	7	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nicky Henderson
<b>Kalashnikov (IRE)</b>	7	Paul Murphy	Amy Murphy
<b>Kauto Riko (FR)</b>	9	Mr and Mrs J Dale and Partners	Tom Gretton
<b>Keeper Hill (IRE)</b>	9	McNeill Family	Warren Greatrex
<b>La Bague Au Roi (FR)</b>	9	Mrs Julien Turner & Andrew Merriam	Warren Greatrex
<b>Lalor (GER)</b>	8	D G Staddon	Kayley Woollacott
<b>Min (FR)</b>	9	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Mister Whitaker (IRE)</b>	8	Tim Radford	Mick Channon
<b>Paloma Blue (IRE)</b>	8	Chris Jones	Henry de Bromhead IRE
<b>Politologue (FR)</b>	9	John Hales	Paul Nicholls
<b>Real Steel (FR)</b>	7	Sullivan Bloodstock Limited	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Riders Onthe Storm (IRE)</b>	7	Carl Hinchy and Mark Scott	Nigel Twiston-Davies
<b>Road To Respect (IRE)</b>	9	Gigginstown House Stud	Noel Meade IRE
<b>Saint Calvados (FR)</b>	7	Kate & Andrew Brooks	Harry Whittington
<b>Shattered Love (IRE)</b>	9	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
<b>Top Notch (FR)</b>	9	Simon Munir & Isaac Souede	Nicky Henderson
<b>Tout Est Permis (FR)</b>	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Noel Meade IRE
<b>Un de Sceaux (FR)</b>	12	E O'Connell	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Voix du Reve (FR)</b>	8	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Willie Mullins IRE
<b>Waiting Patiently (IRE)</b>	9	Richard Collins	Ruth Jefferson
<b>Yorkhill (IRE)</b>	10	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Willie Mullins IRE

**44 entries**

**22 Irish-trained**

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# BREAKDOWN OF RYANAIR CHASE ENTRIES BY TRAINER

## 10 entries

Willie Mullins IRE - **Cadmium, Chacun Pour Soi, Cilaos Emery, Duc des Genievres, Footpad, Min, Real Steel, Un de Sceaux, Voix du Reve, Yorkhill**

## 4 entries

Henry de Bromhead IRE - **A Plus Tard, Balko des Flos, Chris's Dream, Paloma Blue**

Gordon Elliott IRE - **Death Duty, Delta Work, Hardline, Shattered Love**

Paul Nicholls - **Cyrname, Dynamite Dollars, Frodon, Politologue**

## 3 entries

Nigel Twiston-Davies - **Bristol de Mai, Count Meribel, Riders Onthe Storm**

## 2 entries

Warren Greatrex - **Keeper Hill, La Bague Au Roi**

Nicky Henderson - **Janika, Top Notch**

Noel Meade IRE - **Road To Respect, Tout Est Permis**

Venetia Williams - **Aso, Cepage**

## 1 entry

Mick Channon - **Mister Whitaker**

Harry Fry - **Hell's Kitchen**

Tom Gretton - **Kauto Riko**

Philip Hobbs - **Defi du Seuil**

Ruth Jefferson - **Waiting Patiently**

Amy Murphy - **Kalashnikov**

Joseph O'Brien IRE - **Darasso**

Terence O'Brien IRE - **Articulum**

Colin Tizzard - **Fox Norton**

Harry Whittington - **Saint Calvados**

Kayley Woollacott - **Lalor**

# RYANAIR CHASE ENTRIES WITH PREVIOUS FESTIVAL FORM

Date	Pos	Race	Jockey	SP
<b>A Plus Tard (Henry de Bromhead IRE)</b>				
12/03/2019	1	Close Brothers Novices' Handicap Chase	Rachael Blackmore	5/1F
<b>Articulum (Terence O'Brien IRE)</b>				
12/03/2019	3	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase	David Mullins	25/1
<b>Aso (Venetia Williams)</b>				
13/03/2015	11	Randox Health County Handicap Hurdle	Aidan Coleman	33/1
15/03/2016	5	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase	Aidan Coleman	66/1
16/03/2017	3	Ryanair Chase	Charlie Deutsch	40/1
14/03/2019	2	Ryanair Chase	Charlie Deutsch	33/1
<b>Balko des Flos (Henry de Bromhead IRE)</b>				
18/03/2016	5	Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle	David Mullins	40/1
16/03/2017	F	MARSH Novices' Chase	David Mullins	16/1
<b>15/03/2018</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Ryanair Chase</b>	<b>Davy Russell</b>	<b>8/1</b>
14/03/2019	7	Ryanair Chase	Denis O'Regan	16/1
<b>Bristol de Mai (Nigel Twiston-Davies)</b>				
17/03/2016	2	MARSH Novices' Chase	Daryl Jacob	4/1F
17/03/2017	7	Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup	Daryl Jacob	16/1
15/03/2019	3	Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup	Daryl Jacob	18/1
<b>Chris's Dream (Henry de Bromhead IRE)</b>				
16/03/2018	9	Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle	Mark Walsh	6/1
<b>Cilaos Emery (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
14/03/2017	5	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	David Mullins	12/1
<b>Count Meribel (Nigel Twiston-Davies)</b>				
13/03/2019	7	RSA Insurance Novices' Chase	Mark Grant	66/1
<b>Death Duty (Gordon Elliott IRE)</b>				
17/03/2017	UR	Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle	Bryan Cooper	13/8F
<b>Defi du Seuil (Philip Hobbs)</b>				
17/03/2017	1	JCB Triumph Hurdle	Richard Johnson	5/2F
14/03/2019	1	MARSH Novices' Chase	Barry Geraghty	3/1F
<b>Delta Work (Gordon Elliott IRE)</b>				
<b>15/03/2018</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Pertemps Network Final</b>	<b>Davy Russell</b>	<b>6/1</b>
13/03/2019	3	RSA Insurance Novices' Chase	Davy Russell	7/4F
<b>Duc des Genievres (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
14/03/2018	5	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	Paul Townend	10/1
<b>12/03/2019</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase</b>	<b>Paul Townend</b>	<b>5/1</b>
<b>Footpad (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
18/03/2016	3	JCB Triumph Hurdle	Ruby Walsh	5/1
14/03/2017	4	Unibet Champion Hurdle	Ruby Walsh	14
<b>13/03/2018</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase</b>	<b>Ruby Walsh</b>	<b>5/6F</b>
14/03/2019	8	Ryanair Chase	Ruby Walsh	7/2F
<b>Fox Norton (Colin Tizzard)</b>				
15/03/2016	3	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase	Richard Johnson	33/1
15/03/2017	2	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Aidan Coleman	7/1
<b>Frodon (Paul Nicholls)</b>				
18/03/2016	8	JCB Triumph Hurdle	Sean Bowen	20/1
15/03/2018	5	Ryanair Chase	Sam Twiston-Davies	9/1
<b>14/03/2019</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Ryanair Chase</b>	<b>Bryony Frost</b>	<b>9/2</b>
<b>Hardline (Gordon Elliott IRE)</b>				
12/03/2019	7	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase	Davy Russell	10/3 F

# RYANAIR CHASE ENTRIES WITH PREVIOUS FESTIVAL FORM CONTINUED

Date	Pos	Race	Jockey	SP
<b>Hell's Kitchen (Harry Fry)</b>				
13/03/2019	4	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Barry Geraghty	25/1
<b>Janika (Nicky Henderson)</b>				
14/03/2019	2	Brown Advisory & Merriebelle Stable Plate	Daryl Jacob	3/1F
<b>Kalashnikov (Amy Murphy)</b>				
13/03/2018	2	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	Jack Quinlan	5/1
12/03/2019	UR	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase	Jack Quinlan	6/1
<b>Kauto Riko (Tom Gretton)</b>				
14/03/2019	8	Brown Advisory & Merriebelle Stable Plate	David Noonan	66/1
<b>Keeper Hill (Warren Greatrex)</b>				
15/03/2017	7	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	Gavin Sheehan	25/1
13/03/2018	F	National Hunt Chase	Mr Richard Deegan	25/1
14/03/2019	10	Stayers' Hurdle	Richard Johnson	66/1
<b>La Bague Au Roi (Warren Greatrex)</b>				
16/03/2017	7	Dawn Run Mares' Novices' Hurdle	Gavin Sheehan	10/1
13/03/2018	7	David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle	Richard Johnson	5/1
<b>Lalor (Kayley Woollacott)</b>				
12/03/2019	PU	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase	Richard Johnson	13/2
<b>Min (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
15/03/2016	2	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	Ruby Walsh	15/8F
14/03/2018	2	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Paul Townend	5/2
13/03/2019	5	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Ruby Walsh	7/2
<b>Mister Whitaker (Mick Channon)</b>				
<b>13/03/2018</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Close Brothers Novices' Handicap Chase</b>	<b>Brian Hughes</b>	<b>13/2</b>
12/03/2019	PU	Ultima Handicap Chase	Brian Hughes	8/1CF
<b>Paloma Blue (Henry de Bromhead IRE)</b>				
13/03/2018	4	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	Davy Russell	14/1
12/03/2019	6	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase	Robbie Power	10/1
<b>Politologue (Paul Nicholls)</b>				
16/03/2016	20	Coral Cup	Sam Twiston-Davies	9/1
16/03/2017	4	MARSH Novices' Chase	Sam Twiston-Davies	10/1
14/03/2018	4	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Sam Twiston-Davies	12/1
13/03/2019	2	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Harry Cobden	11/1
<b>Real Steel (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
16/03/2018	11	Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle	David Mullins	33/1
14/03/2019	6	MARSH Novices' Chase	Paul Townend	13/2
<b>Riders Onthe Storm (Nigel Twiston-Davies)</b>				
12/03/2019	F	Close Brothers Novices' Handicap Chase	Brian Hughes	10/1
<b>Road To Respect (Noel Meade IRE)</b>				
<b>16/03/2017</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Brown Advisory &amp; Merriebelle Stable Plate</b>	<b>Bryan Cooper</b>	<b>14/1</b>
16/03/2018	4	Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup	Sean Flanagan	9/1
14/03/2019	3	Ryanair Chase	Sean Flanagan	9/2
<b>Saint Calvados (Harry Whittington)</b>				
13/03/2018	4	Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase	Aidan Coleman	11/4
13/03/2019	7	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Gavin Sheehan	25/1

# RYANAIR CHASE ENTRIES WITH PREVIOUS FESTIVAL FORM CONTINUED

Date	Pos	Race	Jockey	SP
<b>Shattered Love (Gordon Elliott IRE)</b>				
15/03/2017	12	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	Bryan Cooper	8/1
<b>15/03/2018</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>MARSH Novices' Chase</b>	<b>Jack Kennedy</b>	<b>4/1</b>
15/03/2019	9	Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup	Jack Kennedy	20/1
<b>Top Notch (Nicky Henderson)</b>				
13/03/2015	2	JCB Triumph Hurdle	Daryl Jacob	7/1
15/03/2016	5	Unibet Champion Hurdle	Daryl Jacob	14/1
16/03/2017	2	MARSH Novices' Chase	Daryl Jacob	7/2
14/03/2019	15	Stayers' Hurdle	Daryl Jacob	12/1
<b>Un de Sceaux (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
<b>10/03/2015</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase</b>	<b>Ruby Walsh</b>	<b>4/6F</b>
16/03/2016	2	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	Ruby Walsh	4/6F
<b>16/03/2017</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Ryanair Chase</b>	<b>Ruby Walsh</b>	<b>7/4F</b>
15/03/2018	2	Ryanair Chase	Paul Townend	8/11F
14/03/2019	5	Ryanair Chase	Paul Townend	5/1
<b>Voix du Reve (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
16/03/2016	F	Fred Winter Juvenile Handicap Hurdle	Ruby Walsh	14/1
14/03/2018	14	Coral Cup	David Mullins	10/1
14/03/2019	UR	MARSH Novices' Chase	Ruby Walsh	9/1
<b>Yorkhill (Willie Mullins IRE)</b>				
<b>16/03/2016</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Ballymore Novices' Hurdle</b>	<b>Ruby Walsh</b>	<b>3/1</b>
<b>16/03/2017</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>MARSH Novices' Chase</b>	<b>Ruby Walsh</b>	<b>6/4F</b>
13/03/2018	PU	Unibet Champion Hurdle	David Mullins	14/1

# RECORD OF TRAINERS WITH ENTRIES IN THE RYANAIR CHASE

Year	Pos	Horse	Jockey	SP
<b>Henry de Bromhead IRE - A Plus Tard, Balko des Flos, Chris's Dream, Paloma Blue</b>				
2016	PU	Smashing	Jonathan Burke	20/1
2017	2	Sub Lieutenant	David Mullins	8/1
<b>2018</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Balko des Flos</b>	<b>Davy Russell</b>	<b>8/1</b>
2018	4	Sub Lieutenant	Sean Flanagan	18/1
2019	4	Monalee	Rachael Blackmore	5/1
2019	7	Balko des Flos	Denis O'Regan	16/1
2019	PU	Sub Lieutenant	J J Slevin	66/1

## Mick Channon - Mister Whitaker

No previous runners

## Gordon Elliott IRE - Death Duty, Delta Work, Hardline, Shattered Love

2015	3	Don Cossack	Bryan Cooper	5/2F
2017	4	Empire Of Dirt	Bryan Cooper	11/4
2019	PU	The Storyteller	Davy Russell	20/1

## Harry Fry - Hell's Kitchen

No previous runners

## Warren Greatrex - Keeper Hill, La Bague Au Roi

No previous runners

## Tom Gretton - Kauto Riko

No previous runners

## Nicky Henderson - Janika, Top Notch

2005	2	Fondmort	Mick Fitzgerald	9/1
<b>2006</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Fondmort</b>	<b>Mick Fitzgerald</b>	<b>100/30JF</b>
2006	7	Calling Brave	Marcus Foley	50/1
2007	F	Crozan	Mick Fitzgerald	20/1
2010	7	Barbers Shop	Barry Geraghty	11/2
2010	8	Jack The Giant	Andrew Tinkler	25/1
2010	10	Petit Robin	Paul Carberry	16/1
2011	5	Voy Por Ustedes	Barry Geraghty	11/1
<b>2012</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Riverside Theatre</b>	<b>Barry Geraghty</b>	<b>7/2F</b>
2013	4	Riverside Theatre	Barry Geraghty	7/1
2014	3	Rajdhani Express	Mr Sam Waley-Cohen	18/1
2014	4	Hunt Ball	Barry Geraghty	14/1
2015	2	Ma Filleule	Barry Geraghty	5/1
2016	8	Josses Hill	Nico de Boinville	20/1
2016	12	Captain Conan	Andrew Tinkler	100/1
2017	5	Josses Hill	Nico de Boinville	9/1
2017	8	Vaniteux	Noel Fehily	14/1
2019	PU	Terrefort	Daryl Jacob	20/1

## Philip Hobbs - Defi du Seuil

2006	2	Lacdoudal	Richard Johnson	20/1
2010	11	Planet of Sound	Richard Johnson	11/1
2012	4	Captain Chris	Richard Johnson	10/1
2013	PU	Menorah	Richard Johnson	8/1
2014	10	Menorah	Richard Johnson	15/2
2015	PU	Wishfull Thinking	Richard Johnson	28/1
2016	9	Village Vic	Richard Johnson	20/1
2016	PU	Champagne West	Tom O'Brien	50/1

## Ruth Jefferson - Waiting Patiently

2018	3	Cloudy Dream	Brian Hughes	10/1
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## Noel Meade IRE - Road To Respect, Tout Est Permis

2006	F	Sir Oj	Paul Carberry	8/1
2016	3	Road To Riches	Bryan Cooper	7/1
2019	3	Road To Respect	Sean Flanagan	9/2

# RECORD OF TRAINERS WITH ENTRIES IN THE RYANAIR CHASE CONTINUED

Year	Pos	Horse	Jockey	SP
<b>Willie Mullins IRE - Cadmium, Chacun Pour Soi, Cilaos Emery, Duc des Genievres, Footpad, Min, Real Steel, Un de Sceaux, Voix du Reve, Yorkhill</b>				
2010	3	J'y Vole	Davy Condon	28/1
2010	6	Scotsirish	Paul Townend	20/1
2010	PU	Barker	David Casey	33/1
2011	6	J'y Vole	Paul Townend	8/1
2012	PU	Blazing Tempo	Ruby Walsh	16/1
2014	6	Boston Bob	Ruby Walsh	8/1
2015	PU	Ballycasey	Ruby Walsh	22/1
<b>2016</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Vautour</b>	<b>Ruby Walsh</b>	<b>EvsF</b>
2016	2	Valseur Lido	David Mullins	11/1
<b>2017</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Un de Sceaux</b>	<b>Ruby Walsh</b>	<b>7/4F</b>
2018	2	Un de Sceaux	Paul Townend	8/11F
2019	5	Un de Sceaux	Paul Townend	5/1
2019	8	Footpad	Ruby Walsh	7/2F

**Amy Murphy - Kalashnikov**

No previous runners

**Paul Nicholls - Cyrname, Dynamite Dollars, Frodon, Politologue**

2005	1	<b>Thisthatandtother</b>	<b>Ruby Walsh</b>	<b>9/2</b>
2005	5	Le Roi Miguel	Barry Geraghty	10/1
2006	4	My Will	Ruby Walsh	14/1
2006	PU	Armaturk	Christian Williams	14/1
<b>2007</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Taranis</b>	<b>Ruby Walsh</b>	<b>9/2</b>
2007	7	Thisthatandtother	Sam Thomas	16/1
2008	3	Turko	Ruby Walsh	7/1
2009	5	Gwanako	Ruby Walsh	16/1
2010	2	Poquelin	Ruby Walsh	11/4 (Fav)
2011	4	Poquelin	Ruby Walsh	2/1 (Fav)
2011	PU	Breedsbreeze	Nick Scholfield	40/1
2013	6	Ghizao	Ruby Walsh	25/1
2014	5	Al Fero	Daryl Jacob	5/1
2014	9	Kauto Stone	Sam Twiston-Davies	50/1
2015	8	Wonderful Charm	Sam Twiston-Davies	16/1
2016	F	Vibrato Valtat	Sam Twiston-Davies	33/1
2018	5	Frodon	Sam Twiston-Davies	9/1
<b>2019</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Frodon</b>	<b>Bryony Frost</b>	<b>9/2</b>

**Joseph O'Brien IRE - Darasso**

No previous runners

**Terence O'Brien IRE - Articulum**

No previous runners

**Colin Tizzard - Fox Norton**

2011	9	Hey Big Spender	Joe Tizzard	18/1
<b>2013</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Cue Card</b>	<b>Joe Tizzard</b>	<b>7/2</b>
2015	10	Third Intention	Daryl Jacob	66/1
2017	6	Alary	Tom O'Brien	33/1
2018	PU	Cue Card	Paddy Brennan	9/2

**Nigel Twiston-Davies - Bristol de Mai, Count Meribel, Riders On the Storm**

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

**Harry Whittington - Saint Calvados**

No previous runners

**Venetia Williams - Aso, Cepage**

2017	3	Aso	Charlie Deutsch	40/1
2019	2	Aso	Charlie Deutsch	33/1

**Kayley Woollacott - Lalor**

No previous runners

# RYANAIR CHASE FACTS & FIGURES

## Background Information

The Ryanair Chase, introduced at The Festival in 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 six in 2018.

## 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 has sent out the winner on three occasions - 2005 Thisthatandtother, 2007 Taranis & 2019 Frodon.

## Most Successful Jockey

Ruby Walsh is the most successful jockey with four wins - Thisthatandtother (2005), Taranis (2007), Vautour (2016) and Un De Sceaux (2017). No current jockey has won the race more than once.

## 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. Five favourites (33 per cent) have prevailed in the 15 runnings - Fondmort (2006), Riverside Theatre (2012), Dynaste (2014), Vautour (2016) and Un De Sceaux (2017).

## 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 - 5 victories  
8yo - 3 victories  
9yo - 3 victories  
10yo - 3 victories

## Fastest

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

## Overseas-Trained Winners

**IRELAND (3):** Vautour (2016), Un De Sceaux (2017), Balko Des Flos (2018)

## Did You Know?

Michael O'Leary, Ryanair's chief executive, who runs his horses under the Gigginstown House Stud banner, finally got his hands on the trophy in 2018 thanks to Balko Des Flos. Prior to that, O'Leary had owned the runner-up four times - Mossbank (2008), First Lieutenant (2013), Valseur Lido (2016) and Sub Lieutenant (2017) - and also had the third in both 2015 (Don Cossack) and 2016 (Road To Riches).

Bryony Frost became the first female jockey to ride a G1 winner over fences at The Festival when she partnered Frodon to victory in the 2019 Ryanair Chase.

# RYANAIR CHASE ROLL OF HONOUR

(Ryanair Chase from 2006, The Daily Telegraph Chase 2005)

Year	Winner	Age/Wt	Jockey	Trainer	Owner	SP	Ran
2019	Frodon	7-11-10	Bryony Frost	Paul Nicholls	Paul Vogt	9/2	12
2018	Balko Des Flos	7-11-10	Davy Russell	Henry de Bromhead IRE	Gigginstown House Stud	8/1	6
2017	Un De Sceaux	9-11-10	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	Edward O'Connell	7/4F	8
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	10/3JF	11
2005	Thisthatandtother	9-11-03	Ruby Walsh	Paul Nicholls	Graham Roach	9/2	12



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