

BRIGADIER GERARD



Bred by John Hislop in England and foaled 5th March 1968, the racehorse Brigadier Gerard was a son of the stallion Queen's Hussar, another notable winner.

This beautifully balanced bay colt was named after Arthur Conan Doyle's swashbuckling French hero. In 2008, Steve Carell (*The 40 Year Old Virgin* & *The American Office*) was signed to play him in a film adaptation. No further news of it as yet!

A statue stands at The Rowley Mile in Newmarket to commemorate his swansong race. He is widely acknowledged by racing's elite pundits and commentators as *the* horse of the 20th century – beating out the likes of the better known Red Rum.

Though modestly bred, "The Brigadier" won 17 of his 18 races rounding off his career with an almost perfect racing record. He was always ridden by champion jockey Joe Mercer.



The Brigadier Gerard Stakes at Sandown is named in his honour. He died in 1979.

