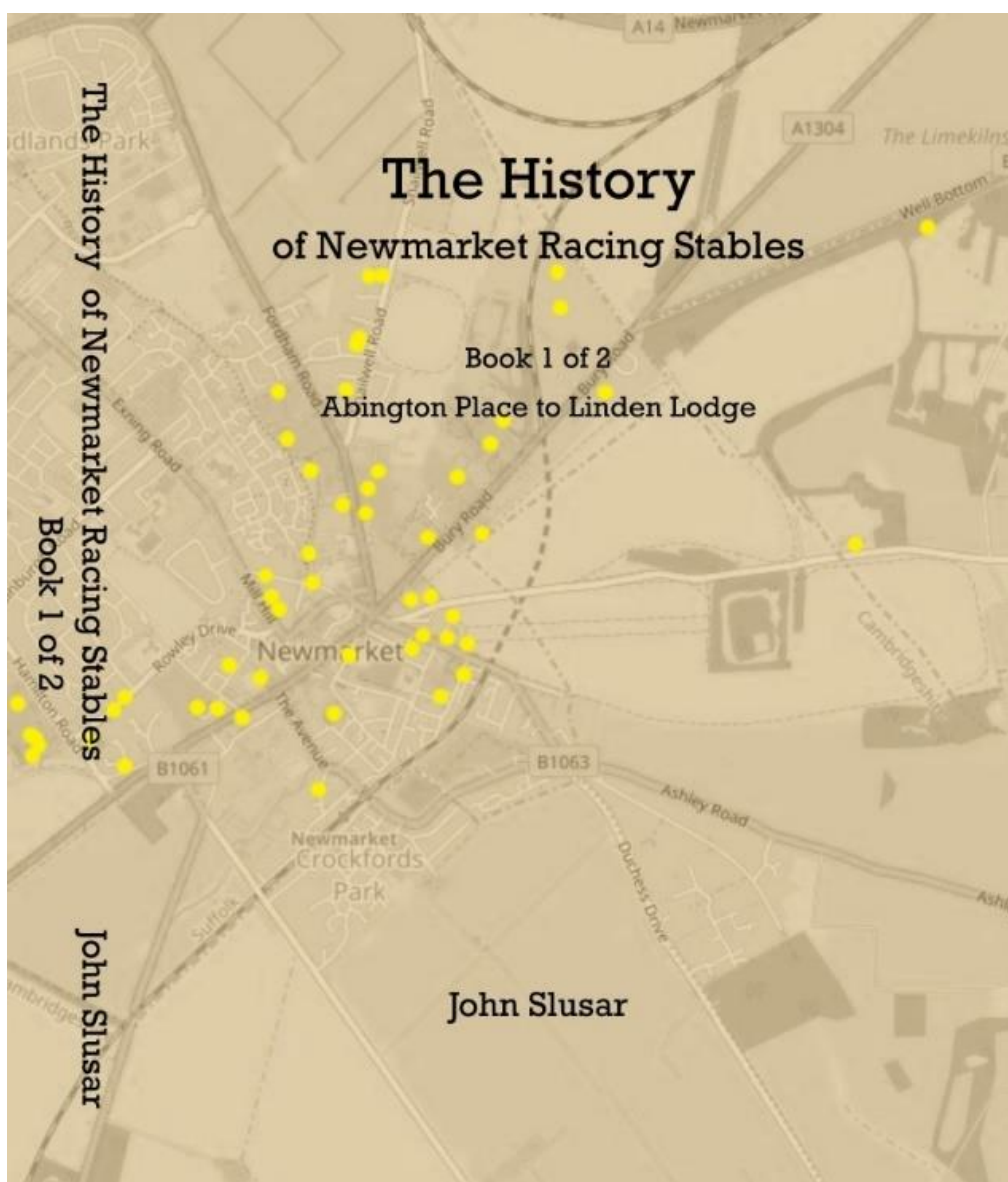


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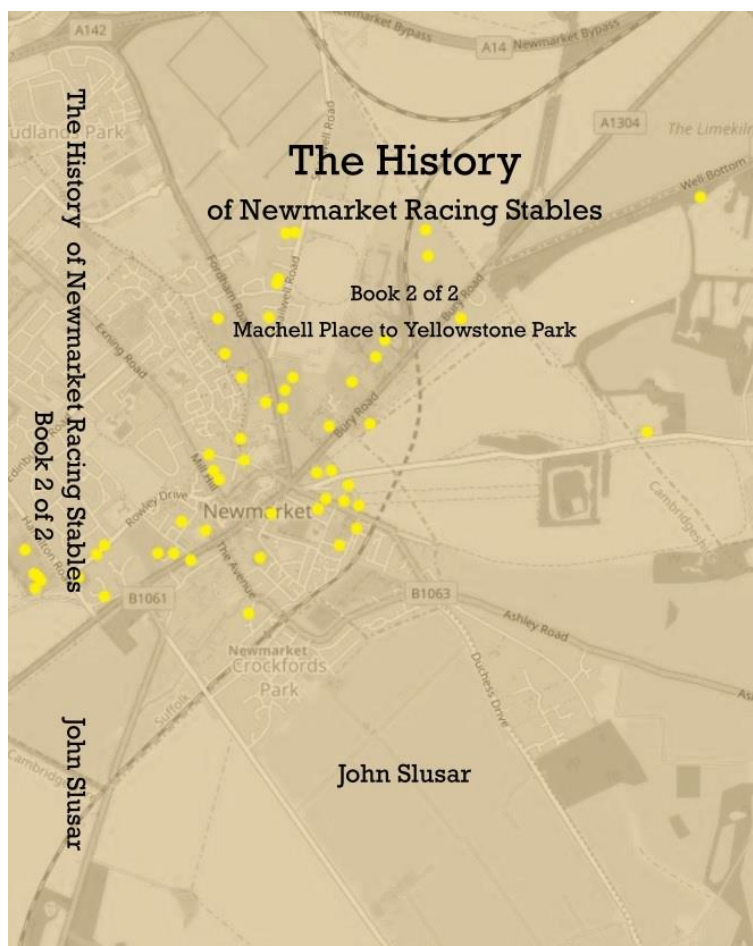
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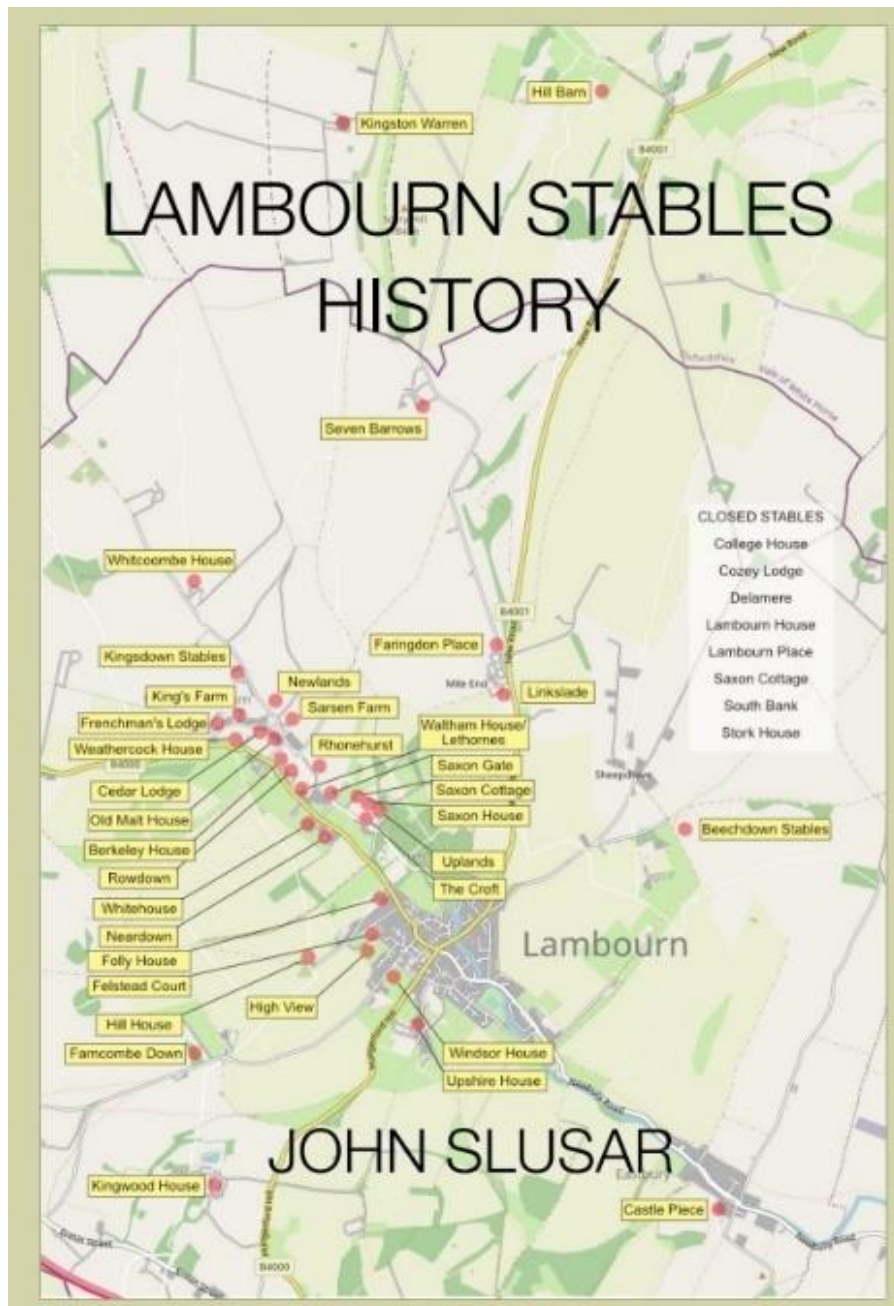
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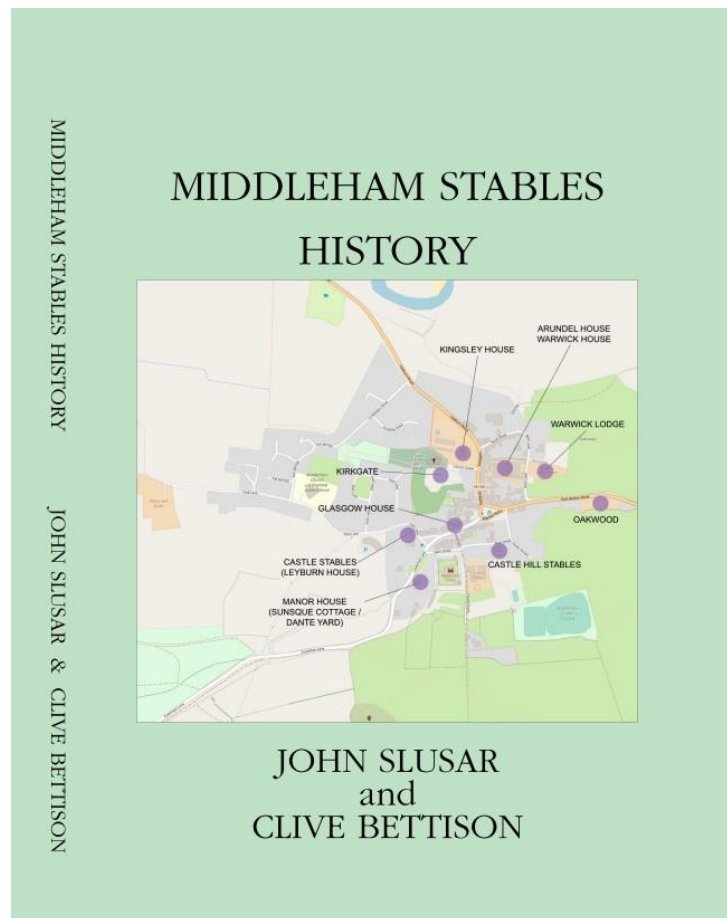
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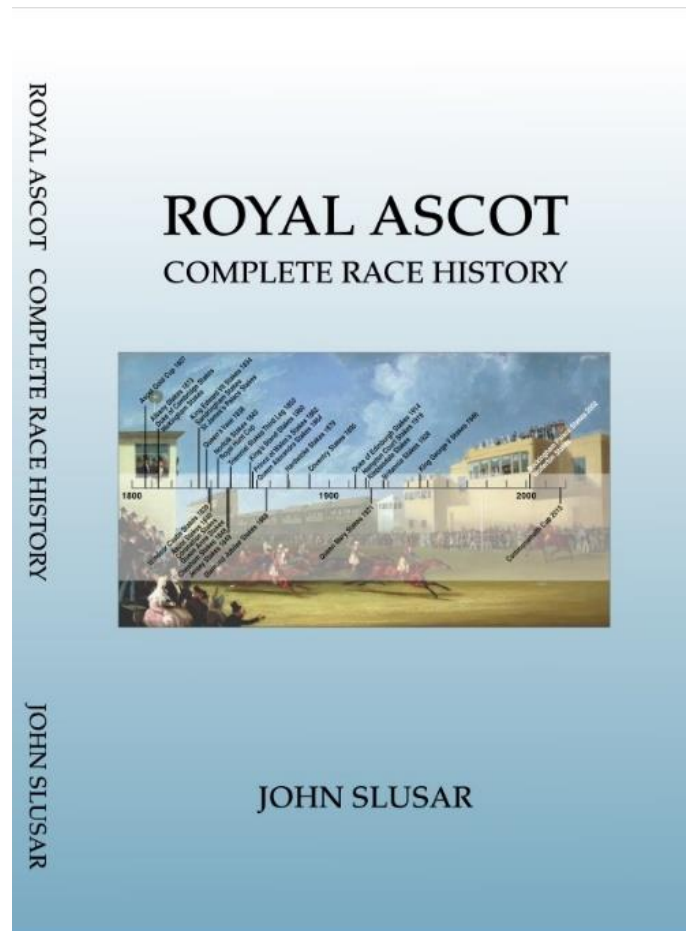
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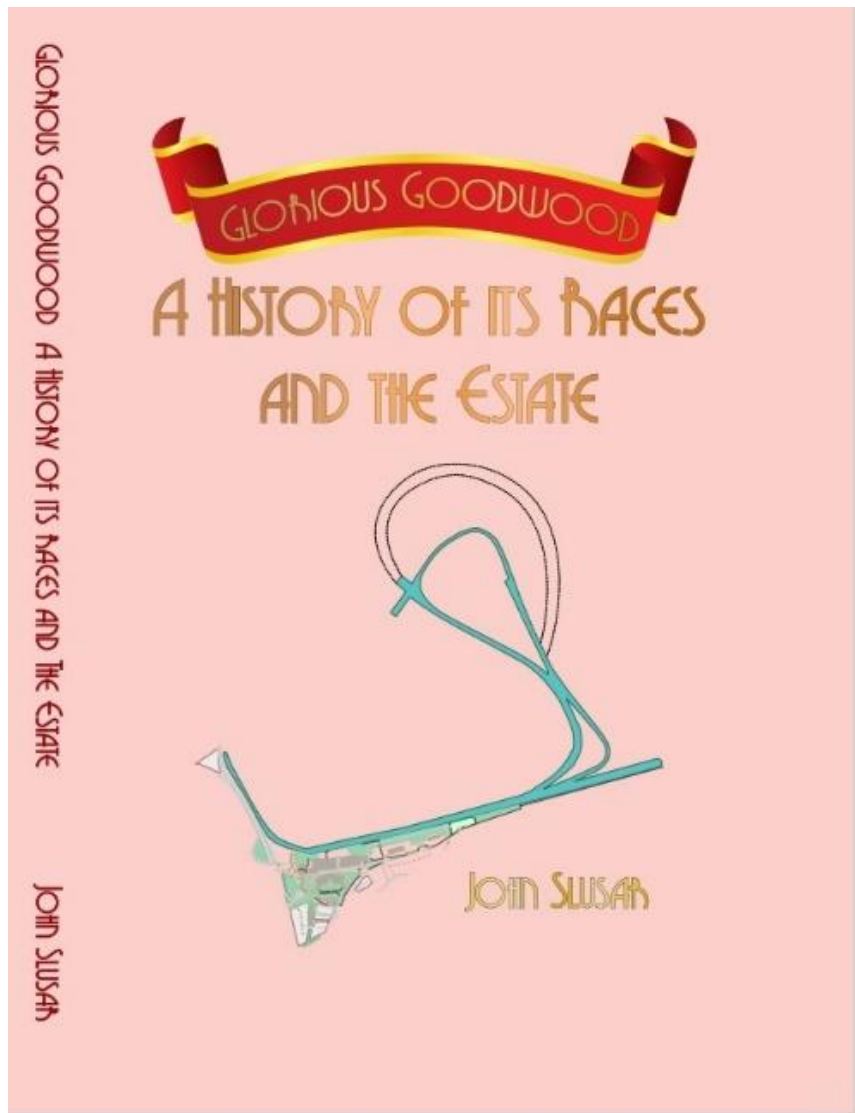
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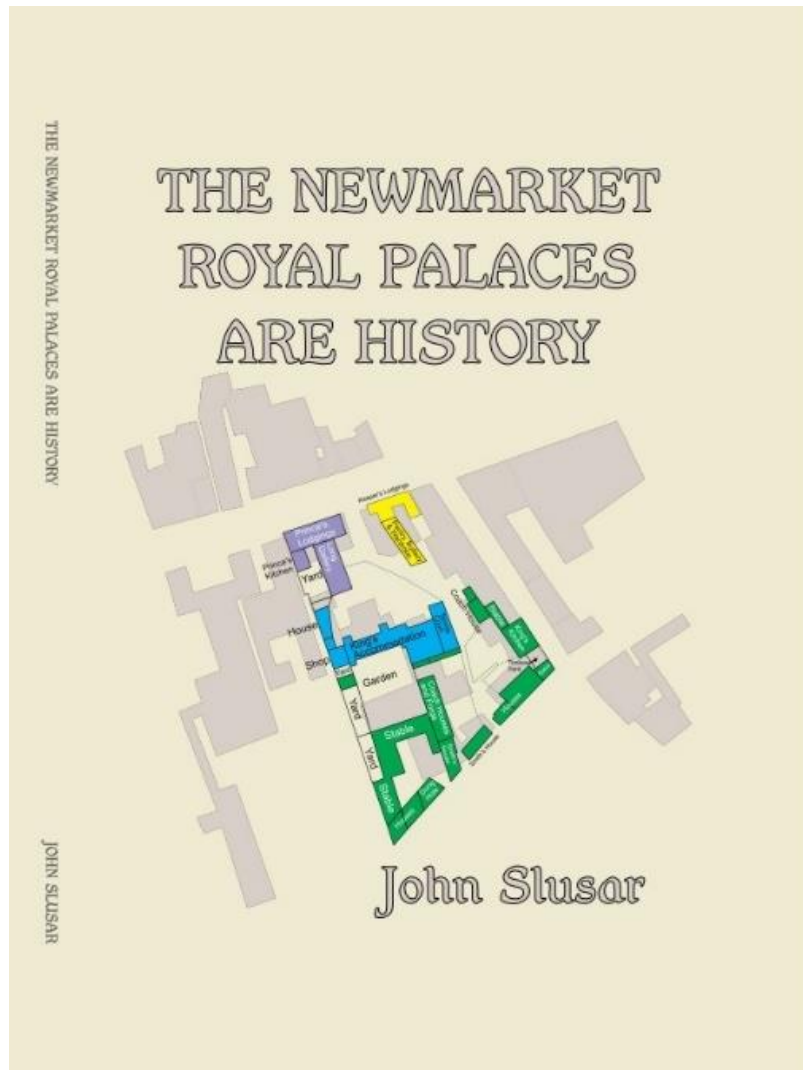
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of Ease on the site where St Mary's Church now stands in around 1280, while slightly later the Lord of the Manor of Ditton Valens, on the Woodditton side of Newmarket, a Chapel of Ease was built on the site of the present day All Saints Church. Leading up to 1605 the town had only ever enjoyed one Royal visitor, and that was in 1453 when the wife of King Henry VI, Queen Margaret of Anjou, stayed in the town, although the reason for her visit is unknown, unless she was just breaking her journey between London and Norwich. Between 1605 and the present day Newmarket witnessed, and then lost, 3 Royal Palaces almost without trace.



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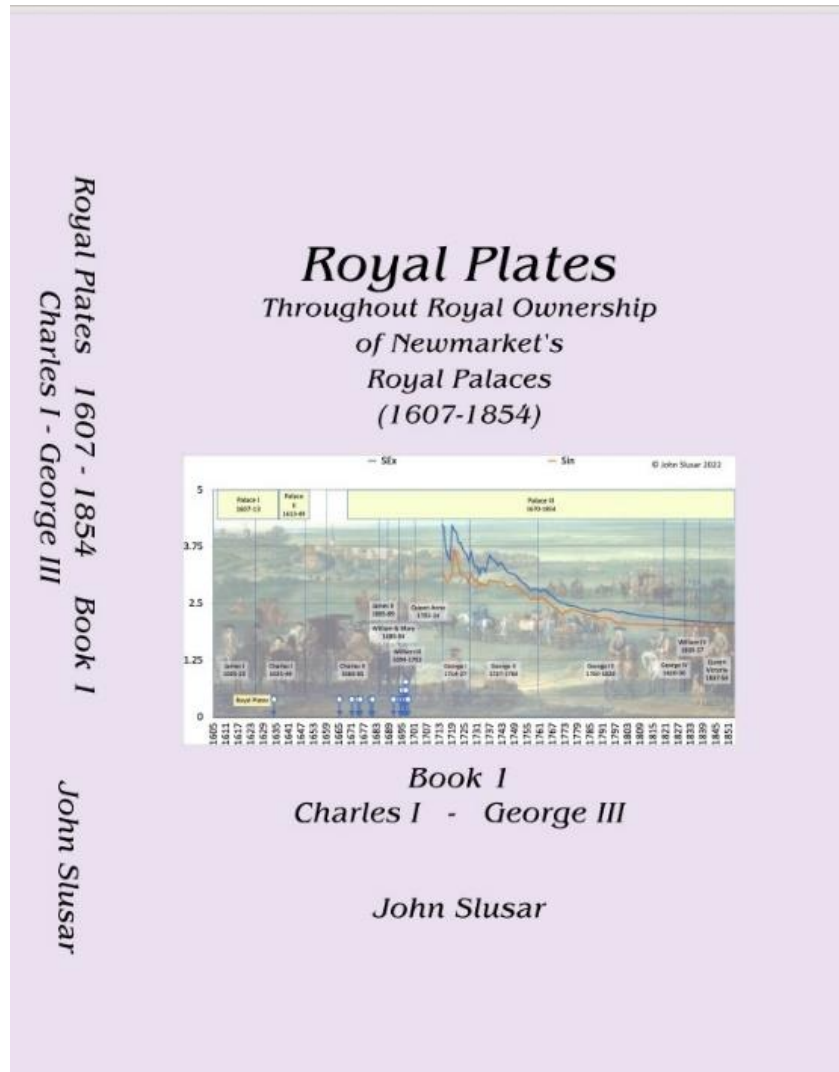
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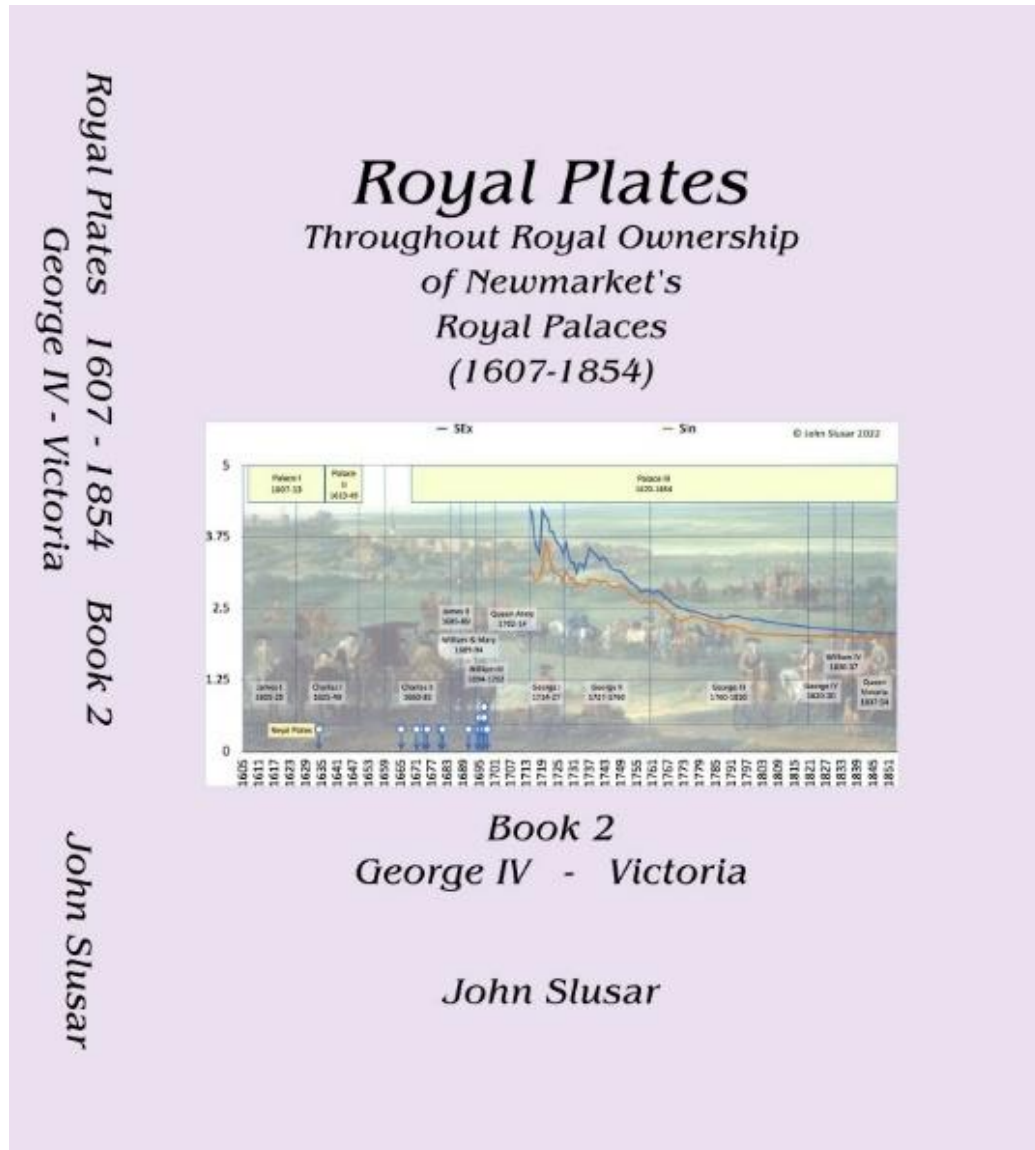
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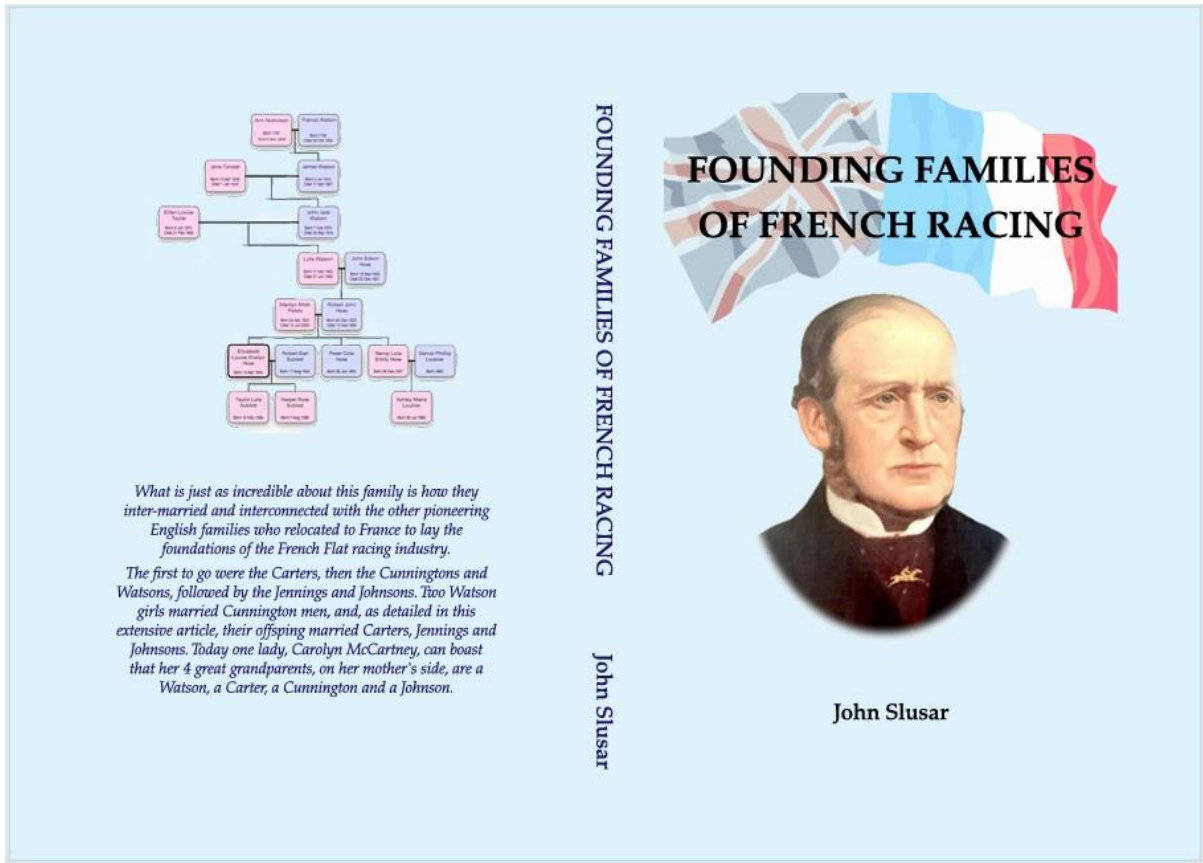


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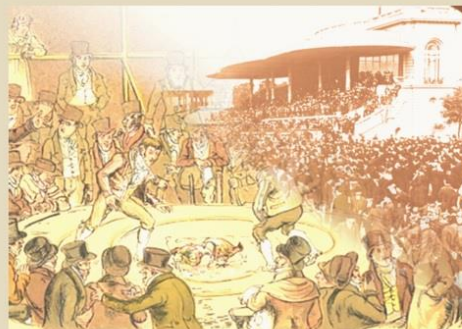
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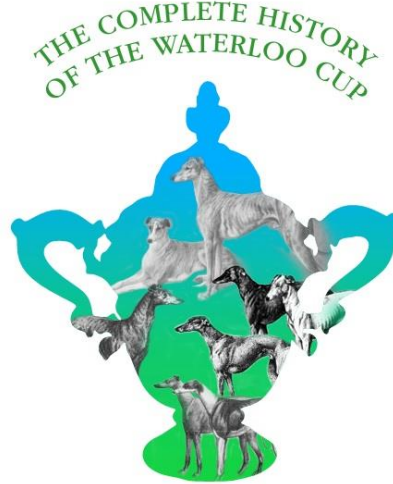
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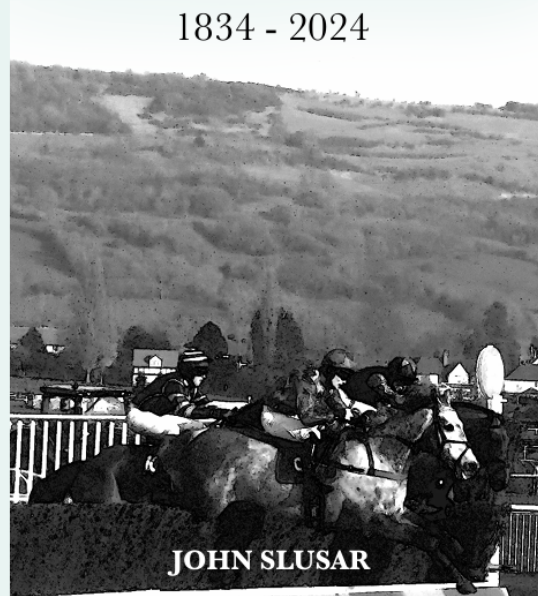
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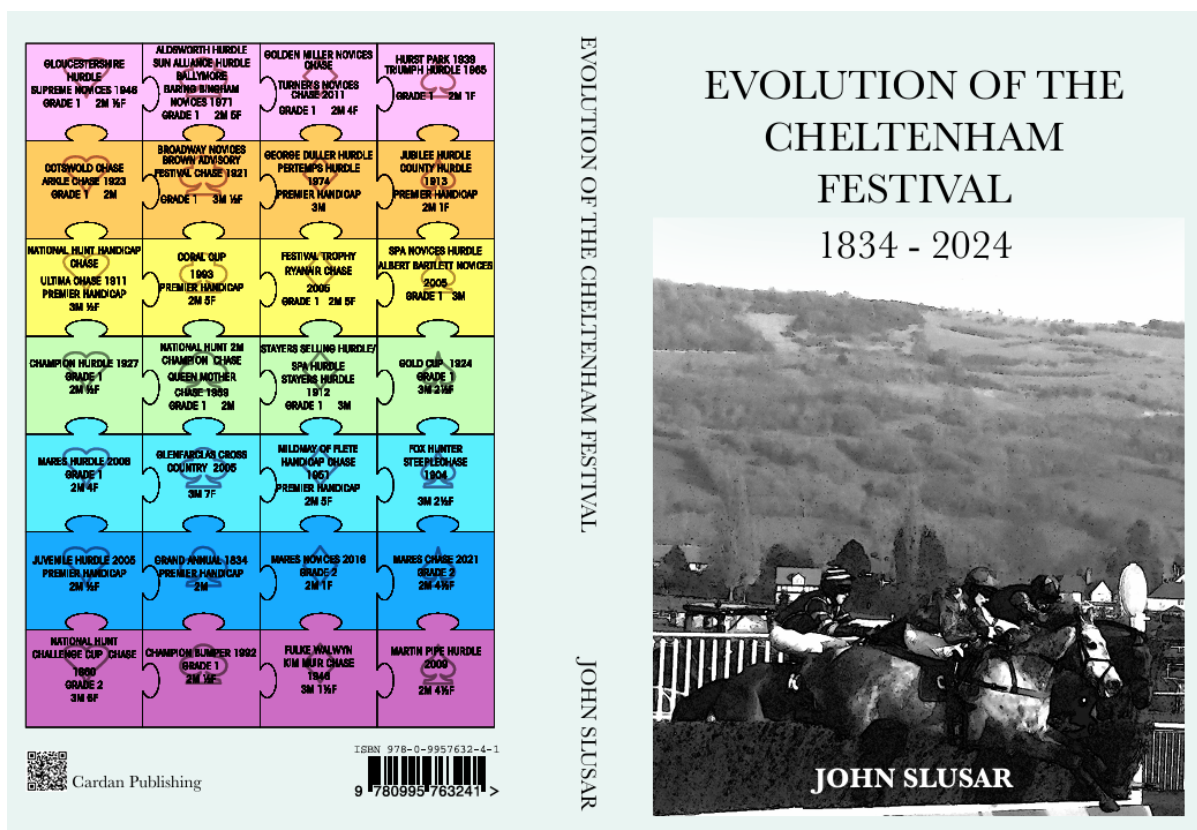
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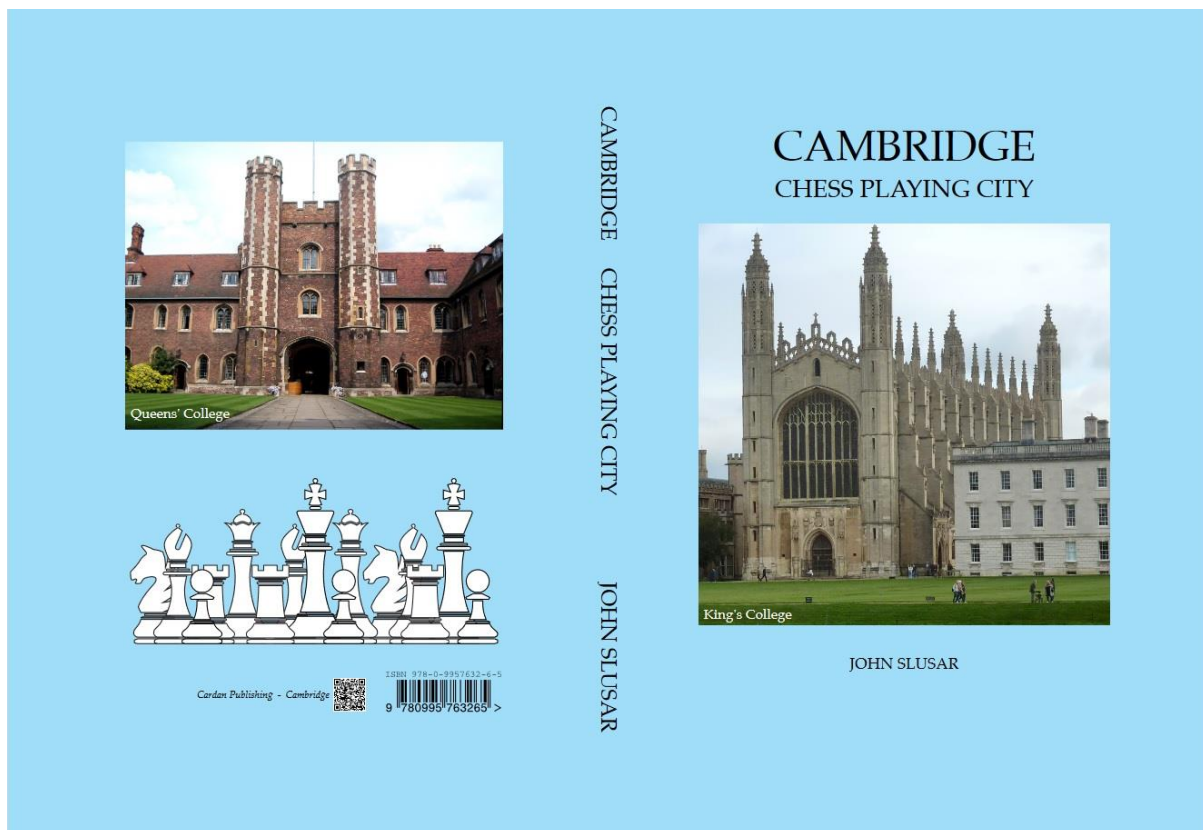
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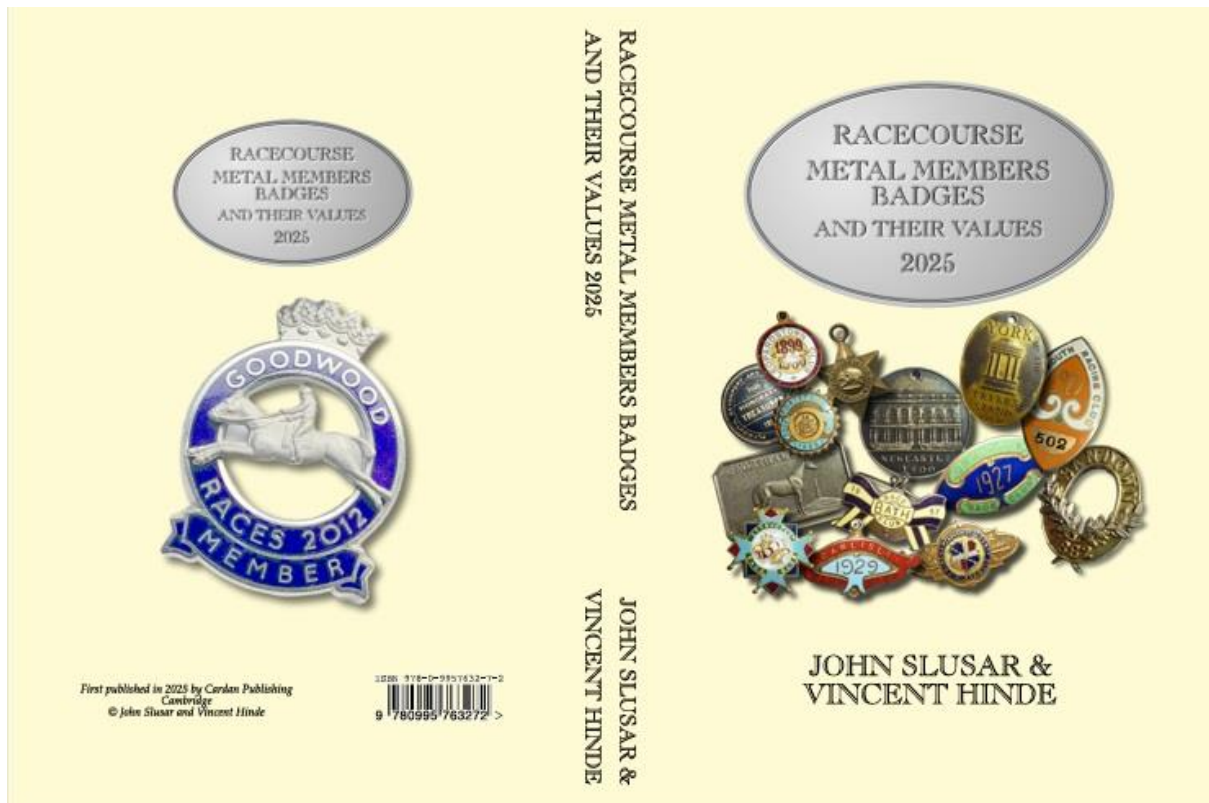
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When he was ten, John's mother became hospitalised with osteomyelitis and he was sent to Ekeston to spend the summer with Aunt Janet and Uncle Bill. Uncle Bill loved his racing and first took John to Nottingham races in 1963, where he backed Lester Piggott on Dunme in the Stewards Cup, and finished with a winner, Peruvian Silk to launch a lifelong interest in the sport.

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