

Special Feature

European Show jumper leaps into new venture

Three miles from Charlbury in the ancient Wychwood forest is Waterman's Lodge Equestrian Centre. The lucky owners who keep their horses at livery here have access to over 8,000 acres of unspoilt woodland, beautiful rolling parkland and extensive, well maintained gallops.

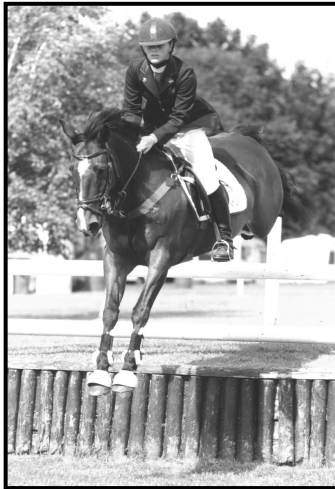
Emily and Garaint

Whilst this is enough to whet the appetite of any rider, even better news is that a top Junior European Show jumper, Emily Rodney and her partner, Garaint Price, a professional groom, have now taken over the day to day operations in the yard.

Emily and Garaint have, for many years, worked for leading international show jumper, Andrew Davies. Indeed, Emily helped to train Andrew's most famous horses; "Captain Wellington", "Mr. Whoppit" and "Miniature Quickstep". When Andrew left South Wales to move to the North of England, Emily and Garaint returned to her Oxfordshire base and, for a time, considered working for other equestrian establishments.

Golden Opportunity

"We have a stallion, brood mares and young stock which we are bringing on alongside our show-jumping interests but we still have plenty of time and energy which we felt needed channelling," explains Emily. "Then the golden



opportunity to take over the running of Waterman's Lodge came up unexpectedly and we just felt it was right for us."

They have already worked hard on the yard, they offer show jumping lessons, schooling to any level and breaking alongside a full range of livery services.

Exceptional Yard

"Working with horses, building relationships

with owners and seeing the difference our input can make is what motivates us", says Garaint. "This is the opportunity of a lifetime and we know it. Our livery owners can watch their horses being trained to jump or be trained themselves to the level of their choice. We will offer celebrity clinics, on-site equestrian events and trips to watch Emily compete."

Commenting on the new venture, Andrew Davies, says:-

"Emily and Garaint have all it takes to make a success of their new business. They are young, very enthusiastic and have an extensive knowledge of horses and horsemanship. I would have no hesitation in recommending them to any horse owner looking for an exceptional livery yard with a high standard of care and attention to detail."

Jan Harvey

To find out more, call Emily Rodney or Garaint Price on 01608 810738