

Wychwoods Legend

Sponsored by **Wychwoods Estate Agents**, and locally trained, Wychwoods Legend is a five year old mare who we hope has an exciting future ahead of her. She is really bred to jump fences over two and a half to three miles, but is gaining some invaluable experience meantime



Training at Luckley

Wychwoods Legend won her first two races last season, both were NH Bumpers which are flat races to give young jump - horses some experience. She finished mid-division of a big race at the Aintree Festival in April '08, and then ran in her first hurdle race for a bit of experience and came fourth. She has had a summer at grass and is now back in training at Luckley (hopefully appropriate!), near Stow on the Wold.

The racing yard at Luckley is run by Martin Keighley and his wife Belinda, they use the gallops where the late David Nicholson 'The Duke' trained many great horses, including *Charter Party*, Cheltenham Gold Cup Winner, *What a Buck*, fifth in the Grand National to *Red Rum* and *Midnight Legend* who is Wychwoods Legend's sire. It's a small

yard and the personal attention that the horses receive seems to really suit Wychwoods Legend. The Wychwoods team can go and see her in work on the gallops whenever we like.

Follow a Legend

She is now racing fit, and at the time of writing we are hoping for her first race of this season to be at Towcester on 6th November. Depending on how she runs we would like to think there will be a good few more races this winter so do keep an eye on Martin's website www.martinkeighleyracing.com for entries, results and an update on her work (in the daily blog), Martin does usually say on his blog which horses are due to run and how he expects them to go, but if you'd like our thoughts before a race do call **Wychwoods** on: 01993 824800 ideally the day beforehand!

We are hoping to add updates and photographs to our website soon. www.wychwoods.com.

The dream is for the Cheltenham Festival in March where there is a mares-only hurdle race over 2.4 miles in memory of The Duke. Who knows?

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