

# Living legends

Aurora Eastwood delves into the lives of horses who have left the limelight but are still going strong



Jeanette Brakewell believes that Over To You's good conformation has helped to keep him in great shape: at 30, he 'would still pass a vetting'

**A**n eventing legend who has now reached the extraordinary age of 30 is Over To You. His career spanned 15 years (his last British Eventing competition was at the age of 20). He was on the British squad for eight years, with eight medals including individual world silver in 2002, several Olympic Games, and numerous skips around Badminton and Burghley.

He was a thoroughbred who was so naughty to back that he never saw a racecourse. Jeanette Brakewell bought him as a four-year-old, and he is still in work at her yard 26 years later.

"He gets lunged, hacks out and sometimes goes on the walker," says Jeanette. "He's still sound — he'd pass a vetting!"

"He has Cushing's, but I have to disguise his medication or he won't eat it. His teeth are amazing; the dentist always remarks on how good they are. He's in such good shape, he doesn't even need special treatment.

"He has really good conformation, which I think helps," Jeanette adds. "He just eats horse and pony nuts, some chaff and oil."