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### **Somerset photographer celebrates International Women's Day with two new portraits for 2018 project marking 100 years of women's suffrage**

Somerset photographer Anita Corbin has carried out a very special assignment to mark this year's International Women's Day on Friday, 8 March 2013. She has photographed two prominent Somerset women who were the first to achieve a particular milestone in their chosen professions.

The two women who will be included in Anita's groundbreaking project First Women are Charlotte Budd, the first woman to ride in the Grand National (1977) and Abbey Burton, first and youngest woman to win World Cup Gold in the Women's Olympic Trap at Shooting (May 2012).



Anita, who with her husband is owner of Wellington based Corbin O'Grady Studio, says, "I was approached by ITV West who were looking to mark International Women's Day by highlighting some of the inspirational women, both senior and junior, who live and work in our county." ITV will broadcast Anita re-creating the quirky shot of Charlotte Budd that she had taken previously for inclusion in her 2018 exhibition as well as a new photograph of Olympic contender Abbey Burton.

Anita's project First Women looks at how women will be remembered over the past 100 years. In the years leading up to 2018, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Women's Suffrage, Anita is shooting and collecting 100 iconic portraits of

21st century women who have achieved the landmark title “First Woman” across a range of fields.



In 2018 Anita will launch the First Women travelling exhibition throughout the UK in celebration of 20th and 21st century women. The exhibition will feature three types of photography: portraiture, documentary and archive and will be linked to an interactive website as well as the publication of a beautiful photographic

book. Each unique portrait will feature extended captions and introductory essays.

*Picture Captions: Charlotte Budd, First Woman to ride in the Grand National 1977. From the series First Women by Anita Corbin, July 2010*

*Second picture: Charlotte Budd is filmed by ITV as Anita Corbin attempts to recreate the original shot this week.*

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Notes for Editors:

### **Corbin O’Grady Studio**

Anita and John, of Corbin O’Grady Studio, have been working together since 1984 and moved their business from London to Wellington in 2001.

Corbin O’Grady Studio specialises in making people look good. Commissions range from portraiture using complicated lighting set ups to lifestyle photography under natural light.

The Studio also has years of experience in carrying out creative photography for businesses as well as assignments at schools and colleges and they specialise in producing high quality images for prospectuses and other corporate literature. They also excel in the making portraits of top business people for annual reports having worked for blue chip organisations such as ICI plc and Boots plc.

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