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Local rider Yasmin Ingham won Tuesday's other intermediate with the nine-year-old Banzai Du Loir, owned by Sue Davies and Janette Chinn, who also won at Aston-le-Walls in July.

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OLIVER TOWNEND is a regular competitor (and winner) at Cholmondeley, and he duly landed a section of Monday's open intermediate (OI) with Kathleen Wilkinson and Rose Wood's Arklow Puissance.

Bought out of Ireland as a youngster, the now nine-year-old was having his third run of the year and added nothing to his dressage score of 23 to knock Piggy French and Tim Price down to second and third respectively.

"This horse is an out and out jumper," said Oliver of the Puissance gelding.

"He's got the ability to do a really good dressage, but at the moment it's his weakest phase. He jumped himself up the grades quicker than the flatwork developed, but he's good now at home and I think he'll go all the way. Ideally I'll find a four-star suitable for him at the end of the year."

level on Monday and Tuesday.

Emilie Chandler won Sunday's OI with last year's Blair winner Gortfadda Diamond, owned by Maria Doel.

Cholmondeley's start list certainly read as a who's who of the eventing world, with Olympic, world and European medallists all in action below the castle round a track designed by Cholmondeley organiser Alec Lochore.

"Our volunteers and team were amazing putting on two more long days at such short notice," he said.

"Everything ran smoothly and we certainly used our luck in terms of getting finished in time, but what a privilege to see the world's top horses – Allstar B, Ballaghmor Class, Toledo De Kerser, Quicklook V and such like – even if we should have been watching them in Tokyo!" H&H

"HE OWED ME THAT"

EMMA SILMAN finished second behind MacGregors Cooley riding her mother's horse, despite sporting a set of rainbow boots. Her son flattened her coming in from the top.

"We're building the yard and stable block on the stone base to get to the field, and the workman, knocked me down and the horse was all over me, but I didn't dare let him