

Stables view for holiday homes

A WELL-KNOWN jockey and trainer have branched out into holiday accommodation – which should hold special appeal to horseracing fans.

Ann Duffield and her jockey husband, George, have created a £500,000 development of luxury log cabins within the grounds of their stables, Sun Hill, in Constable Burton, near Leyburn, North Yorkshire.

The cabins sit next to the gallops, giving holiday-makers unrivalled views of horses in training.

To further the appeal for horseracing enthusiasts, the cabins are named after the first three famous horses George Duffield rode – Spindrifter, Alborada and Pivotal.

The fourth, Woodlands, is named after Ann's first business, Woodlands Nursing Home, in Liverpool.

The owners say they expect the development – supported by a 35 per cent grant from De-

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partment for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) – should provide the local economy with a further £500,000 annual boost. The cabins are due to be ready in October.

Mrs Duffield said they plan to organise trips to other horse-racing centres within the area and give visitors an insight into the racing world.

“Defra, and Welcome To Yorkshire, who have been very supportive, rightly believe that our development will have a tremendously beneficial knock-on effect on the local economy,” she said.

“We are determined to make this happen, with race-themed holidays, taking in tours of Middleham, one of the leading racing centres in the UK, and behind the scenes



HORSE APPEAL: Inside one of the holiday homes

trips to Yorkshire's fantastic racetracks, with link-ups to some of the county's finest shops, pubs and restaurants.”

She said they also hope to attract people wanting to visit the county to go shooting, or those wanting a base for walk-

ing or cycling holidays.

Gary Verity, chief executive of Welcome to Yorkshire, said: “This is a fantastic, top-quality development that really adds to the high standard of tourism offering in Yorkshire. We are sure it will be a success.”