

Artist negotiates zebra crossing



WHITE STRIPES: Artist Joanna May with her latest work (14263/1)

ACCOMPLISHED wildlife artist Joanna May has had one of her paintings sold for charity at a Christies auction for £3,200.

The painting of a zebra by Miss May whose Studio Gallery is in Hughenden Yard in Marlborough was sold in aid of Cancer Research.

She donated the work, which is a comparatively new subject for the artist, better known for her pictures of 'mad march hares' boxing and of owls.

The artist painted the picture of an adult and a young zebra especially for the charity auction.

She said: "I wanted to come up with a dynamic image for them."

There was keen bidding for her work which was eventually knocked down to a Home Counties buyer for £3,200.

It was a bargain, because recently paintings have been selling in her Marlborough gallery for £5,000.

Joanna May, 39, has been a wildlife artist for 14 years and she moved to her own gallery in Marlborough three years ago.

She said the charity auction in London provided her with an opportunity to get her work more widely known.

She graduated in art and design at Falmouth in Cornwall in 1991.