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Jemima Palmer-Tomkinson
co-founder, *The Potted Game Company*, and cousin of Tara Palmer-Tomkinson, on rats, mud and game

What was your first-ever job? I suppose technically it was beating at my uncle's shoot as a teenager. Scrambling through woods and flushing out the birds in return for a delicious Sunday roast and pocket money.

What's been your worst job interview? I would say it was for an estate agent in London. I had a trial run and worked out pretty quickly that the hectic pace of London life was not for me and I was definitely more comfortable in my chef whites in *The Potted Game* kitchens in the countryside.

How do you describe your job to your mates?

My business partner and co-founder Rory Baxter and I have bought the historical art of potting into the 21st century and created a modern twist on a farmhouse classic – Potted Game. Rory and I were united by a shared passion for British food and cooking and we seized on the growing availability of game.

What's the most rewarding part of your job? Getting to do a job I love, I love the countryside and producing seasonal organic produce for people to enjoy as starters, canapés or as a picnic essential.

What's the least

rewarding? I would say the admin side of things. I am much more of a practical person. I prefer to be doing and making rather than sitting at a desk.

What's your motto in life? It'll all be alright in the end.

If you were allowed one dream perk what would it be? An IT department, its all so technical to me!

What's your favourite movie? *Danny the Champion of the World*. I love the romance of them living in a gypsy caravan and poaching pheasants to get by. I used to watch it over and over.

What's been the most

embarrassing moment in your life? We were on one of the first shoots of the season and as we headed out I tripped and fell face first into the mud. I then had to spend the rest of the shoot/day covered in mud...not a good look.

Any phobias? You would imagine a country lover, such as myself, not be scared of any wildlife, but I have to say rats are my absolute phobia.

If you could change one thing in grocery, what would it be? A better knowledge of game and the great produce out there in the wild. Buyers can be put off by the unknown.

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