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SCT MASTERCLASS WITH MATTHEW SAMPSON



Lewis Robertshaw-Smith and Ellie Dawson have won the Stubbing Court Training Ltd (SCT) 'Apprentice of the Year' and 'Advanced Apprentice of the Year' awards for 2020. The final judging for SCT's prestigious Apprenticeship awards was done by top international showjumper Matthew Sampson at Parklands EC, Sheffield, on 10 July. The awards were sponsored by Lycetts, who generously gave £150 to each of the winners, and both Lewis and Ellie also received a £50 voucher to be used at Thomas Irving Equestrian Superstore and 12 month subscription to Equestrian Life magazine. Lewis, 17, is employed by showjumping superstars James and William Whitaker, who said: "Lewis goes above and beyond in everything he does." Lewis recently groomed for William at British Equestrian's World Class training at Hickstead in July. 20-year-old Ellie works at Ann White's Manor Farm Stables and Rehab in Rotherham. Ann said: "We're super-proud of Ellie; she is a well-deserved winner and a key part of our team." Lycetts' Anna Goodley said: "Lycetts are once again delighted to sponsor the SCT Apprentice of the Year Awards. With many difficulties and frustrations being faced due to the Covid-19 crisis, it is more important than ever to recognise the hard work and dedication shown by those working in the horse industry. At Lycetts we are proud to recognise the outstanding achievement required to win these awards, but this year we would also like to extend our acknowledgement to all young people who are in the process of completing their apprenticeships. Professionalism and dedication are at the heart of any successful yard, and horses need looking after 365 days a year. Well done to you all!" Debbie Kay of Thomas Irving Superstore added: "Thomas Irving Equestrian Superstore is once again proud to support the Apprentice of the Year awards. We are delighted to help recognise the accomplishments of these young people and hope they continue to use their knowledge and professional skills gained to pursue a successful career within the equine industry." Matthew Sampson, who has been a great supporter of SCT's Apprenticeship programme for many years, also gave the first in SCT's acclaimed Masterclass Series since the global pandemic took hold in March. He taught small groups of SCT apprentices and their employers in Parklands EC's large outdoor arena, and great efforts were gone to by SCT staff to ensure all government guidelines as regards social distancing and hygiene were adhered to. Matthew said: "It was another great day working with the Stubbing Court Training Ltd team. It's brilliant to see all the riders enjoying their day and improving. The SCT scheme is a wonderful opportunity for enthusiastic equestrians to further their careers, and I cannot recommend the SCT Apprenticeship programme more highly." Belinda Turner MBE, SCT's Chief Executive, said: "We are delighted that we were able to hold this Masterclass, and also the final judging of the Apprentice of the Year and Enterprise Awards. The current pressures have not made it easy, but we consider it so important to be able to give apprentices and employers access to first-class training from the very best in the business, so we were determined to do everything we could to enable the Masterclass to happen. We are extremely grateful for the support of Matthew and all the team at Parklands EC for providing great horses and facilities, and all the employers and apprentices who attended'. East Midlands-based SCT is Britain's leading equine training provider, and its team have worked exceptionally hard to help its apprentices and employers to keep abreast of changing government advice and guidance, and will.



SUMMARY OF MASTERCLASS FEEDBACK - MATTHEW SAMPSON

Aspect 1: What was the most useful aspect of the day?

- Knowledge gained from the lesson
- Knowledge given by Matthew and new ideas to try
- Pole work
- Riding a different horse as they are all different
- Well organised day out
- Proven that I can come out and jump a horse I don't know well
- Jumping my young horse
- Opportunity for apprentice to go away from home and practice
- Watching riders learn and enjoy the lesson
- Advice, riding forwards
- Going over each jump before turning it into a course
- Picking up tips for when I get home
- I liked the pole exercise and the course
- The Enterprise Award, finding out where I can improve on myself as a person
- Observing other riders
- Riding something different
- Jumping a course and being coached by Matthew
- Watching my son ride
- Getting a lesson taught by someone else and getting to jump a small course
- Enabling apprentices to get out, have expert and motivational training in a safe environment after such a long time not being able to go anywhere.

Aspect 2: What was the most enjoyable aspect of the day?

- Jumping
- Seeing everyone enjoy their experience with Matthew
- All enjoyable
- Watching the improvements and seeing them enjoying the lesson
- Completing the round of jumps with confidence
- Getting my young horse around a course of fences
- Seeing apprentice growing in confidence
- Seeing my apprentice take an award
- Riding a new course
- Being nominated for 'Apprentice of the Year' and winning
- Gaining experience
- Watching
- Everything
- All of it
- Listening to Matt
- How to get more forward
- Observing a number of riders at different levels
- Jumping a horse I'm not used to
- Having a great lesson
- Having a fun and enjoyable lesson
- All of it, getting to jump and ride a new horse
- Getting out post lockdown
- Seeing how the apprentices and horses enjoyed being out in a new environment, and the improvement made in every horse and rider throughout the session.



Aspect 3: What will you do now to improve your work and progress?

- Ride in a forward rhythm round and towards the jumps
- Practice what was learnt
- Use Matt's ideas at home
- Continue to support Masterclasses
- More practice at home and looking forward to competing
- Practice the skills that I have learnt at the Masterclass
- Push apprentice more
- Pole work
- Sit up when jumping
- I will add this to my portfolio for Core Behaviours and complete my modules
- Keep training
- Covid-19 posters
- Keep practicing
- Try to use what I watched to improve my own riding
- Straightness to the fence
- Keep riding forwards
- Try different riding techniques
- More lessons
- Use the skill I have learnt when riding
- Apply skills learnt to my riding
- Better canter, softer outline
- Encourage attendance at future Masterclasses.

Aspect 4: Do you have any other comments about the quality of Masterclass?

- All good
- Matthew was very good and encouraging
- Excellent social distancing measures
- The class was full of enjoyment
- Great lesson, lots of positivity
- Matthew is really patient, and he explains everything
- Compliments to Matthew Sampson, patient and kind with the young students
- Enjoyed it, can't wait until I can attend as a student
- Instructor was great
- Fab instructor
- Excellent, favourite coach
- People were very nice and welcoming
- Fantastic trainer, extremely well organised to enable the Masterclass to go ahead, great commitment by everyone. Thank you.



WELCOME TO:



Evie Wale, Lucy Terry, Bethan Fowler, Ellie-May Proctor, Natalia Aspinall, Ruby Shaw, Jessica Ward, Megan Hill, Courtney Houldin, Shauna Dudley, Zoe Holding, Molly Tulloch, James Bullock, Rebecca Sellers, Lauren Wildgoose, Cerys Knight, Chelsea Kershaw, Tia Hartley



APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR 2020 WINNER... ★★★★★

Lewis Robertshaw-Smith says....

During my time working with Jim and William Whitaker through Stubbing Court Training I have learnt lots from them whether it be taking care of the horses or more into the sport. I have really enjoyed becoming part of a team that are so focused and dedicated to what they do. They are always willing to help you and they all want you to do your best. The best thing about the Apprenticeship has been that you can learn from the best and gain experience and knowledge every day.



ADVANCED APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR 2020 WINNER...



Ellie Dawson says...This was a great achievement and one that I am very proud of. I would like to say a huge Thank You to Stubbing Court Training for the award and Lycetts Insurance for the £150 cash prize. I would also like to say Thank You to Thomas Irving for the £50 voucher and to Equestrian Life for a 12 month subscription to Equestrian Life magazine. I would recommend an Apprenticeship through SCT to anyone. I have learnt countless new skills which I wouldn't have known 2 years ago. My confidence with myself and working within the industry has improved a lot, and my overall knowledge of horses and the horse industry has grown through this Apprenticeship.

ENTERPRISE AWARD 2020 WINNER...

Lillie Barnett says...I was thrilled to be a part of the prestigious Enterprise Award 2020. By participating in the Award it gave me an insight into the average cost of running a yard which is beneficial for anybody considering this as a future career. I would like to thank Morgan Kent for her time and advice when judging the Award. The best part for me however, was winning 3 days work experience with HK Horses and I cannot wait to learn from the best. I would also like to thank my employer Keeley Durham for her ongoing support and allowing me to participate in these amazing opportunities.



LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!

L2 Knowledge Test: Chloe Wild, Morgan Skelland, Mitchell Harrison, Bradley Codd, Megan Green, Emily Senior, Jordon Arnott, Millie McBride

L3 Knowledge Test: Lucy Stimson, Charlotte Fountain, Freya Currie, Leah Hepplestone

Study Programme: Jay Rose, Gabrielle Dixon, Millie Swain, Lydia Anderson



FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

Mathematics Level 1: Leah Richards, Natasha Cowen

English Level 2: Toby Wolstenholme



LILLIE BARNETT WINS THE ENTERPRISE AWARD! ★★



Making a success out of a career in the equestrian world isn't just about having high standards of horsemanship and horse care - it's also about business sense and creativity. SCT launched the Enterprise Award with the backing of the British Equestrian Federation in 2017 to encourage apprentices to help the businesses in which they are employed to become more successful, and the 2020 finalists were of a particularly high standard. International showjumper Morgan Kent judged the final of the 2020 SCT Enterprise Award on 10 July during the masterclass. The three finalists were Lillie Barnett (KD Equestrian), Molly Turrell-Huntington (Cottagers Plot EC) and Freya Currie (Matt Earith Equestrian Services), and Lillie Barnett took the award. Lillie works for showjumper Keeley Durham, and put together a highly professional

presentation about the development and promotion of a new hydrotherapy spa at Keeley's yard. Belinda Turner MBE, SCT's Chief Executive, said: "Lillie's presentation was excellent, and it is great to see an example of an apprentice and her employer working together to extend and improve a business. Lillie received great support from Keeley to market the spa in a thorough and innovative way through social media and direct marketing. Lillie also worked on improving the way that yard records were kept and to promote a therapy-based livery package. "In challenging times for all business, developing a range of skills applicable to the work place has never been more important, and SCT considers the Enterprise Award to be a great incentive to encourage apprentices to do this." Lillie won £100 and three days' work experience with Morgan at her and her partner Richard Howley's HK Horses business in Wetherby. Morgan said: "The Enterprise Award is a great initiative to make apprentices much more aware of business planning, costs and the importance of a business strategy. It has enabled the finalists to develop a greater understanding of yard and business management, and how business improvements can be achieved to raise the standards and professionalism of the horse industry."

COACH PROFILE: NATALIE REYNOLDS ★★

In March I joined SCT as a Coach. I attained a 2:1 degree in Equine Science and Business Management. My final dissertation specialised in equine therapy and I have a keen interest in biomechanics, nutrition and conformation. I regularly write for two national equestrian magazines and I am a panel judge at national level, including Horse Of The Year Show (HOYS) and the Royal International (RIHS). For the last 17 years I have successfully run a professional showing yard alongside my husband Simon Reynolds. I have won HOYS five times as well as the RIHS numerous times. We produced the Supreme Horse Hallmark at HOYS in 2013 - judged on the day by Charlotte Dujardin and Carl Hester, piloted by my husband Simon. Hallmark won at HOYS on six occasions. We break and train top flight show and competition horses, and also coach riders throughout the levels - offering private tuition as well as group clinics. Working for SCT is fantastic. We have an innovative Online Learning programme featuring world-class and Olympic level riders, as well as a Masterclass Series which runs throughout the year. My aim as a Coach is to pass on my knowledge and industry experience, and with the help of the employer and the Online Learning, we really encourage and strive for the Distinction quality. I believe a mixture of knowledge and practical skills go hand-in-hand, and having experienced this myself, I can coach the candidates in both areas. SCT provides a unique opportunity for apprentices to be able to work practically and also gain renowned and well-respected qualifications with the hope that they go on to succeed at the highest level in the industry. Our hope as Coaches is to guide and encourage apprentices, going the extra mile to promote excellence in our sport. Being a Coach is so rewarding and I thoroughly enjoy watching the apprentice progress and learn from the best in the business. SCT continues to provide ongoing training for both the coaches, employers and apprentices, which allows us all to keep the highest standards possible.

