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SCT MASTERCLASS WITH JOE WHITAKER



After a highly successful couple of months competing on the international stage in the Middle East, leading British showjumper Joe Whitaker showed SCT apprentices and employers some of the secrets of his success in a Masterclass at Parklands EC, Sheffield on 31 March. Joe - a former SCT apprentice himself - is a great supporter of SCT and understands the important work it does in giving people the best possible grounding and all-round education in the skills needed to secure good jobs in the equestrian industry. "Everyone I taught today was a credit to SCT and to all involved," said Joe, who taught nine groups of SCT apprentices and employers of varying standards of experience and ambition. "They had good attitudes and were keen to learn. They were open-minded about new ideas and techniques, and all showed significant improvement by the end of the lesson. As ever with SCT, the day was very well organised and all the riders were well turned-out and attentive."



SCT Chief Executive Belinda Turner MBE said: "We are very grateful to Joe for another superb Masterclass. He is a brilliant coach who has the gift of inspiring everyone he teaches to aim for high standards and good horsemanship. Thank you to everyone who supported the Masterclass and Parklands EC for their great facilities and horses."

SCT's celebrated Masterclass Series gives SCT apprentices and employers exclusive access to the very best coaches and riders in the UK. On 3 July, British senior eventing Olympic team coach, Badminton winner and Olympic dressage rider Chris Bartle will give the next Masterclass at Pickering Grange in Leicestershire. The final judging of the SCT 'Apprentice of the Year' Award will also take place that day.

Prior to that, SCT's popular 'Winning Ways' seminar returns at Chatsworth House in Derbyshire on 24 April. This year, the seminar focuses on best practices to help business sustainability and growth, raise awareness of grants to improve the environment and make best use of resources to reduce costs.



SUNSHINE TOUR, SPAIN 2023

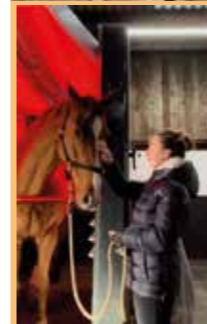


RUBY HURD: WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES...



I am an apprentice with Steven and Joe Whitaker. Through SCT's amazing Apprenticeship programme I was also able to spend a few days at Andrew Saywell's and HK Horses for work experience.

First I went to Andrew Saywell's Rehabilitation Centre and it was fantastic to ride and gain more valuable knowledge and learn about the rehabilitation side to make sure horses are kept in top condition! I arrived at Andrew's at 7.30am and the team were so inviting and kind... we started mucking out and making sure the horses went on the walker or the treadmill to get them exercised first thing. The yard was swept and cleaned for 9am and then it was time to start riding. Andrew was extremely helpful giving me tips on how to improve myself. I really enjoyed it! After lunch I learnt about the rehabilitation facilities... a variety of horses come throughout the day to use the water treadmill and the magic Box. Horses just coming back from injury benefited most from the water treadmill sessions as it helps so much to get their fitness levels up without putting too much strain on their tendons. I accompanied a horse that came to use the magic Box - an amazing tool to use to see what your horse is lacking in or needs more of... it can tell you what's going on inside the horse which is impossible for us to see on the outside. Andrew's competition horses also went on the water treadmill to help with their muscle fitness for jumping. I really enjoyed my time at Saywell Equestrian - it was fantastic to learn so much more about the insides of fitness levels for the horses and what they need to help them reach their potential!



A few days later I had a fantastic opportunity to go to HK Horses, such an amazing set up and a great team of horses and people! We started at 7am and the horses were fed their morning feeds and haylage. Then we mucked out and was finished for around 8.30 with all the yard swept and tidied ready for the horses to be worked.... I rode a variety of horses throughout the day - some that needed light work so they went for a hack which is always great for their brains. Whilst I was there they were based at Arena UK which was fantastic for the younger horses to gain experience around the different arenas.



Saywell Equestrian Rehabilitation Centre

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KING'S TROOP VISIT - CHATSWORTH COUNTRY FAIR ★★



As part of our aim to promote career opportunities following the Advanced Apprenticeship we have organised a visit to The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery during their stay at Chatsworth Country Fair on Saturday 2 September 2023, to enable easier access for apprentices from the East Midlands and Yorkshire. The day is designed to give an insight into the ceremonial aspects of the British Army and to help you develop an understanding of the qualities required of a Mounted Gunner.

Each year the The King's Troop recruits people, 18 years and over, as farriers, saddlers, tailors, riding instructors and soldiers. All successful applicants become soldiers, completing Basic Training, followed by 14 weeks artillery training, and are then based at Woolwich as a Mounted Gunner. The King's Troop is currently actively recruiting and seeks mature, responsible and reliable people with a high level of initiative and attention to detail. Applicants that have completed their Apprenticeship and worked full time employed with horses will have a significant advantage in recruitment.

The visit will include the chance to watch a performance of the world famous Musical Drive as well a tour of the stabling to give a chance of learning about the preparation carried out to horses, tack, equipment and the guns for a parade. You will also be able to ask questions of all Military staff and ceremonial Gunners. Please email info@stubbincourttraining.com by 1 August if you would like more information and are keen to join the visit. Thank you



LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!

Apprenticeship: Erin Finnegan, Jodie Morley, Molly Haydock, Ruby Hurd, Jazmin Heseltine

Advanced Apprenticeship: Ruby Shaw, Mia Lee, Kelsey Dean, Shauna Dudley

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

English Level 2: Zoe Hall

WELCOME TO:

Amber Hollingworth, Casey Shaw, Jessie Turner, Elizabeth Davidson, Rhianna Smith, Porsha Brooks, Abbie Monks, Anja Van Der Merwe, Hannah Spencer

1 DAY EMERGENCY FIRST AID AT WORK COURSES

The First Aid at Work Regulations state that 'it is recommended that every workplace has at least one qualified First Aider'. We have organised two great courses with Springbank Equestrian First Aid Training for employers, apprentices and other staff for the special rate of £70.00 per person. The courses will be on:

Monday 12 June 2023: Pickering Grange Equestrian, Ellistown, Coalville LE67 1EZ

Monday 19 June 2023: Moorhouse E.C, Gap Farm, Moorhouse, DONCASTER DN6 7HA

Please email info@stubbincourttraining.com for further information and if you would like a booking form. **LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE - Thank you.**



HETTY FLEXEN: WORK EXPERIENCE AT HURST FARM ★★



My name is Hetty Flexen and I am a groom working for Louisa Gaunt Equine Services at Nest Farm in Scammonden. I recently completed my Level 2 apprenticeship, and I am now working towards my Advanced Apprenticeship.

The yard I work on is a small, predominantly full livery-based business and in order to gain more experience on a larger competition yard I have done a few days of work experience on James and William Whitaker's show jumping yard in Huddersfield. The Whitakers have a collection of 100+ horses both in house and turned away and they vary from stallions, brood mares, stud, youngstock and novice to world class competition horses. Despite the variety, every single one is well bred and beautiful.

Over the three days I was on the yard my days started at 7am and ended at 5pm. My jobs varied from mucking out, feeding, putting horses on and off the walker, cleaning water drinkers, cleaning tack, putting down fresh bedding, skipping out and raking the walker, filling hay nets and keeping the yard looking tidy. I also got to watch some of the youngsters and top competition horses being ridden and saw the difference in training methods and how beautifully the more experienced horses move. It's amazing to see what the youngsters could develop into throughout their careers with the correct training.

While I was on the Whitakers' yard, I experienced what it would be like to work as part of a bigger team and was happily surprised to find that I enjoyed having more people to work with and they were all incredibly nice. I also saw that to communicate to the whole team, the daily, weekly and monthly jobs, the tack used for each horse, what needs buying and what exercise each horse needs they have on a big board with the information that everyone can see so they're all on the same page. It's an excellent idea that could benefit my yard to have.

In the last couple of days, I have learnt a lot about the everyday care of these stunning competition horses, the feed they get, the work they do, the care and protection of their hooves and legs and the attention to detail on every part of the yard. I used a walker, worked around stallions and spent time with yearlings - all things my yard doesn't have and all things I enjoyed.

Right now William Whitaker is in Spain at the Sunshine Tour with a collection of 8 horses and I wish him the best of luck. Thank you to the whole team for having me and making me feel so welcome, especially their wonderful apprentice Mia, who showed me how everything worked.

