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CAMERON MARKHAM IS CROWNED SCT APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR!



Seventeen-year-old Cameron Markham is SCT's "Apprentice of the Year 2025". The final judging by senior British eventing team coach and former Olympian Chris Bartle and Anna Goodley, Director of Lycetts for this prestigious award took place on 9 July at Pickering Grange EC. Cameron, who works for legendary British showjumper Michael Whitaker at his Nottinghamshire yard and who hopes to pursue a career in showjumping himself, came out on top after the final portfolio assessments and interview were carried out. The runner-up was Libby Pace, who works for EVG Equestrian in Derbyshire. SCT Chief Executive Belinda Turner MBE said: "Cameron has shown tremendous dedication to the yard and horses with which he works. His total commitment to the success of the horses and their preparation to enable them to compete at world-class level with Michael and Jack Whitaker is notable and impressive, and bodes so well for a long-lasting, rewarding career in the horse world. Libby should also be congratulated on her performance, she has exhibited passion and dedication to the apprenticeship, taking full advantage of opportunities to improve and promote the highest standards in her workplace."

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The Apprentice of the Year judging and presentation was a highlight of a very successful day during which Olympic coach Chris Bartle gave an exclusive Masterclass to eight groups of SCT apprentices and employers. These ranged in experience and ambition from polework sessions to advanced jumping training for SCT employers and professional riders including Tyler Cassells, Craig Kiddier and Fiona Davidson. One attendee commented: "Chris Bartle is on another level as a coach - incredible." Chris, a long-time supporter of SCT said: "It was, as ever, a pleasure to work with SCT providing training for the apprentices and employers. The interest and commitment shown by the apprentices has been really evident. The training went very well today and I hope I will see some of those apprentices at the major championships and Olympic Games in the future." Lycetts' Anna Goodley said: "Lycetts are delighted once again to support the SCT Apprentice of the Year competition. Apprenticeships are vital in giving young people real-world experience and shaping them into capable, confident professionals who are ready to contribute meaningfully to the equestrian world. Cameron has demonstrated passion and unwavering commitment to the highest standards of horsemanship. His dedication goes beyond day-to-day work — it's clear he sees a future in the industry and is determined to be part of it. He is well deserving of the recognition: well done, Cameron!"



WHERE ARE THEY NOW? TABITHA GOODWIN! ★★★★★

HOW I STARTED:

I first started my journey with Stubbing Court Training in 2021. I had just left school and decided I wanted to pursue a career with horses. I figured my best route would be an apprenticeship. I found SCT through my employers Sovereign Equestrian near Glossop. The whole process throughout my time undergoing my level 2 and 3 was made as easy yet informative as possible. Belinda especially put all her time and effort into me to succeed and become the best show groom I could be which I have her to thank for where I am today. My apprenticeship finished in 2023 where I managed to achieve a Distinction, thanks to all the information and skills I learnt over the course of those years to make me more knowledgeable.

MY TOP 3 THINGS I ENJOYED:

1. Being given more opportunities to prove myself. I was given so many opportunities as Belinda pushed me to engage as much as I could and take every opportunity presented to me
2. The heaps of knowledge I learnt then progressed to bigger and better opportunities, as well as having older grooms that have been in the job longer than me turn to me for advice (e.g withdrawal periods for medication at FEI shows)
3. It progressed my riding, enabling me to now ride at my current job

WHERE AM I NOW:

After three and a half years with Sovereign Equestrian where I learnt everything I know, I wanted a bit of a change to groom at some bigger 5* shows. I am now Robert Whitaker's show groom and have been here for 5 months. Within that time I have just got back from my first Nations Cup in Aachen, Germany for Team GB to finish 3rd. I have also gained more experience at 5* level and doing some lovely international shows I've never done before. My advice to any young person who is wanting to pursue a career in horses is I highly recommend SCT. They are an amazing team who create amazing grooms and push you to be the best you can.



RUBY THOMSON: WORK EXPERIENCE WITH JEANETTE BRAKEWELL



Last week I went to do work experience at Jeanette Brakewell's eventing yard near Uttoxeter. Jeanette is one of the most successful event riders ever, with 4 European gold, Olympic silver and World silver medals! I found the whole experience so interesting. Adjusting to their routines took a bit of time but by day 3 I felt I knew the way they were running. As my apprenticeship is based at Hargate Equestrian, a livery and riding school, handling these horses who have jumped round up to 4* events was an honour. The care and attention to detail each individual staff member put in inspired me to take that attitude to my role. I also found it interesting to see the roles within that yard and I really looked up to the Yard Manager Katy, she was always calm and had time to teach me new things whilst doing her job to the best of her ability. In the future I would like to be able to do something similar.

I learnt how to use a horse walker which I found super interesting as I've never used a walker before. By day 2 I was confidently putting horses on and off the walker on my own. I also learnt about the care and maintenance of the walker, I enjoyed tack cleaning as they have some really nice tack and seeing it being used when you have cleaned it gave me a sense of pride. The horses have so much love and pride, they want to do their job to their full capacity, and they are extremely talented. I really liked that they have automatic water drinkers which we don't have at Hargate Equestrian, and they have hay bars which I enjoyed putting haylage into the horses - a very good fixture as it saves time and is a lot safer than a haynet. All the staff and Jeanette were super nice and welcoming. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity, it showed me what other apprentices do in their jobs and another side of the horse world. It also made me more aware of the range of job roles in the horse industry.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW? BETH PEACH!



HOW I STARTED:

I first started my journey with Stubbing Court Training in February 2024; I did my level 2 apprenticeship with Tyler Cassells Eventing near Sandbach and finished in February 2025. Before SCT I didn't do anything, but now I'm helping teach our new apprentice things. As well as regularly grooming at shows and doing stay aways with Tyler. I can't thank SCT enough for everything they've done for me.

MY TOP 3 THINGS I ENJOYED

1. It would have to be the Masterclasses, I can't say enough about how great they are.
2. Learning as much as I have done, I can see a massive difference in my knowledge and I couldn't be prouder of myself, coming on so far, all the resources that SCT have has made it as easy as possible for me to come this far.
3. Riding as part of my apprenticeship.

WHERE AM I NOW:

I am still employed with the same employer I did my Apprenticeship with - Tyler Cassells Eventing. I have had a fabulous time with SCT, thanks to their amazing team I've had some great opportunities to work with great coaches like Chris Bartle, Harry Meade and William Whitaker at their Masterclasses. These have helped me massively build my confidence in riding but also helped me gain confidence while out competing. Not just with the Masterclass but also with all the training at home as well, with my day to day work my knowledge has grown so much. Since finishing the Apprenticeship I have continued to groom at competitions and doing training days with Tyler, I'm helping exercise the horses at home and helping get horses ready for the events. Also, since finishing I have completed my 1st event and came 2nd, I went to Cheshire Show and completed 2 rounds of showjumping and have entered more.

Thanks to the Apprenticeship my confidence in all areas has come on leaps and bounds. My plans now are to have a fun season out competing on Spice (a horse I loan from some of Tyler's owners). Then after that I plan to work abroad, still with horses just something a little different.

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!

Advanced Apprenticeship: Mia Allison

Apprenticeship: Teagen Crowe, Olivia Oates, Maya Oxley, Kelsey Renshaw, Skye Tooth, Caitlin Wilson, Jasmine Wriggles.

Apprenticeship Distinction: Laura Turner, Cameron Markham, Evie Chadwick, Maddy Headford-Saddler, Kiara Swinscoe.

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

Mathematics Level 1: Shaye Russell

Mathematics Level 2: Maya Oxley

English Level 2: Maya Oxley, Lexie Dawes-Hollely



CAMERON MATTHEWS: APPRENTICESHIP WITH FIONA DAVIDSON EVENTING



Here at Fiona Davidson Eventing the yard mainly consists of horses ready to be sold, these will have been well schooled by Fiona before they go. The main discipline Fiona competes in is eventing, but the horses here do the showjumping too. This gives them the best experience in diversifying their skills so they may find the right person to buy, ride and love them.

My role at the yard is looking after the horses and making sure that the yard is running smoothly whether it's fixing something that is broken or making sure we have a supply of straw and haylage. I've learnt a lot while working at the yard like the ability to think on my feet when making a plan on how to fix something that has been broken, for example.

Whilst being on my apprenticeship I have learnt in depth knowledge about how a horse works and why it behaves in certain ways depending on its environment which we create. This knowledge has then been able to be applied and that's what I enjoy most about being here. I took Smokie (one of Fiona's dearly loved horses) to the SCT Chris Bartle Masterclass which was held at Pickering Grange on 9 July where I learnt a lot on getting the horse to pay more attention to me when riding. A shimmy of the rein makes all the difference when trying to get that extra stride in between the fences.

Vetlig Cold Therapy Machine - We have recently been lucky enough to acquire a Vetlig Cold Therapy Machine. We have been using the machine on Hendricks, one of Fiona's top competition horses. He completed Bramham International Horse Trials at the beginning of June.

The cold therapy machine helps Hendricks recover from hard and intensive work in the best way possible. The machine is used after competition or hard work to draw heat out of his legs by compressing the legs with what can be described as working like a blood pressure monitor cuff but instead of air, ice cold water is running through the cuff and is squeezing and cycling new cold water around the leg to make sure that the legs' temperature is brought right down to not quite freezing. It is designed to reduce swelling, pain and inflammation with continuous cold flow and intermittent compression.



WELCOME TO:

Riley Frost, Jessica Collins, Evie Goodman, Madison Ashford, Ruby Foxlow, Isabelle Wilkins, Beth Mitchell, Tiana Stahl, Eve Jessop, Alana Webster, Lacey Frith, Hope Spatcher, Lucy Walker, Isabella Davies, Paige Gray.

