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ALL APPRENTICES, PARENTS & EMPLOYERS!!
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BARTLE PROVES TO SCT APPRENTICES THAT GREAT TRAINING IS UNIVERSAL



Great training techniques are universal, and the very best coaches can help and inspire everyone from the world's elite riders to those with far less experience. Chris Bartle - Badminton winner, Olympian and coach to the senior British eventing team - proved this during his exclusive Stubbing Court Training Ltd (SCT) Masterclass at Pickering Grange Equestrian, Leicestershire on 5 December. He worked with groups of SCT apprentices and employers that spanned the breadth of knowledge and experience, and each one came away encouraged, educated and improved. "I feel lucky to have taken part," said employer and event rider Sam Hobbs. It was top-class training, and I will write down the nuggets of information from Chris's vast knowledge and wisdom and remind myself of them each time I ride." Chris said: "I have been involved with SCT as a visiting trainer for many years and I have seen the understanding and performance of the apprentices improving over that time, showing that the employers and the support teams around them are doing an effective job. The standard and turnout of the horses is very good and I always enjoy these days."



SCT is the UK's leading provider of apprentices to the equine industry and works tirelessly to give young people wanting a lasting career with horses and those who employ them with world-class opportunities to learn from the very best. The East Midlands-based training company's acclaimed Masterclass Series forms part of this ethos, as does its expansive online library of examples of best practice and correct training, its unequalled contacts in all areas of equestrianism, and excellent access to career development seminars. SCT Chief Executive Belinda Turner MBE said: "It was a superb day. The most enjoyable aspect was seeing the huge improvements in confidence and competence during the sessions for all horses and riders. It is also fascinating to watch how effective the world-class training techniques are with all levels of horses and riders. We are very grateful to Chris for once again finding time in his busy international schedule to work with SCT - it is a huge privilege for everyone involved. Thank you to everyone who supported the Masterclass and the Pickering Grange team for their superb facilities and hospitality."



EVA WILLIAMS - MY FIRST CARRIAGE DRIVING COMPETITION!!



My name is Eva and I have worked at Karen Bassett Carriage Driving for 5 weeks now. She has around 20 horses ranging from 17 to 18 hands. Karen has a variety of competition horses which have competed at the highest level in national and international competitions. She also has a few young horses who will soon be broken in to be driven in the carriage. All Karen's horses are very well mannered and in excellent condition. All of her horses are well looked after and are all in work as Karen does funeral, wedding and Prom services as well as competing. In September, I went to my first high level National competition at Osberton with Karen. We took 5 horses and they were all very well behaved and looked very

well turned out. The competition was split into 3 different events which were dressage, cones and the marathon. My jobs included mucking out the horses throughout the day to make sure they kept clean, making sure the horses had fresh hay and clean water, helping get the horses' harnesses and bridles on, washing the horses down after the events and making sure they looked tidy and presentable before going into the events. I was also given the responsibility of being part of the ground crew before Karen went into the collecting ring which involved me doing the last quick checks on all the horses' harnesses to make sure they were all correct before they went into the ring. I am really thankful for the opportunity I was given by Karen to attend and help out at the competition. When I was at Osberton I learnt a lot about what it means to be successful especially when it was the end of the competition and it was announced that Karen had placed first for all 3 events and also placed first overall. I learnt how that even the slightest adjustment on a curb chain or the length of a rein could make a difference in the performance of one of the 4 horses. I also learnt a lot about how the team works together at competitions to achieve excellent results. I thoroughly enjoyed being at the Osberton Competition and hope to go and assist at more high level competitions in the future.



LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!



Apprenticeship: Ebony Barnfather, Grace Scott, Lydia Tinker, Isabel Furness-Jepson, Alice Riley



Advanced Apprenticeship: Emily Walters, Alissa Jackson, Libby Marshall, Holly Brooke, Charlotte Berry, Jessica Gilby, Tia Hartley, Gracie Williams, Hallie Kerry-Oates

Distinction: Mary Lovelace, Bryonie Ellis, Skyy James, Lauren Thompson, Katie Storey

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

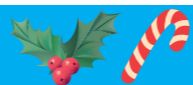
English Level 2: Jessica Walker

Mathematics Level 1: Connie Goodlad

Mathematics Level 2: Jessica Walker, Ella Roberts, Kaci Buckley



LAUNCH OF THE SCT ENTERPRISE AWARD 2024!



We all know times are tough and the employment world is full of uncertainty, but there will always be a place for young, enthusiastic people who are determined to keep learning and improving their skills. SCT is passionate about giving their apprentices every opportunity for personal and professional development and supporting them and their employers in the process. That's why we are delighted to launch the 2024 Enterprise Award, which encourages apprentices to help the businesses in which they work to become more successful.

SCT established the 'SCT Enterprise Award' to:

- Promote the importance of business success
- Develop pride in achievement and commitment to learning, improvement and business success
- Develop awareness of what makes an equestrian business successful
- Recognise outstanding conduct in the workplace and in dealing with external clients and partners
- Reward understanding of how to keep themselves and others safe and healthy, showing best practice in safety, behaviour and welfare

In these unpredictable times, there is an essential need for effective equine business management, and apprentices can play a key role in this. The SCT Enterprise Award is highly prestigious, with the finalists displaying outstanding portfolios which demonstrate real ingenuity, excellent understanding of business practices and great pride in helping their employers.

The judges of the SCT Enterprise Award - which have included former four times Olympic silver medallist and six times European gold medallist turned cross-country course-designer Ian Stark OBE, international showjumper and producer Morgan Kent of HK Horses, Anna Goodley, Director of Lycetts Insurance Brokers, Ted Cadogan, Director of Operations, Chatsworth House and most recently, Martyn Johnson, Director of the Defender Bughley Horse Trials - are looking for entrants to have contributed to at least one of the following key criteria for the organisation they are employed by:

- Promotion/communication
- Management systems/procedures
- Training and developing others
- Finance - fundraising/sponsorship
- Improving facilities/equipment/services

It is a great way for any SCT apprentice to improve their portfolio and help them meet the criteria for a Distinction in their Apprenticeship - and, of course, assist the business in which they work survive and thrive in current times. Three finalists will be selected by 29.4.2024 for the final judging, to be held at the Chatsworth International Horse Trials on Friday 17 May 2024. The finalists will have a short interview and present their portfolio to the judge, a world class professional in the horse industry. The winner will receive a £150.00 cash prize.

Apprentices please email the Nomination Form back to info@stubbingcourtraining.com by 20.12.2023 to put themselves forward for judging.



CHATSWORTH INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS - 17, 18, 19 MAY 2024



SCT have a major role in the organisation of Chatsworth International Horse Trials and Belinda Turner has been on the Organising Committee for the last 21 years. We have a few places available for any SCT apprentices or employers who would like to help with stewarding, scoring, writing for judges, shadowing a dressage judge or have the opportunity to help in the Event Office during the event. Please email info@stubbingcourtraining.com as soon as possible if you would like to help! This is a great way to learn more about eventing, how an

international horse trials runs, and for anyone thinking about future careers in competition organising or eventing. Thank you.



BRADLEY CODD - FROM APPRENTICE TO SUPER-GROOM!



I started my career with horses in 2018 and completed my Apprenticeship in 2019. Just after I had finished at the beginning of January 2020 Belinda rang me and asked if I would like to go to the Sunshine Tour in Spain grooming for Matthew Sampson a few days later... it was the phone call that changed my life! I managed to go to the Sunshine Tour with Matthew and Kara Chad. This was the place that showed me what grooming at the international level is really like, opened up a whole new world that I never knew existed, and taught me everything about grooming at top level. Due to COVID the Sunshine Tour finished early and I

ended up based with Matthew in Holland for a few months, then went with him to be based in Canada and Florida. After this I groomed at various shows around the world including Spruce Meadows, Thunderbird, Kentucky and sometimes back at base in Sheffield. I also worked as Head Groom for international dressage rider Hannah Esberger-Shepherd in Sheffield for 4 months. I now work for Irish Olympic, World and European Championship show jumper Darragh Kenny based out in Florida. I get to travel all over the United States with a string of Olympic level horses and attend some of the best international shows where I still learn something new everyday and love the job..



WELCOME TO:

Freya Dean, Cailin Weinman, Mollie Pettigrew, Maddison Maddocks, Kiara Swinscoe, Lotti Wilks-Stebbins, Izzie Bradbury, Summer Woodward, Kelsey Cooper, Cawley Bassford, Evie Goodson, Megan Blaney-Folkes.

