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CHATSWORTH INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS 2023 ★★



SCT played a key role in the organisation of this year's Chatsworth International Horse Trials held in the impressive grounds at Chatsworth on 12 - 14 May. The horse trials attracted some of the world's best competitors, with riders and horses from 15 different countries competing, and in excess of 600 entries. The prestigious event welcomed over 30,000 spectators to see a host of horses and riders competing in the FEI CCI 4*, Advanced and Arena Eventing classes. Amongst the all-star line-up were the world's leading riders and SCT apprentices and employers.



SCT's Chief Executive Belinda Turner MBE has been a Committee member of the event since 2003. Many of SCT's staff, apprentices, SCT Online Learning trainers, Coaches, former apprentices, parents and employers volunteered to ensure the smooth running, as organisers, judges, writers, stewards, Course Designers, Course Builders, scorers and general helpers. Special thanks to Emily Howarth, Megan Peacock, Claire McCann, Niamh Horobin, Ian Stark, David Evans, Patricia Clifton, Vikki Hayton, Libbie Wain, Jo Newton, Ellie Dickinson, Becky Mullan-Feroze, Teresa Watts, Jennie Brailsford, Marie Skelly, Geraldine Beresford, Georgina Cooper, Frances Oliver, Abi Putland, Courtney Smith, Josie Gibbs, Ashleigh Wilkinson, Ann Sread, Saffron Faulder, Lily Robinson-Holford, Hannah Scarratt, Katey Storey and Kate Porritt.

SCT also gave a £100 Groom's Prize to the groom of the winning horse of the 4* World Cup. Date for the diary... next year the event will be 17 - 19 May 2024...



BRILLIANT BUSINESS ADVICE FOR SCT APPRENTICES AND EMPLOYERS



SCT's 'Winning Ways' seminar was described as "absolutely brilliant" by those who attended the day-long forum in the spectacular setting of Chatsworth House, Derbyshire on 24 April.

This year's seminar, which was put on exclusively for SCT's employers and apprentices to support their business skills, focused on two principal areas. These were best practices to help business sustainability and growth, and awareness of environmental grants to make best use of resources, reduce costs and impact and how to access them.

Coach and producer Caroline Thornton of Chebsey Equestrian said afterwards: "What a lovely day - the speakers were all so interesting and knowledgeable, and it was pitched at just the right level for apprentices and employers. Well done SCT!"

The speakers were:

- Chatsworth Horse Trials' director Patricia Clifton, a highly experienced FEI Technical Delegate at CCI5* and championship level, on "What makes a world-class event?"
- Henry Taylor from Taylor Made Forage, who gave invaluable advice on field management and pasture care
- Burghley Horse Trials' press officer and Horse & Hound journalist Catherine Austen on business promotion through effective social media use
- Anna Goodley from insurance brokers Lycetts on Employers' Liability insurance
- Sarah Kuruyawa from Peninsula on up-to-date best practice in health and safety and employment law
- Matt Mardling from The Woodland Trust advised on the benefits of trees and tree-planting to your business, and what grants are available in that area
- David Evans - course-builder and course-designer of cross-country courses from Olympic and CCI5* level to grassroots - discussed cross-country course design and planning



SCT Chief Executive Belinda Turner MBE said: "The day was a great success. These amazing and very special opportunities to learn from and be inspired by the top people in the equestrian world are one of SCT's great strengths and something we feel very passionate about, and the Winning Ways seminar is a great example of that, as is our Masterclass Series. Our speakers today gave world-class tips on business success from all angles and all sides - planning, resources, organising, best practice, relationships, legal aspects; the infrastructure you need in place to run a good business."

WELCOME TO:



Evie Robson, Poppy Archer, Amber Frost, James Dunkerley, Evie Revill, Ruby Thomson, Leah Brant, Isla Gordon, Shaye Russell, Kaye Smith, Annabel Healy, Rebecca Fletcher



LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!

Apprenticeship: Mitchell Thomson-Wyer
Advanced Apprenticeship: Lilly Bird

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

English Level 2: Hallie Kerry Oates



SCT'S SAFFRON SHOWS HER ENTERPRISE...



Saffron Faulder is the 2023 winner of the SCT Enterprise Award, which rewards awareness, understanding and proactivity in business development among its apprentices.

Saffron, an SCT apprentice who works for Ann Sread at Penwood Stables near Ashbourne, Derbyshire, impressed Burghley Horse Trials Director Martyn Johnson during the final judging of the Enterprise Award on 12 May during Chatsworth Horse Trials.

Martyn said: "All three of the young people who reached the final were impressive, but Saffron showed the best understanding of business development and had a solid business plan. The SCT Enterprise Award is a great concept; it encourages apprentices to develop awareness of what makes an equestrian business successful, rewards commitment and hard work and helps apprentices make positive all-round contributions to their employers' businesses."

Saffron said: "This has greatly improved my confidence and made us think about different ways in which we can improve the business. My main focus for the business plan I created was promotion of the yard, improving the services and satisfaction for our liveries and communication systems on the yard and improved standards, safety and organisation on the yard."



The other two Enterprise Award finalists were Kate Porritt (Marcin Stachurski Dressage Ltd) and Lily Robinson-Holford (Almond Equestrian Ltd). All three candidates had to present their business plans to Martyn Johnson, who then interviewed them about their plans and ideas. Saffron received a cash prize of £150.

Saffron says: 'I was given the opportunity by SCT and my employer to take part in the Enterprise Award. I had to produce a short portfolio about my contributions to the business over four months. I then had an interview with Martyn Johnson, Director of Burghley Horse Trials, where we talked about what I do at Penwood Stables.

On the day of the interview I was also working in the 4* World Cup dressage arena, letting the riders in and out. This was a really good opportunity as I was able to watch the tests and meet some of the riders as they came out of the arena. From this I learnt much more about the planning and organisation that goes into a world class event, which was also supported by the 'Winning Ways' seminar I attended. I would like to thank Stubbing Court Training for giving me this opportunity, and my employer Ann Sread for supporting me'.

CHLOE WILD - PROGRESSION FROM SCT TO THE KING'S TROOP!

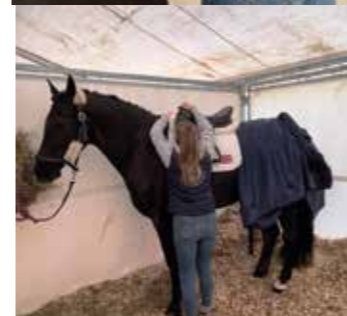
I did my Apprenticeship with Stubbing Court Training at Equiclass, in Friskney near Skegness. I did the Riding Pathway where I got a Distinction in 2020. I also completed several Masterclasses with Joe Whitaker and Chris Bartle.

After completing the Apprenticeship I decided I wanted to do something different so I went on to enrol in the Army and then into The Kings Troop Royal Horse Artillery where I have now completed my basic Mounted Gunner course and have started jumping with the King's Troop and passed out of the advanced Mounted Gunner course in April. I am now able to ride on Parade and rode at the Royal Windsor Horse Show.

I am really enjoying all the new experiences I have had with King's Troop for example going to the Royal Welsh show last year. I have now learnt how to vault on horses of various heights and learned how to ride with multiple hand horses while riding round London and on parades!



ADDINGTON INTERNATIONAL MARCH 2023...



My name is Sophie Clark and I work for Lara Edwards who is an international dressage rider based in Lincolnshire. I have been with Lara since June 2022. I live in on the yard and get to do a range of different jobs. This was my second time attending an international show, however the first time another groom came too so I wasn't on my own and had some help but this time I was on my own!! On the Wednesday before going I spent the day packing the lorry and bathing Felix and getting everything ready to leave first thing on the Thursday morning. To help me keep organised I had made a checklist for everything I needed to take so I didn't forget anything. On Thursday morning I was on the yard for 7am and got Felix ready to leave at 8:30am. We loaded Felix up and set off. It took us 4 hours in the lorry to get there. Once we arrived, we got Felix off the lorry, offered him a drink and walked him round to let his legs have a stretch before taking his temperature and seeing the vet which all went to plan. We then unpacked the lorry and got everything sorted. As it was an International you are required to trot your horse up so Lara was due to trot Felix up at 3:30pm however they were running behind schedule, so we got done a bit later. Once she had completed the Trot up we got Felix back in his stable, offered him another drink and made sure he had access to haylage. I gave him a feed and popped him therapy boots on. Lara and I then went back to the lorry and got some tea. At 8pm Lara was allowed to ride the arena familiarization, so she stretched him for 1/2hr. Then we put Felix back in his stable, hayed, water and fed him.

On the Friday morning I got up and was with Felix for 7am. I gave him his breakfast, haynet and fresh water. Whilst I was waiting for him to finish, I mucked him out and tidied up. I then hand walked him for 20 minutes and found some grass for him to graze. I then put his magnetic rug and boots on. Once he was back in his stable and settled, I went and got myself some breakfast from the café onsite and watched the junior dressage. Lara was doing the Grand Prix so she wasn't on until 5:15pm, however, she stretched him in the morning so I went and got Felix tacked up ready for her to ride. Once she had ridden him and I had sorted him out, I then skipped out and gave him a lunch feed. Lara and I then went for some lunch and watched a few tests. After lunch I hand walked him again. I started to get Felix ready at 3pm which included putting the magic rug on him, plaiting him up and making him look absolutely spotless and shiny. Lara got on him at 4:30pm to give him plenty of time to warm up. Felix was very well behaved, and Lara was happy with him. After Lara had ridden, I offered him fresh water, washed him off and put the magic rug on the post training mode to help his recovery. After about an hour, I gave him his tea and switched his rug back over once he was dry. We then went for some tea and watched the Grand Prix. At 9pm I gave him his supper and more haylage and put him to bed.

Same again Saturday morning, I was up at 7am with feed, hay, fresh water, mucked out, hand walked, and magnetic rug on. Lara did the Grand Prix Special today which meant she was on at 4:10pm. I walked Felix 3 times during the day as she didn't ride him before her test this time. I got him ready, and she got on for 3:30pm, he was such a good boy again and got 66.25% (top 10 placed). I walked him round for half an hour after his test as we were travelling home later that evening. I took him back to the stables and washed him off and put the magic rug on and then got the lorry loaded for coming home. Next, I prepared Felix and loaded him on the lorry and we set off home at about 6pm. We arrived home at 10pm and I hand walked Felix around the arena for 20 minutes before putting him back in his stable.

What an amazing experience I've had, I am so lucky!

