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TO ALL APPRENTICES, PARENTS & EMPLOYERS

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MIA ALLISON - GROOMING AT OLIVA NOVA, SPAIN



I am an apprentice at Hurst Farm for international show jumpers Jim and William Whitaker, based in Huddersfield. Since working here I have had the opportunity to go to so many different shows and have enjoyed them all. A few months ago I went on my first tour to Oliva Nova in Southern Spain. The show was 3 weeks long and it took 3 days to get there and back so we were away for 4 weeks, we took 5 horses, all the horses jumped very well and were all able to step up throughout the show.



Our week consisted of: Monday- all horses trotted up • Tuesday- all horses exercised • Wednesday - all horses exercised • Thursday – jumping classes • Friday – jumping classes • Saturday – jumping classes Sunday - jumping (Grand Prix)

I really enjoyed my time at Oliva Nova and learnt a lot, my favourite part about the show was being down at the ring as I felt this was where I could be the most involved and gain the most experience.

WELCOME TO:

Kiara Swinscoe, Lotti Wilks-Stebbing, Izzie Bradbury, Summer Woodward, Kelsey Cooper, Cawley Bassford, Evie Goodson, Megan Blaney-Folkes, Lucie White, Maddy Headford-Sadler, Kayleigh Freeman



TALENTED APPRENTICES IN LINE FOR ENTERPRISE AWARD...

Stubbing Court Training Ltd (SCT) is delighted to announce the nominees for its prestigious 2024 Enterprise Award. Sarah Hoare (Tyler Cassells Eventing, based in Sandbach), Jade Wilkinson (Newark Equestrian, based in Newark), Skyy James (Jump Elite, based near Retford) and Bryonie Ellis (Fiona Davidson Eventing Ltd, based near Melton Mowbray) have been nominated to go forward to the judging of the SCT Enterprise Award by a world-class professional at Chatsworth International Horse Trials on 17 May 2024.

BRYONIE ELLIS – FIONA DAVIDSON EVENTING

I'm Bryonie, currently doing my Level 3 Apprenticeship with Fiona Davidson Eventing based at Valeview in Leicestershire. We have stables for 29 horses. The business does schooling, sales and rehabilitation livery with a variety of horses: hunters, 4* eventers, 4 year olds, breakers, upper level dressage, showjumping and mainly produce for eventing. We are competing regularly as we are based on a yard that holds multiple competitions weekly. Fiona has years of experience with horses from being around them her whole life, with a variety of qualifications, coaching, competing up to 4* and producing horses. The business thrives in selling/producing top quality horses. We promote the horses adverts via a popular website called Horsequest, the business social media and promote the business out at competitions, wearing business clothing and through word of mouth. The businesses main income is the livery bills each week and then a percentage every sale made for clients as well as the full price from selling Fiona's own. The aim is to try and promote our sales horses to encourage more sales as this brings in a large sum of money at once and we will do this mainly through social media and competitions.



JADE WILKINSON – NEWARK EQUESTRIAN

Newark Equestrian is a small, friendly, professionally run riding school and livery yard. We are also a registered Pony Club centre, with instructors who are DBS checked, First Aid and Safeguarding trained. We run our Pony Club sessions weekly for members of all abilities and ages ranging from 6-18, with targeted riding and stable management. I have the responsibility of enhancing the Pony Club curriculum making it more engaging and to ensure each topic is accessible in all weathers, thanks to the unpredictable British weather. Since I began changing the curriculum, we are seeing greater engagement and more members joining, helping to increase income for the business. Our new curriculum focuses on using different learning techniques using visual, auditory and kinaesthetic cues. A key interest of mine is to make sure that the activities are engaging as well as increasing the students' knowledge and promoting animal health and wellbeing. For example, a popular way of learning muscles and bones was to place sticky notes on the horses in the correct places. I am also planning our Pony Club rallies and fundraisers for our upcoming school holidays and competitions; these are themed depending on the school holiday.



SKYY JAMES – JUMP ELITE

Adam competes regularly at many different shows over the country, we have recently come back from the Onley Winter Classic show over the new year where we had 5 horses jumping and have also been at Arena UK this weekend with some youngsters and GP horses. As the show groom my jobs when we are out at a competition include warm ups, tacking up, bathing and grooming before shows, banding manes, getting horses ready for travelling, cleaning show tack, getting the lorry ready and much more. I can definitely say I love my job!



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SARAH HOARE – TYLER CASSELLS EVENTING

Here at Arclid Hall Farm, we have a combination of competition horses, full liveries and schooling liveries. Over the time I have been working here a range of changes have been made for the yard to run to its maximum efficiency. This helps improve the business because it is allowing Tyler to save money that he can reinvest into the business. Some of these changes include changing the rota from a fixed 4-week rota; to a 6-week rolling rota, done 6 weeks in advance allowing staff to request their working patterns therefore using less holiday and therefore we use less freelance cover, which saves money. Staff also work more productively, while freeing up Tyler's time to go and ride his other competition horses which are spread over a further 3 yards. There have also been changes to the procedures such as feeding, anti-doping and noticeboards. These changes have been made to allow for anyone on the yard to be able to manage without being told everything beforehand. Over the next few weeks as preparation starts for the season, I am looking to further establish more efficient procedures to help and share the change via social media.



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@stubbingscourtraining.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.



LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!



Apprenticeship: Georgia Smith

Advanced Apprenticeship: Megan Armitage, Grace Curwood, Lily Outram, Sophie Clark, Megan Naylor, Jessica Walker, Mya Gould

Distinction: Kate Porritt, Tabitha Goodwin, Daniel Bailey

English Level 2: Madison Bigley



COMPLIMENTARY EMPLOYMENT LAW AND HEALTH AND SAFETY SEMINAR

THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY, NOTTINGHAM - SCT are co-hosting this seminar with Peninsula, the UK's leading HR specialist. The seminar will be held on Thursday 22 February 2024 at The Hilton Hotel in Nottingham. The seminar will offer invaluable advice on best practice in Health and Safety and Employment Law and include a complimentary lunch and refreshments! Please email info@stubbingscourtraining.com for a booking form by 10.2.24 to book your place. Please ring 01246 566193 if you have any queries. Thank you



1 DAY EMERGENCY FIRST AID AT WORK COURSE



On Monday 18 March 2024 9.30 - 4pm, at Pickering Grange Equestrian, Ellistown, Coalville LE67 1EZ. Special rate of £70 per person. Please email info@stubbingscourtraining.com to book. **LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE.**

ANJA VAN DER MERWE - BUCKLEAP STABES



My name is Anja Van Der Merwe, I work at Buckleap Stables which is a full/part livery yard on Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG5 8PH. I am a level 2 apprentice here and I work for Selina Cash. We have a wonderful team here at Buckleap, who are always willing to help. We have approximately 60 stables and a variety of lovely horses ranging from resting and retired race horses to competition horses. About our yard: we offer part or full livery, all year round turnout, as well as assisted livery with either a bring in or turnout in winter. Our horses are in at night during winter and out 24 hours a day in summer. We have a rubber floodlit menage, a separate sand lunge pen and 2 miles of off-road hacking with cross country jumps. We also have a jump field where we host competitions and liveries can have their lessons in. We do offer full livery with hay and straw included in the price, we are also on a worming programme. My job role: my jobs and responsibilities include turning out and bringing in, mucking out the stables and giving the horses fresh hay and water. I also make feeds up and clean our automatic water troughs that we have in the fields. I am responsible for keeping the yard tidy which includes; sweeping, raking, emptying bins and picking up litter. I enjoy working here, I have learnt so much and looking back I have grown in confidence tremendously compared to when I first started. We are a welcoming and friendly team of staff and liveries here and we hope to see you soon.

ELLIE SKIDMORE - WORK EXPERIENCE WITH JOHN WHITAKER!



I am currently working at Kelsey's Sports Horses (an eventing yard in Derbyshire) with a lovely, small family run team, owned by Julie Norfolk, working closely alongside Richard Norfolk. I am a level 2 apprentice, and I was offered the opportunity by Stubbings Court Training to participate in a 3-day work experience at John Whitaker's yard near Huddersfield.

Arriving at John Whitaker's yard felt like an honour, and with this came a lot of nerves! However, as soon as I began speaking to everyone this feeling settled as everybody was lovely and welcoming. We first started with the daily morning routine of skipping out, haying, watering, and getting horses ready to be worked - which meant picking feet out before they left their stables and being put onto the walker for 10 minutes (this was a first experience for me as I have never used a walker before, so the opportunity to try this was great). The routine became more natural to me by the second day as I knew what had to happen when and where. The afternoon routine was mainly sticking to the specific grooming protocol for each horse after they have been worked or have been on the walker.

On the last day I was given the opportunity to attend a show at South View where Louise and Joanne were show jumping. This was exciting to see how this kind of day differs to an eventing/eventers' day out. Thank you to Stubbings Court Training for setting this up for me, and thanks to everyone at John Whitaker's yard for making it such an enjoyable experience!

