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TO ALL APPRENTICES, PARENTS & EMPLOYERS

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SCT ENTERPRISE AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED...



The final judging of the SCT Enterprise Award 2024 took place as planned, despite the unfortunate cancellation of Chatsworth International Horse Trials. We were extremely privileged to have David Evans as judge. David is a world-renowned professional at the highest level, being eventing course builder for the Beijing and Tokyo Olympic Games and two European Championships. He is also one of the world's leading course designers, designing the cross country courses for Chatsworth, Burgham, Blenheim Palace and Cornbury House International Horse Trials. In addition, he is the course builder for Bramham, Blenheim, Chatsworth and Luhmuhlen International Horse Trials. The finalists were Sarah Hoare (Tyler Cassells Eventing), Jade Wilkinson (Newark Equestrian), Skyy James (Jump Elite) and Bryonie Ellis (Fiona Davidson Eventing Ltd). David said: 'It was lovely to meet four enthusiastic, dedicated, young professionals keen to further their career in the horse industry, they were all of a very high standard. It was an extremely difficult decision.' The eventual winner was Sarah Hoare. Congratulations to Sarah for all her hard work, commitment to learning and business success and the great contributions she has made to support Tyler Cassells Eventing. Sarah received a £150.00 cash prize.

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ENTERPRISE AWARD WINNER... SARAH HOARE



The Enterprise Award aims to promote apprentices' contribution to their employer's business success. I entered the competition to learn more about the business side of organisation; discovering what makes a business successful. I set out to show an understanding and development in management systems and procedures alongside promotion and communication. However, you could also show contribution of training and developing others, finance - fund-raising/sponsorship, or improving facilities/equipment/services. All the entrants had to put together a brief article with photos introducing the yard and areas of the business to promote and improve. From there we had to put together a portfolio including a CV, a description of the organisation, a brief business plan and examples of evidence showing the contributions we made over 4 months. From this I learnt a lot about how the business runs and must run to be successful. It has widened my perspective on aspects I didn't previously need to understand. The final 4 of us were picked to go to Chatsworth to be interviewed by the judge, David Evans - course designer for Chatsworth International Horse Trials and other courses around the world. We had an interview and were asked 4 questions. The questions were designed to make us think about what we had learnt and how we helped improve the organisation over the whole process. After the interviews we went out with David and walked around the venue, asking questions and learning about what it takes to run an event, especially at such a high level. In conclusion, this whole process has opened my mind to the running of these organisations as well as competitions themselves. It has allowed me to join in the team with a wider variety of skills, helping my employer and being able to help my peers. I am very grateful for the opportunities this competition has given me and I highly recommend having a go.

WELCOME TO:

Joseph Harrison, Ina Bridges, Kyle Bradley, Maya Oxley, Fraya Dobson, Cameron Markham, Harriett Moss, Paige Farmer, Evie Chadwick, Lola Carpenter, Teagan Crowe, Faith Stones, Lexie Hollely, Annie Dickinson, Summer Taylor, Tilly Lee.

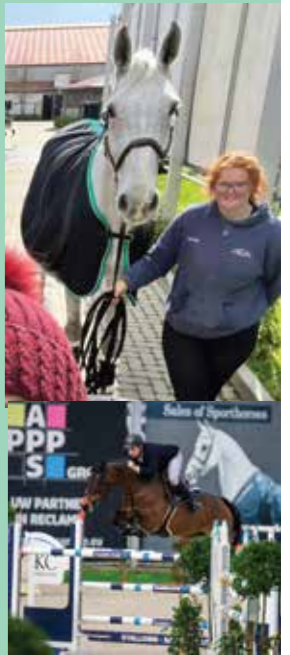


AMY CRITCHLOW - SOVEREIGN EQUESTRIAN



I am a former Level 3 SCT apprentice. I completed my Apprenticeship with Nicola Barry and Chris Smith at Sovereign Equestrian near Glossop in July 2023. Since finishing my course I have gained lots more experience. I have travelled to shows in Europe, gaining experience in travelling the horses abroad and understanding how much paper work goes into moving horses since Brexit. In April we travelled to Lier in Belgium for 3 weeks taking 9 horses. I was a bit intimidated the first day in the collecting ring but as the weeks went on I gained in confidence. The show uses the Equipe App which allowed us to easily navigate when the horses jumped meaning we could be organised and plan our day. We travelled down to Dover on the Sunday, staying in the stables at Parker's for the night, before setting off to the ferry in the early hours of the morning. We took the ferry to Calais, and on arrival at the port we travelled to the vet check area where the horses, carnets and health papers were checked. After this was completed we travelled three hours to Belgium, to the show in Lier. We arrived at Azelhof on the Monday. Before unloading the horses we had to set the stables up with shavings, hay and water. Once we had got them off the truck we changed their rugs and left them to rest for the afternoon. On the Tuesday and Wednesday Chris exercised the horses, whether that was riding or lungeing them before Trot up on the Wednesday evening. Each week the show ran from the Thursday to the Sunday where each horse would jump 3 times a week. We had a successful few weeks including numerous wins and placings. Along with the day to day stable duties, I enjoyed putting the time and effort into getting the horses ready for the ring, ensuring they were turned out to a high standard. The outstanding facilities at Azelhof enabled us to do this very easily. The built in wash boxes meant we could easily bath horses and the large permanent stables meant we could easily groom and tack up the horses. The permanent stables also included automatic water drinkers, however we also provided our horses with water buckets so we could see how much they were drinking to ensure they would not become dehydrated during the periods of high intensity jumping work. We finished jumping on the Sunday afternoon then loaded up and set off to the ferry. We got the 10.30pm boat to Dover and arrived back to the yard at the 5am. We could comfortably do the journey home without stopping as we weren't required to do the vet checks coming back. We made sure to stop and check the horses regularly during the journey back, ensuring they were a good temperature and were showing no signs of colic etc. Our truck has automatic water drinkers in the horse area to allow the horses to drink as they please throughout the journey. Overall I really enjoyed my trip to Belgium. I feel as though I gained lots of experience and look forward to my next trip.

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SUNSHINE TOUR, SPAIN 2024



MASTERCLASS WITH WILLIAM WHITAKER



It would be hard to think of a career pathway with more options, scope and opportunities than an equine Apprenticeship with SCT, as 18 school pupils and their parents found out during international showjumper William Whitaker's SCT Masterclass at Parklands EC, Sheffield on 15 April. The visitors got a "taster" of what it is like to undertake an Apprenticeship with Britain's leading provider of apprentices to the equestrian industry by talking to current and former apprentices, an employer and an SCT coach while watching William - an SCT employer himself, and winner of major prizes such as the Hickstead Derby and the Puissance class at Olympia - work with horses and riders of varying degrees of experience and ambition. The feedback was universally excellent. William's Masterclass was just one of the many benefits offered by SCT that enrich and inspire young people in seeking a lasting and well-rewarded career with horses. SCT has outstanding contacts with a vast range of employers, from the world's top riders and trainers to livery yards, rehab centres and competition yards at the highest level. The Whitaker family - showjumping's most celebrated clan - have been great supporters of SCT's apprenticeship programmes for over thirty years. William said: "It was a really good day. Everyone was keen to learn and stayed focused, and it showed that the basic principles of riding and training apply at all levels."



One attendee said: "It was great seeing excellent training exercises put into practice that suited and improved all levels of horses and riders. There were huge improvements due to William's world-class training techniques." The next in SCT's acclaimed Masterclass Series, which is exclusive to SCT apprentices and employers, is with Badminton winner and Team GB Olympic coach Chris Bartle at Pickering Grange Equestrian on 1 July. The final judging for SCT's prestigious Apprentice of the Year Award will also take place that day. The finalists must be nominated by their employer, then they will be put through their paces during an interview with their portfolio by Anna Goodley, Director of Lycetts Insurance, and Chris Bartle. To be nominated, apprentices must have shown exceptional commitment to the Apprenticeship and their job, for example completed voluntary work experience, written articles to promote their yard and Apprenticeships, and completed all modules on target. They must have demonstrated performance to world-class standards. The victor will receive a £200 cash prize, kindly provided by Lycetts Insurance. Anna Goodley said: "Lycetts are proud to sponsor the 2024 'Apprentice of the Year' Award. Once again Stubbing Court Training Ltd are recognising and rewarding their best apprentices, and Lycetts are very proud to be associated with this initiative. Attracting good grooms and riders in horse sport is crucial, and these apprentices are getting the very best start to their careers."



LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!
 Apprenticeship: **Anja Van Der Merwe**
FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS
 Mathematics Level 2: **Annabel Healy**

WELL DONE!!

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HARRISON STRAW - SAM HOBBS EVENTING



I am doing my level 3 Apprenticeship at Sam Hobbs Eventing based in Leicestershire. We have a beautiful yard set in 400+ acres of land, individual turnout, 2 arenas, solarium, hot wash, 2 barns with all indoor stables, 2 tack rooms and a heated rug room.

Here at Sam Hobbs Eventing we offer a wide range of services: Full Livery, Competition Livery, Schooling Livery, Sales Livery and Lessons. We have a huge variety of horses here from youngsters all the way up to 3* event horses. I am a groom at Sam Hobbs Eventing and some of my daily jobs include - feeding, haying, watering, mucking out, poo picking, bathing,

grooming, exercising horses on the flat, jump and lungeing. I attend shows and arena hires with Sam regularly and love it!

I am really enjoying my apprenticeship at Sam Hobbs Eventing as I'm always learning everyday on the job and improving my skills and knowledge of being an equine groom. Sam is a former SCT apprentice with Jeanette Brakewell herself and I'm extremely grateful to Sam and Stubbing Court Training for all the opportunities, amazing experiences, and training provided whilst completing my level 3 apprenticeship.



APPRENTICESHIP AT JOHN WHITAKER INTERNATIONAL



I'm Hazel Cunningham a level 2 apprentice at John and Clare Whitaker's yard based at Heyside Farm in Upper Cumberworth. John Whitaker is one of successful showjumpers in the world and has been for over 40 years, competing at 5* level and riding many times at the European and World Championships and five Olympic Games. He is based here alongside his two daughters Joanne and Louise who both compete internationally and help with the business. All horses are produced by John, Louise and Joanne from age classes all the way to 1.50m. We have an assortment of horses at work from stallions to youngstock who I have been very lucky to have been taught how to handle correctly and safely. At

work we have incredibly high standards with the horses so being taught these has greatly improved my attention to detail and I have learnt so much about the care of performance horses. I've groomed at many day shows like Arena UK and Aintree which I really enjoy and would love to get out and do more. I also have been given the opportunity to hack and school some of the horses which has helped me learn how they stay competition ready. John Whitaker is sponsored by a number of brands including Dodson and Horrell which keeps the horses happy being fed on good quality and balanced feed while receiving the best supplements from Equine America. Bemer and Newmarket Equine Salt Therapy keep the horses' bodies well looked after and lungs clear while showjumping. Freejump stirrups prioritise safety and comfort while riding and are used daily from horses being worked at home to competing.

