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MASTERCLASS WITH JOE WHITAKER



Top international showjumper Joe Whitaker's latest exclusive Masterclass for Stubbing Court Training Ltd apprentices and employers was a triumph - one of the very best of this highly successful, nationally acclaimed series. Joe worked with nine groups of apprentices and employers of varying degrees of riding experience at Parklands EC, Sheffield on 16 September, and their feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Joe is himself a former SCT apprentice, and understands very well the value the broad-based, thorough training that SCT - the country's leading provider of apprentices to the equine industry - provides to young people. He said: "This was a brilliant effort by both SCT and everyone who rode in my sessions today. I had open-minded, willing apprentices who were prepared to challenge themselves, and therefore we saw huge improvement by every horse and rider. I used some new exercises that enabled significant progression from polework to proper course-riding, and I am delighted that everyone was able to benefit so much from this Masterclass."



Belinda Turner MBE, SCT Chief Executive said: "We had a mixture of new apprentices who left school this summer who are just embarking on their journey through the apprenticeship and some who had ridden at the April Masterclass with Joe and the July Masterclass with Olympic coach Chris Bartle. They were consolidating their skills and showed very significant improvement in standards in every way. Joe is a gifted trainer and outstanding in his ability to improve every horse and rider. We feel very fortunate that he is dedicated to continuing to work with SCT and help young people establish themselves in secure, rewarding careers within the equestrian world".

The Masterclass Series with the world's leading coaches and riders is just one way that SCT seeks to inspire its apprentices and employers and to encourage them to keep striving to improve their standards of riding, horse care, personal development and attention to detail in all they do. SCT is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2022, and four decades of providing world-class training was franked by Ofsted's decision to award SCT with a grade of 'Outstanding' at its recent inspection in all areas - the fourth time it has been graded Outstanding, which is unique among over 2000 education providers. The next Masterclass will be with Olympic Coach Chris Bartle on Monday 14 November at Pickering Grange Equestrian.



JESS GILBY: MY APPRENTICESHIP AT COTTAGERS PLOT EC



I am a Level 2 apprentice at Cottagers Plot near Grimsby and I am just coming to the end of my first year working for Sophie Butcher and her family. In my year working for them I have learnt so much and have come on so far in both my riding and in myself. They have given me so many opportunities and I am enjoying all my time working for them at Cottagers Plot.

Cottagers Plot EC is a competition yard, livery yard and a riding school. We have over 50 horses on the yard varying from 5* event horses to little Shetland ponies. Sophie has owned the yard since she was 16 and works her very hardest to improve the yard every day in any way she can. Having such a range of horses available to work with has given me so much experience and so many opportunities.



Working at Cottagers isn't always easy and sometimes can face me with hard situations. However, the problems and issues I face here help improve me as a worker and as a person. Every day when I am at work, I try my best to prevent any issues from occurring, however, if I am ever struggling I know Sophie is always there to help me.

One of the opportunities working with Sophie has given me is being able to event my own horse Alfie alongside her. Before working at the yard I had never done a one day event or even thought about competing in one. However, working on the yard has given me so much more confidence in myself and in my riding. This confidence has all come from Sophie and it's her I have to thank for it. She is always getting me involved in activities that are going on and is always willing to help in any situation where I need it. She also allows me to have the opportunity to ride her horses on things like beach rides and lorry hacks, which has helped with my confidence in riding a lot.

Recently, Sophie held an event camp that I had the pleasure of attending. It was an overnight stay and included a dressage lesson, cross-country lesson, show jumping lesson, and a course to finish off. This camp was an amazing experience for me and Alfie, it brought us on leaps and bounds. Previous to the camp I had really been struggling with him, I was getting eliminated cross-country, having stops show jumping, falling off in the warm ups, just overall not having a good time and losing enjoyment in the sport. Through the camp and over the few weeks leading to it Sophie really helped me enjoy the sport again and she worked amazingly with me and Alfie, allowing us to perform the best I think we ever had. Anyone who has ever trained with Sophie will know that she is just an amazing, lovely coach who is very good at helping achieve goals that you didn't think were possible. She is a true inspiration. Now that I am more confident in myself and him, I can't wait to get back out eventing and back out enjoying ourselves with everyone.

Overall, working at Cottagers Plot over this last year has been an absolute privilege. Sophie just makes the yard such a lovely place to be, always has time for everyone and just makes the stables such a fun place for everyone to spend time. I can't wait for the next year here at Cottagers doing my Level 3, hopefully it will be filled with more exciting opportunities and amazing experiences.



WELCOME TO:



Cora Sellars, Libby Marshall, Mary Lovelace, Jessica Walker, Lacey O'Hara, Lauren Thompson, Ebony Barnfather, Emily Walters, Rihanna Dennison, Mya Gould, Isabel Jepson, Bryonie Ellis, Leah Kimber, Kate Porritt, Johanna Stewart, Alice Riley, Mollie Chancellor, Rosie Winney, Skyy James, Lydia Holland, Olivia Blant-Harwood

AMY CRITCHLOW: WORK EXPERIENCE, SAYWELL REHABILITATION



I am a level 3 apprentice at Upper Farm Stables near Buxton, Derbyshire. My yard is mainly a showing yard so I found the experience of working at a different type of yard very interesting and educational.

I had a fantastic few days away on my work experience at Andrew Saywell's last week. Andrew, Jake and all the staff were lovely, making me feel very welcome. I arrived on the Sunday night and was shown around the accommodation that I was kindly allowed to stay in for the 3 days. We started work at 7.30am on the Monday morning, so I set my alarms for 6.45am, I fell asleep feeling both nervous and excited. First thing on the Monday morning one of the members of staff

showed me around the yard and to which stable block to start mucking out and haying up ready for the day. Whilst doing so I was taught how to use the Haygain Steamer as some horses required their hay to be steamed. There were multiple staff / apprentices working each day therefore everyone worked together to get the yard done first before moving on to the day jobs. These jobs varied from working with the youngsters (riding, desensitising, lungeing and long reining), using the rehabilitation and fitness equipment (aqua treadmill, salt therapy, theraplate, treadmill, walker and the Equusir), turning in and out horses from both the paddocks and the horse walker, tack cleaning, general grooming and constantly tidying the yard. I thoroughly enjoyed watching and assisting the staff during these jobs, I also took a lot of ideas away to which I am now using with my own horses. We then began the night routine which started at 3pm, this included skipping out all the stables, haying up, sweeping the yard, making up and giving all the feeds taking us up to the end of our working day at 5pm.

Throughout the few days I learnt about the running and organisation of a high-level yard, how to use the horse walker, furthered my knowledge on the aqua treadmill and the salt therapy and also learnt a lot about the Equusir box. This has opened my eyes to more areas in the equine industry and I would definitely recommend this yard to anyone wanting to further their knowledge and experience in a variety of areas.



LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!

Apprenticeship: Daisy-Beau Collyer, Amy Walker, Alice Lomas, Cerys Jones, Ellie Croucher, Hollie Hinchley, Holly Brooke, Lia Addy, Daniel Towers, Charlotte Chatterton, Naomi Clay, Daniel Bailey, Megan Armitage, Alissa Jackson
Advanced Apprenticeship: Chantelle Berry-Foley, Leah Simpson

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

Mathematics Level 1: Chloe Gregory, Emily Oxley

English Level 2: Chloe Gregory, Emily Oxley

Study Programme: Evie Wallace, Darcy Markham, Kasey McDougall



BOLESWORTH YOUNG HORSE SHOW - TABITHA GOODWIN



Where to start with this show, this team, this group of horses! I am speechless! What amazing results we had all week, all riders and all horses made dreams come true and made history! I am shocked I get to work for such a great team of humans and horses and get to experience shows and these winnings and achievements myself...

4 year olds: Kicking off day one all the 4 year olds jumped clear, all qualifying for the 4 Year Old Final on Saturday. And my god how amazing these 4 year olds are, first time ever seeing the main ring and they all took it in their stride. They were all plaited and performed amazingly. On the Finals day they all looked immaculate having all 3 in the Finals was very busy but I wouldn't have had it any other way. The stallion Inkitho Z owned by Neil Fiddes kicked it off and won the class with a score of 92. He won by 2 points marked on style and performance and what a well deserved winning it was! Following on, Nautical owned by Jane Clarke and Ben Maher finished 5th with a score of 88, again it was so amazing to see 2 of our 4 year olds placed and win the Finals. And lastly Emerlaud Z, ridden by Nicola and owned by Jim Barry jumped outstanding all week! All these 4 year olds are ones for the future



5 year olds: My Daisy, owned by Neil Fiddes, kicked off the week going clear and straight into the finals on Saturday to have an unfortunate fence in the Final. But jumped amazingly with so much scope. Next the stallion by one of our mares Airwolf Z, owned by Samantha Green, didn't qualify for the Finals, therefore jumped in the 5 year old consolation on Saturday and jumped clear just out of the placings. Followed by the 5 year old Marseille

owned by Neil Fiddes again had an unfortunate fence so didn't qualify for the Finals but was clear on Saturday in the consolation too! This gelding finished 3rd in the Bolesworth Young Horse 4 year old class last year.



6 year olds: The stallion Carlisle owned by Nick Conlon jumped clear to qualify for the 6 year old Final on Saturday. Nick was extremely happy. One Gem owned by Steph Callwood, who sold Heart's Destiny to Holly Smith, jumped clear through to the Final but just finished outside the placings but again one very happy owner!

7 year olds: Our very own homebred Messerado Blue smashed the first day going clear in the 7 year olds qualifying for the Final to unfortunately have the last fence down in the first round but jumped out of this world. So happy to see this mare achieve so much, already qualified for 2 classes at HOYS this year! Very bright future for this homebred of ours



1.30/1.35: Holympic Blue owned by Chris and James Davenport blew us away going clear on all days to finish 12th on Friday! Then jumped another clear round on Saturday to finish 2nd 0.31 seconds off first place! Then in the 1.35 again clear on Sunday to finish in 8th place. The stallion Cassinis Chaplin owned by Nick Conlon again blew us all away with placings each day! On Wednesday he jumped clear to finish 5th. Friday again clear in the 1.35 to finish 11th. Then on Saturday another clear round and 19th!



1.45: Luttoria, owned Nick Conlon, jumped amazing all week to have an unfortunate fence in a combination but still placed to finish 15th! What an amazing mare she is.

All week we had phenomenal results and a big thanks to the riders, staff and owners who make this happen. Here's to bringing more great results home!