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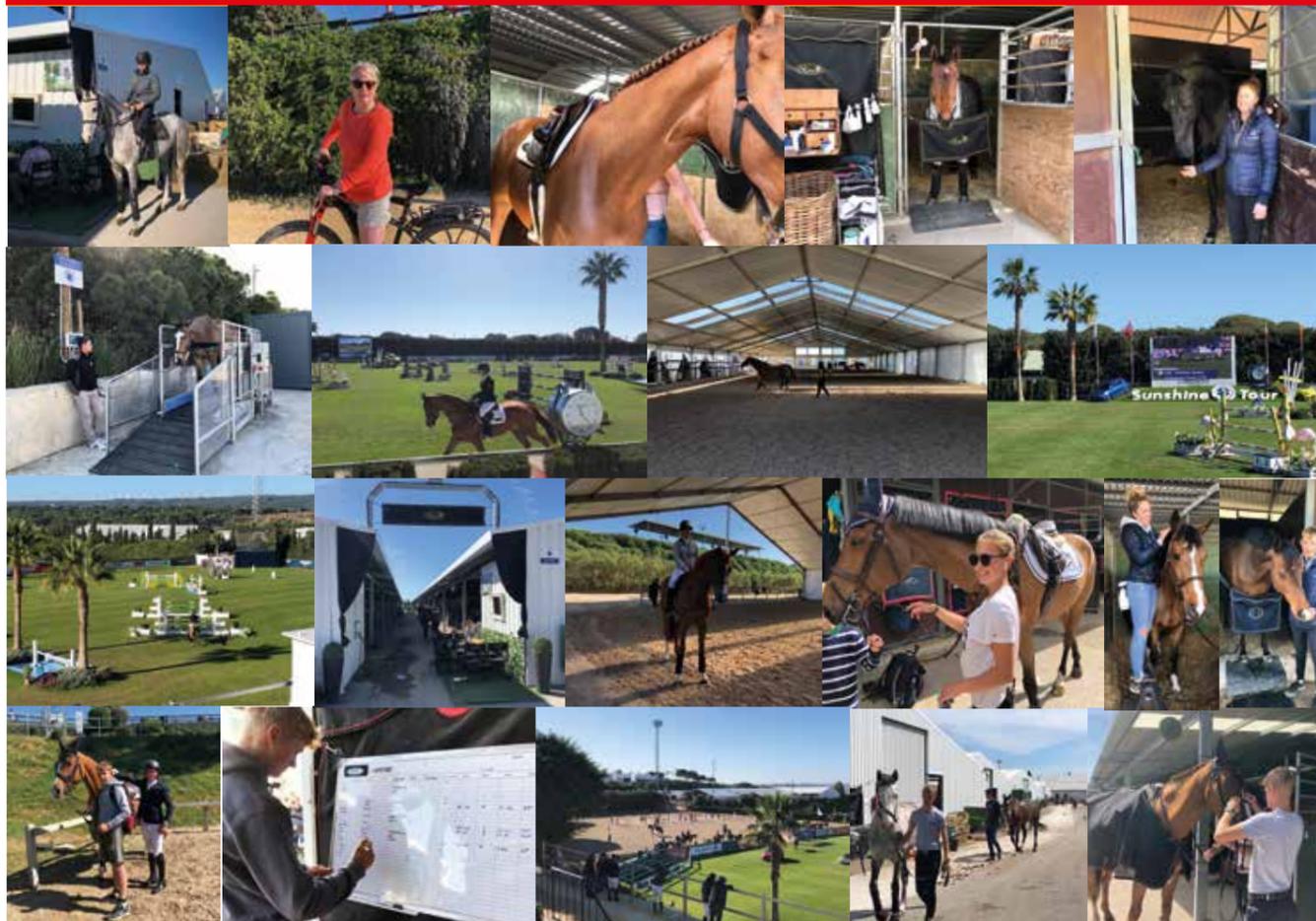
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### COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The global Covid-19 pandemic is causing major disruption to everybody's lives, and we are enduring a time of great uncertainty and worry. SCT is working relentlessly to advise employers, apprentices and their parents, and to convey what the changing situation means in real terms. It is important that all government regulations and advice regarding safety are adhered to, but the equine industry continues to operate, albeit in a changed and reduced form at present. Animal welfare is classed as "essential work" and, as we all know, horses must still be cared for conscientiously and in the best way available to us. Understanding of and patience with other's situations and worries is necessary; the market for horse sales and the competition scene have ground to a halt, as have the businesses of riding schools and trainers. However, the industry will need to be ready to operate as soon as the restrictions are relaxed so that businesses can get going again, and we should all be prepared for this as much as possible. SCT leads the way in this country in its Online Learning capabilities, and apprentices can continue to learn and be assessed remotely. SCT has invested considerably in this area in recent times, and there is a huge bank of videos of top trainers, riders and coaches demonstrating best practice available for viewing, as well as all the factual information and links to portfolio work. SCT will do everything in its power to support its apprentices and employers, and we ask that apprentices in turn should continue to work and study so that they are in the best position to achieve their qualification and progress their careers. If you need any support with any aspect, please call us on 01246 566193. Thank you.

### SUNSHINE TOUR, SPAIN 2020



### LILLIE BARNETT - APPRENTICE WITH KD EQUESTRIAN



I was given the exciting opportunity to accompany eight horses, travelling as a groom, to the Netherlands to compete at the equestrian centre of Peelbergen. Upon arrival we collected four horses to take back to the UK as they had finished their tour of Europe. The horses form a string which are competed by Graham Lovegrove and Louise Saywell. I have the pleasure of



grooming daily for two of the horses, one of which is a homebred Arakan (Bertie) by Keeley Durham and PS Halo's Diamond (Wexford). The day started at 2.30 am with me meeting the grooms, who I was travelling out with before a brief introduction to the horses and being handed over the passports. By 3.00am we were fully loaded and ready to start the first leg of the journey. Every four hours, we were required to stop. We took this opportunity to check the horses, offering them a bucket of water, checking how warm/cold the horses were and removing/adding rugs accordingly and re-adjusting any travel boots and bandages that may have come undone. We arrived at Dover port shortly before 9.00am and proceeded to book the horses onto the next ferry across, where the Captain allowed us to continue due to the good conditions. At the docks, we had a quick turnaround where the horses were checked over again but this time, we offered them a fresh haylage net and their breakfast in which water was added to. Due to us travelling livestock we were boarded first on the bottom deck and allowed enough room to let the ramp down. We arrived at Calais port shortly after 1.00pm where I removed the feeding bowls and put the ramp up with the other grooms. After going through Customs, we were finally on our last leg of the journey en-route to Peelbergen. It was a long day arriving at the show centre for 5.30pm. We quickly unloaded and bedded the horses down for the evening, checking each of them over thoroughly for any signs of injury or illness. It was then time to eat and have an early night for myself, as I was travelling with four horses back to the UK in the morning. However, this time I would be travelling back solo without the help of the other grooms. We left the showground at 8.00am prompt, with four horses returning to the UK. Unfortunately, the journey back wasn't as smooth as the one out, there with road closures and delays. We managed to jump some of the queues at Calais docks, which were extremely busy, due to conditions worsening at sea. We arrived back at 11.00pm, where the home groom helped me unload and bed the horses down after another long day. The experience of travelling, accompanying horses as groom, was enjoyable and is something I would consider in the future.



### LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!

Apprenticeship: Keira Tamberlin, Abigail Lynch, Emma Neale, Rebecca Gray, Chantelle Dean

Traineeship: Lili-Mae Robb

Foundation Learning: Jonathan Eldred

### FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

Mathematics Level 1: Kiaya Murray

Mathematics Level 2: Jayne Martin, Laureen Wilson-Shaw, Lucy Stimson

English Level 2: Jonathan Eldred

## LEWIS ROBERTSHAW-SMITH: APPRENTICE WITH JAMES WHITAKER



Since starting my apprenticeship with James Whitaker in Huddersfield through Stubbing Court Training, I have learnt so much in such a short space of time, and about the things in the sport which I wanted to learn which weren't possible at a college. I have been lucky enough to be given the opportunity to go to multiple stay-away shows in England and Scotland, where I have been given the chance to be part of a team that has been on great form these past few months. I have had some very tense moments which have led to some great wins, such as winning the under 25s Grand Prix at Liverpool International Horse Show, winning the 1.40 Grand Prix at Aintree, winning the Six Bar challenge at the Premier Show in Scotland, and many more wins with some very exciting young horses which I'm able to watch progress every day. I have already made so many good friends and memories which I will keep and remember forever. As well as the opportunities that I have already been lucky enough to have, there is also the possibility for me to go shows abroad, and be involved in the building work for the new yard and make more great memories with James and now William, now he has come home, and which I can't wait for. I would definitely recommend Stubbing Court Training to someone who is wanting to be a part of a team and learn whilst having great crack with some highly amusing but extremely professional people, which make the experience all the more enjoyable and beneficial.



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## HOLLIE RAY WALDRON



I am a Level 3 Advanced Apprentice working at Old Farm Livery with Becky Mullan-Feroze near Ripley in Derbyshire. I have been working and learning about a new side of the horse industry, working with breeding stock. On our yard we have a beautiful, calm natured stallion called Rush On M, that I am lucky enough to work with. He is a dark bay, 16hh and has a fantastic temperament. Rush On M is amazing when he's approaching mares, he covers naturally and would bring scope and enthusiasm to any offspring. He was ridden by Matthew Sampson, an SCT Masterclass Trainer and top international showjumper, and at the highest point in his career, he won numerous show jumping classes, including the prestigious Olympia Young Riders Class. He's standing at stud on our yard and we're advertising him and hoping to get lots of mares coming to visit. It's a super opportunity to work with mares and stallions and a side of the business I really enjoy.



**WELCOME TO:**  
 Lisa Ellam, Sophie Malin, Lucy Terry



## ROBYN MARRIOTT - PARK HALL STUD



I work at Park Hall Stud near Derby with Debbie Godber. I'm currently on the Advanced Apprenticeship with Stubbing Court Training. My passion is showing and I currently work with hunters and riding horses. I am lucky enough to have 5 horses that I am working with and get to compete. I had the opportunity to show a 5 year old homebred mare, last year at a local show. The mare is called Parkhall Cinders, and she is 3/4 warmblood and 1/4 thoroughbred. This was her first show out and I had the chance to take her in the Riding Horse class and Hunters. She was placed first in both classes and I was thrilled to bits with her as it was a strong class and she behaved impeccably, she was the youngest horse in the class and didn't put a foot wrong, even when cantering around with the rest of the horses in the go-round. She is a good future prospect and we're hoping to try her with HOYS qualifiers and see how she goes from there. My employer and Stubbing Court have helped me immensely and opened my eyes up to many more opportunities.

## ABBIE BATEY: WORK EXPERIENCE WITH SAYWELL EQUESTRIAN

During this month, I went to Saywell Equestrian for 3 days work experience as part of the Advanced Apprenticeship. I learnt a lot about the different rehabilitation machinery and techniques that they use. I even got to assist with some of the horses on them. Andrew has a strict yard routine where mucking out is done from 7.30-9.30, exercise is done from 9.30-1 then lunch is 1-2. 2-5 is spent finishing off the horses, prepping for the morning and putting any on the walker, treadmill etc that haven't already been out. PPE must be worn while using the equipment and handling the horses. For example, if you are putting one on the walker, you must wear your helmet, sturdy boots and gloves. While I was at Andrew's, Jake came back from the Sunshine Tour in Spain with some horses. This meant I got to help unload and unpack the lorry. I had to make sure I put everything I took off in the correct place on the yard. This meant I had to use effective communication. To use the walker, you must stop it if there is already another horse on there and put the horse on. You would start it off slowly to warm them up or keep it at a slow pace if it is a new or young horse. Walkers are good for warming horses up or cooling them down. They are also good if turnout is limited. The treadmill is also a good way of keeping horses exercised while turnout is limited. It can also be a good way to bring horses back into work if they have been injured or had time off. Andrew has an Aqua Treadmill. This is a treadmill that fills with water. This is good for horses being rehabilitated as it makes them work properly and use themselves. It is also good for horses with things like arthritis and for horses that need to be kept fit. The water can be adjusted so that it is higher or lower, depending on what part of the body you want to benefit. If the horse is new to the Aqua Treadmill you may want to start off with little or no water as some can be scared when it splashes. One other piece of equipment I got to use while at Andrew's was the Theraplate. This is a plate that the horse stands on and it sends vibrations up into their legs. There are different settings and timings you use to benefit different things. It is good for injury, arthritis or just general suppleness. Some horses can be scared of standing on the plate as it can be a strange sensation for them at first. Some other things that I did while at Andrew's was helping to tack up and do the horses off. The tack they use is very different to where I work so it was interesting to see the variety of things they use. All the horses are tacked up in the wash bays and either finished off there or in their stable. You must always use communication while bringing horses in and out and tacking them up as they have multiple stallions. The horses are fed on hay and haylage. The hay is either fed dry or steamed and they are all fed from the floor. Hard feed consists of chaff, sugarbeet, nuts and supplements and vitamins each individual horse needs. For example, one horse got a gastri-aid and another got a supplement for his hooves.

