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a Very Merry Christmas!!

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SCT MASTERCLASS WITH MATTHEW SAMPSON



Stubbing Court Training Ltd (SCT)'s determination to encourage and inspire its apprentices and employers to strive for the highest possible standards in the world of equestrianism was demonstrated in the latest of its exclusive Masterclass series. Leading international showjumper Matthew Sampson spent a busy day at Parklands EC, Sheffield on 20 November coaching SCT apprentices and employers and giving them valuable insights on all aspects of training and riding. Matthew is a Senior British Team member for Nations Cups, and former Pony and Junior European Gold medallist. At only 26, Matthew has been a prolific winner at some of the world's most prestigious competitions including 3* Arezzo, the 4* Sunshine Tour Grand Prix, the Young Riders Championship at Olympia and HOYS, the 3* Beervelde Grand Prix in Belgium, 4* Donetsk in the Ukraine, and winner of the 2015 Scope Grand Prix. SCT works throughout the horse industry to provide world-class training for young people through the apprenticeship programme. Apprenticeships, a system of training which the government is keen to expand, enable young people to gain real, practical skills by "learning while they work", which are much-desired in the equine industry. They also earn a wage and gain widely respected qualifications at the same time. SCT has run an acclaimed programme of Masterclasses with illustrious figures from the equestrian world since 2002. These include British eventing team manager Yogi Breisner, Olympic eventer Ian Stark, and Michael Whitaker, one of the world's most famous and respected showjumpers. Matthew Sampson has long been a supporter of SCT's apprenticeships, and said: "Apprenticeships are a fantastic way for young people to learn practical skills that will make them very employable in the future. It was great to see new people coming for training at this Masterclass, and also to see improvement in people who have attended previous SCT Masterclasses with me." SCT are extremely grateful for the support of Matthew and the Sampson family, and all the team at Parklands for providing great horses and facilities, and all the employers and apprentices who attended.



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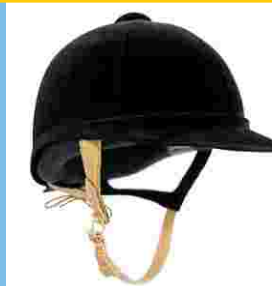
Emily Barker, Amber Aston, Jemma Sparks, Bridie Lazenby, Alisha Lingard, Robyn Matthews, Phoebe Ray, Elise Dobson, Erin Black, Chiccira-Raie Martin, Hannah Gladding, Jordan Kilkenny, Keera Clarke, Emily Ross, Molly Stevens, Silvija Burkevica, Jodie Wood, Holly Ince, Carolanne Byers, Harriet Lechki, Jade Edwards, Elizabeth Mellor, Eleanor Stevenson, Jessica Rivers, Georgia Reaney, Simon Clatworthy, Candi Christou



NEW HAT RULES FROM JANUARY 2016



From 1 January 2016, all hats which only meet the standard EN1384 or BSEN1384, and do not comply with PAS015, WILL NOT be accepted for British Showjumping, BHS or British Riding Clubs and therefore will not be permitted for any SCT activities, including the Masterclass on 4.1.2016 with Yogi Breisner. Hats which bear EN1384 or BSEN1384 along with PAS015 are acceptable, but not BSEN1384 on its own. Please ensure you have the correct standard.



REMINDER - WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES



Wanting to go that extra mile? Why not do some work experience? You will have the chance to gain hands on experience in a world class professional yard, improve your skills and knowledge of world class standards of work, and is invaluable to progressing in your career. It is also an excellent way to stand out to potential employers and looks great on your CV. SCT will organise work experience placements with some of the country's leading riders at international showjumping, eventing, and dressage yards. As this is voluntary and taken in your own time, please contact Belinda on 01246 566193 to let us know 3 days when you are available.

CHATSWORTH INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS 13, 14, 15 MAY 2016



This is a fantastic opportunity for any apprentices or employers wanting to get involved in eventing and competition organising and we would welcome you to join the team of helpers during the event. Jobs may include writing for judges, stewarding, scoring and general assistance. Anyone interested please email Belinda on info@stubbingscourtraining.com as soon as possible. Thank you.

"WINNING WAYS" SEMINAR - WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2016

For all apprentices and employers, at the Van Dyk Hotel near Junction 30, M1.

World class speakers including:

- What makes an outstanding coaching session? - Sarah Hamlyn, Ofsted Inspector
- Optimum horse health - Liz Brown, Team GB vet
- Overview of Public and Employers' Liability insurance - Anna Goodley, Lycetts Insurance Brokers
- Getting ahead - improving performance through sports psychology: Leonie Lightfoot, Team GB Sports Psychologist
- Feeding in sympathy - Louise Jones, Top Spec nutritionist
- What will make your business even more successful? - Sarah Armstrong, BEF



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LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!!!

Advanced Technical Certificate: Serena Parker, Paisley Woodward

Apprenticeship: Elliot Betts, Fern Carroll, Megan Colebrook, Ayla Johnson, Elizabeth Speed, Ellie Thompson, Megan Smith, Asher Beresford, James York, Georgia Chrysanthopoulos, Kathryn Massey, Emily Howarth, Roberta Clay

Advanced Apprenticeship: Cassie Arnold, Jemma Walker, Christine Sunderland, Laura Bosworth, Emma Akehurst, Joe Wilson, Alice Brear, Hannah Phelps, Shannon Wilson, Helen Bates

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

Mathematics Level 1: Georgia Bates, Anthony Smith

English Level 1: Anthony Smith

English Level 2: Mikki Bailey

APPRENTICESHIP WITH HANNAH ESBERGER-HANCOCK



James York, 18, is undertaking his Level Two Apprenticeship while working for international dressage rider Hannah Esberger-Hancock at her Sheffield yard. He started his SCT apprenticeship with top showjumper Matthew Sampson in 2014, and has since spent time with renowned event horse producer and trainer Judy Bradwell, before coming to work for Hannah this summer. "I have always been interested in working with horses, and left school after my GCSEs," he says. "I was keen to learn in a practical way, rather than in a classroom, and the apprenticeship really suits me as I am gaining a really wide knowledge base from people who have great expertise in their fields. SCT have always been there when I needed advice and support." James, who events at British Eventing novice level, hopes to run his own yard one day. Pauline Esberger, who helps her daughter Hannah run their highly successful dressage yard, says: "Both our apprentices, James and Fern Carroll, are fabulous -dedicated and keen to learn. For me, apprenticeships are all about young people who need a leg-up and who really want to learn and succeed. It's an excellent scheme - we get great back-up from SCT, and it encourages them to progress with their learning, both practically and theoretically. There's a lot of satisfaction for employers in helping young people who want to learn."



HOPE PASTURES - RESCUE AND REHABILITATION CENTRE - SOPHIE KENDRICK

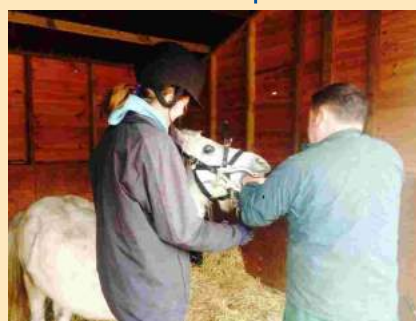


I have the Job of Yard Manager for Hope Pastures which is an Equine Rehabilitation Centre in Leeds. I have worked at the rescue centre for 15 years now, and my job is very diverse. It involves rescuing the equines, including travelling them, putting them in quarantine and arranging vets, farrier and physios when needed. It involves keeping accurate and professional records of their health and behaviour too. We also re-home horses so my job involves home checking, corresponding with potential loan owners,



transporting ponies to their new homes etc. We have resident horses, ponies and donkeys on site and also an old mule! His name is Muffin and he is an interesting animal to work with, nothing like a donkey or a pony. These residents all have specific health needs and behavioural issues. My job includes devising training schedules, ensuring that routine farrier care and vaccinations are all kept up to date, that they are groomed, fed and stabled appropriately. I have the task of pasture management which includes the annual resting, re-seeding and fertilising of the fields, ensuring that poisonous plants are removed and that the fields are kept in good order. We are a charity so we rely heavily on public donations so we welcome visitors on site every day, we are open from 10-3pm and run events where visitors can meet the ponies and learn more about them, so my job also involves working with the public and educating people too. As you can imagine, having had no formal training within the equine industry, the need for me to develop my skills was extremely important. As Hope Pastures has grown, so have the amount of equines that we need to manage, this is over 100 animals at the time of writing! I have just completed my Advanced Apprenticeship with Stubbing Court Training and I have found the training to be crucial to the improvement of standards on the yard. The horses' health problems are easier and quicker to notice, the paperwork involved with each animal is more accurate and up to date

too. I am more knowledgeable about transporting equines, quarantining them and managing their routines and diets. All of the things I have learned from my Advanced Apprenticeship have had a positive and direct impact on Hope Pastures, which in turn means that the rescued ponies, horses, donkeys and mule have a better standard of care, all thanks to Stubbing Court.



SUMMARY OF MASTERCLASS FEEDBACK - MATTHEW SAMPSON

Aspect 1: What was the most useful aspect of the day? • Jumping a course and identifying the faults in my position • Matt's advice on taking my horse's flash off during the lesson • Seeing lots of my apprentices ride • The comments and advice from Matt • Areas for improvement identified by the trainer and reinforced areas already identified • Having a lesson from Matt and getting to ride a different horse. Also being able to watch different horses and riders. • Learning to jump a course and being taught • Being taught by Matthew and being in the indoor arena with the horrible weather outside! • Listening to Mat • Learning to keep rhythm and impulsion into a fence • Learning whilst watching a top trainer teach a variety of horses and riders • Seeing my apprentices ride different horses with another instructor • Excellent way to reward my apprentices • Jumping a course • Learning how to ride different horses • Getting a shorter stride to a fence • Watching a variety of riders and horses • Getting expert help and advice • Being part of the team • Very nice to see the learners taking full advantage of the session, to contribute to their portfolio work • Aids for training with outside • Meeting the SCT staff. Giving the apprentices a bonus showing appreciation and team building • Getting instruction from an experienced instructor • Being able to see others and identify who they are and watch their riding skills • Learning different training methods • Changing my bit • Learning how to ride my horse properly into a jump • Jumping a new course and getting tips from Matt • Listening to what Matt had to say to each rider • Seeing world class, simple training techniques that totally suited each individual horse and rider



Aspect 2: What was the most enjoyable aspect of the day? • Jumping bigger fences • Having positive feedback from a well known rider • Seeing the apprentices enjoying jumping • Spending quality time with my apprentice • Having a lesson from Matt and getting to ride a different horse. Also being able to watch different horses and riders • Jumping higher than I have before • Being challenged with the course of jumps and Matthew helped my horse improve her confidence • Watching the apprentices • Jumping the horse I was given • Helping with the lessons • Taking the apprentices out of the yard for the day • Being able to ride in the Masterclass • Meeting everyone at the Masterclass • Was really enjoyable and had fun • Jumping full courses • Seeing learners enjoying their lessons and improving throughout • Seeing my daughter learn from her experiences • Seeing our horse jump well!! • Learning and watching the horses and trainees riding • Watching the apprentice ride and seeing them improve throughout the session • When the jumps went up and I finally relaxed • All the young horses behaved • Jumping round a full course • Seeing my trainees ride and identify their abilities when amongst other riders • Meeting the lovely people from SCT • Being able to watch Matt give a lesson • Seeing the huge improvements in riding and horses in such a short space of time



Aspect 3: What will you do now to improve your work and progress? • Gaining confidence • Keep practicing and work towards Level 3 • Using his tips and advice • Take Matthew's comments into my riding and training at home • Continue to reinforce and develop areas outlined by the trainer and half halt and release rather than hold • Work on my approach when riding towards a jump and also in a double • Carry on jumping and putting what I have learnt to good use • Continue jumping courses to improve my mare's confidence • Work on keeping a good pace and straight at a fence • I will look at setting up my own course with the correct strides • Given me pointers to help the apprentices • Work now on my jumping position and approach to fences • Jump more and improve on seeing a stride • Practicing my jumping position on different horses • Practice at home more • Do what Matt suggested • Tell more apprentices about the Masterclasses and encourage them to ride in them • Try and attend another Masterclass and learn to relax on new horses • Carry on with the skills that Matt has given me for training a young horse • Keep my leg on • Maintain standards • Encourage all the apprentices to attend the Masterclasses, as they have a wonderful learning opportunity available for them • More canter transitions to get horses listening to me • Encourage future attendance at Masterclasses - for aspiring trainers, apprentices and employers



Aspect 5: Do you have any other comments about the quality of Masterclass? • Really good and enjoyed it • A well run day and everybody was friendly. The trainer is very knowledgeable and friendly • Brilliant day!! I really like how Matthew structures the lessons • My favourite Masterclass yet and I really enjoyed it • Extremely high standard of teaching and venue • Very enjoyable - Thank you! • Busy and enjoyable day • Really lovely day and a great trainer as always! • Very good • All good • Instructor was friendly and informative • Well organised and kept to time. Produced some excellent results from the apprentices • Well organised and a great opportunity for students • Excellent trainer - extremely astute observations and positive action taken to help the standard of every rider and horse

