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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL APPRENTICES, PARENTS & EMPLOYERS!!

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### SCT APPRENTICES DEVELOP 'OLYMPIC QUALITIES' WITH BARTLE



Not everyone can be an Olympian. We can, however, all develop the qualities that all elite athletes share - perseverance, discipline, willingness to learn and to work hard and resilience - to perform as well as we are able in our chosen careers. Chris Bartle, himself an Olympic rider and coach to Britain's gold medal-winning eventing team at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, knows that very well, and it is why he once again gave a day of his time exclusively to teach SCT apprentices and employers at a Masterclass on 14 November at Pickering Grange Equestrian, Leicestershire. Chris, one of the world's most respected coaches, taught groups that encompassed a wide range of ability and experience throughout the day, and every pupil came out of the arena smiling.



He said: "As coach to Olympic and championship teams, it is always an interesting challenge and opportunity to work with the SCT apprentices who are at the start of their careers in the horse industry as well as the employers who support them. The enthusiasm which they show and their obvious interest in how to train and get the best out of the horses with which they work is very encouraging. I look forward to working with the apprentices and employers again next year." One attendee said: "This was an amazing opportunity to see world-class training techniques and a coach educating all levels of riders in the correct principles of riding. The improvement in each one was impressive."



SCT is passionate about inspiring young people to strive to make the best out of themselves and about giving them the broad knowledge base and qualifications to establish a solid career. Through its many excellent contacts throughout the equine world it can give its apprentices - and their employers - access to world-class training, both in person and online.



### KEYSOE INTERNATIONAL ELITE SHOW HORSE TRIALS



I'm Ruby, apprentice for Joe and Steven Whitaker and we've just got home from a fantastic week away at Keysoe International Elite Show where we took 8 horses including two of my own.



It was a 3:30am Wednesday morning start to be down at Keysoe for our vet checks and trot ups at 8am and jumping commenced at 1pm starting with the Small Tour which was 1.10. Once we arrived we unloaded all of our stuff, set up at the stables and then got the horses off and settled them in. All 8 horses passed their vet checks and Trot Ups so we were then ready to start jumping. It is so important that they passed so we knew they were all healthy and sound before jumping!

We had a brilliant week with all horses jumping clear rounds and getting placed followed by myself and Joe battling it out in the Ride and Drive class! It was such an awesome experience! Our highlights were; my young horse Billy BeMore clear everyday and finished 5th in the Small Tour and Joe won the Ride and Drive class with Guido the stallion.



A typical day for us at this show was feeding the horses at 7:30am, mucking them out and giving them fresh waters. We then hand walked a couple of them for a chance to walk off before they started jumping. We then fuelled up and had our breakfast before we started jumping which lasted all day. In the evenings we skipped out, fed and watered them and made sure they were warm enough. It was quite cold down there so we put their winter stable rugs on them as they were all clipped. Once the horses were finished, we then had a lovely dinner each night followed by a lot of fun that was hosted by Keysoe!

It was an amazing show with the best people there! We had so much fun and it was a privilege to be a part of Joe's team for the week with my own. I can't thank Joe enough for all the help he gave me down there with my two horses! I gained valuable experience from his course walks and warm ups. Which I definitely think helped us a lot! I cannot wait to do it again!



### WELCOME TO:

Charlotte Berry, Emily Walters, Evie Eccles, Hallie Kerry-Oates, Phoebe Summers, Georgia Smith, Olivia Blant- Harwood, Casey Shaw, Katey Storey, Kia Williams, Phoebe Roberts, Madison Bigley, Timothy Woodward, Gracie Howard, Amelia Simpson



### LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!

**Apprenticeship:** Grace Weston, Grace Curwood, Meghan Attenborough, Gracie Williams, Madelaine Clarke, Lucy Heckford, Tabitha Goodwin, Rowan Morgan-Paulson, Lily Wilkinson, Elli Clark, Karla Hudson, Brooke Martin

**Advanced Apprenticeship:** Ellie Wilson, Heidi Samson, Louis Pern

**Distinction:** Emily Hobson-Pratt, Ellen Milne

### FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

English Level 2: Karla Hudson



## TALLY READ: APPRENTICESHIP WITH JUDY BRADWELL



I am an apprentice at Judy Bradwell's producing and coaching yard near Newark. Judy is a world-renowned judge of dressage and Young Event Horses, and previously competed up to 5\* level in eventing herself and was a winner of Burghley International Horse Trials in 1970. She is now a hugely respected producer of horses and trainer of riders. She was the first woman to be President of the Ground Jury at both Badminton and Burghley and is also a New Zealand eventing team selector.

We currently have five horses in ranging from ages 4 to 18, all of which are blood horses like ex-racers or event horses that I ride and compete. This season was my first season eventing and we have had 10 results being in the top 10, some of which include two wins and three thirds. When the eventing season ends the horses will start competing more in BD. Last year I was placed 1st eleven times with a PB of 70.48%, 2nd six times, 3rd four times and 4th once, out of twenty two tests, all adding up to 81 novice points from the span of 30 November 2021 to 17 August 2022.

Aside from riding and managing the yard I also love to groom for people at events like Chatsworth and Osberton International Horse Trials. I enjoy all aspects including studding, plaiting, and all show prep and the overall management of the horses.

I'm lucky enough that Judy enables me to have these experiences and to gain such vast amount of knowledge along the way. Here are some of these talented horses...



## KATE PORRITT: MARCIN STACHURSKI DRESSAGE



I am a level 2 apprentice at Manor Farm Equine in Widmerpool. The yard consists of liveries, foals, yearlings, broodmares, retired horses and Marcin's own competition horses, which he competes in dressage at various levels depending on the horses. There are a wide variety of horses at the yard and youngstock including 2 foals and 5 foals due next summer. There is also a stallion on the yard who was bred there, he is very well behaved and is currently starting his ridden career!

The yard has a 20 x 60 outdoor arena with mirrors which are really useful when riding, outstanding hacking, an indoor walker, wash box and two tack rooms. The liveries are all so friendly and the horses are a delight to work with!

Aside from riding I also enjoy grooming at shows and handling the foals as well as taking them to the National Foal Show which was a great learning experience! Marcin rode at the LeMieux National Championships in 2021 where he came 9th at Advanced Medium level, he has also competed up to PSG level so has a vast amount of knowledge and experience.

I am really enjoying my apprenticeship and very grateful for all the opportunities and help Marcin has been giving me and Stubbing Court Training has provided me with opportunities to learn and improve such as the SCT Online Learning and Masterclasses (a great way to learn from the best) which I attended in November! I have also completed my Safeguarding training and received my certificate through a course provided by SCT. I'm looking forward to starting my level 3 next year!

## DANIEL BAILEY: REYNOLDS EQUESTRIAN



I have recently completed my level 2 apprenticeship with Reynolds Equestrian: Simon and Natalie Reynolds, and have just started my level 3. I work on a top-class showing yard looking after around 10 horses at any one time. They range from show cobs, hacks, hunters, and riding horses. Throughout the season I travelled to major county shows with the aim of qualifying the horses for HOYS and RIHS and getting some mileage on the novices. All the horses had a great season, each winning many championships. I even got to ride in the championships when Simon had won more than one class.



The highlight this season for me was going to HOYS with five horses. It was something I have always wanted to do. It was hard work packing two lorries, making sure we had every possible piece of equipment and all the tack and feed for the week. We planned for the show a few weeks in advance, having various staff meetings working out the logistics, timings and planning process. There were timetables each day with exercise times, and we had a staff whatsapp group chat so we all kept in contact with updates. We had to be up

in the early hours of the morning every day to prepare for the set daily exercise times, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. My jobs included working in the horses, bathing, cleaning tack, and turning them out for the classes. All of the horses were placed and went amazing, despite their age and inexperience. We took a young team of horses, but we were well prepared and therefore nothing was too overwhelming for them. I have been taught that preparation is key. In the lead up to the show we had hired indoor arenas and worked hard with their schooling. The team even won the Best Turned out prize with the novice heavyweight show hunter Bowland Jasper. It was a very proud moment when his name was announced, and he was presented with the award in the main arena. It made all the hard work worthwhile.

On the final day, we came back to the show and watched the show jumping and I especially enjoyed watching the Puissance. Being exposed to such a high level of competition at Reynolds Equestrian has improved my standards and strive to achieve. We are currently working on the next batch of potential stars. I am currently helping to break in a new small hunter who we are all very excited about. I am learning the breaking process from the groundwork and long reining to the backing process.

## LAUNCH OF THE SCT ENTERPRISE AWARD



We all know times are tough and the employment world is full of uncertainty, but there will always be a place for young, enthusiastic people who are determined to keep learning and improving their skills. SCT is passionate about giving their apprentices every opportunity for personal and professional development and supporting them and their employers in the process. That's why we are delighted to launch the 2023 Enterprise Award, which encourages apprentices to help the businesses in which they work to become more successful.

The SCT Enterprise Award is highly prestigious. It is a great way for any SCT apprentice to improve their portfolio and help them meet the criteria for a Distinction in their Apprenticeship - and, of course, assist the business in which they work survive and thrive in current times.

The judge of the SCT Enterprise Award is looking for entrants to have contributed to at least one of the following key criteria for the organisation they are employed by:

- Promotion/communication
- Management systems/procedures
- Training and developing others
- Finance - fundraising/sponsorship
- Improving facilities/equipment/services

The nominees will need to produce a short portfolio demonstrating their contributions, to be submitted to SCT by 14.4.2023. Three finalists will be selected by 20.4.2023 for the final judging, to be held at the Chatsworth International Horse Trials on Sunday 14 May 2023. The finalists will have a short interview and present their portfolio to the judge, a world class professional in the horse industry. The winner will receive a £150.00 cash prize. Apprentices please email [info@stubbingcourtraining.com](mailto:info@stubbingcourtraining.com) by 12.12.2022 for more information and to put themselves forward for judging.