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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO

ALL APPRENTICES, PARENTS & EMPLOYERS!!

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MASTERCLASS WITH CHRISTOPHER BARTLE



Why should elite riders get all the best training? Stubbing Court Training Ltd (SCT), Britain's leading provider of Apprentices to the equestrian industry, believes that great training is the key to producing great staff. Confident, competent, caring people make for happy horses. This is why SCT provides its Apprentices and employers with outstanding access to the very top trainers and riders from which to learn and gain inspiration. SCT's acclaimed Masterclass Series is one of these opportunities, and the most celebrated trainer in Europe today - British eventing team coach Chris Bartle - taught small groups of SCT Apprentices and employers all day at Vale View Equestrian, on 18 November. With a brilliant riding career - including victory at Badminton - under his belt and an even more successful 'second' career as coach to first the mighty German and now British eventing teams, he is one of the best-regarded horsemen in the world.



At Vale View, Chris taught riders ranging from those who have competed at a very high level to those for whom this was one of their first opportunities to ride in public. Chris said: "SCT's apprentices and employers are always enthusiastic and keen to learn and improve. Whether you're riding at the top level, working your way up through the grades or just starting out, the principles of good riding, good training and good horsemanship remain the same. It's these basics that I strive to pass on through my coaching." Everyone who attended the exclusive Masterclass thoroughly enjoyed the day and left inspired and determined to do better as a rider or a coach. One attendee said: "Watching a top-class trainer work with a very varied group of riders and adjust the lesson to suit each member of the group according to ability was fascinating." Another said: "Chris used positive encouragement, and had a real no-nonsense but clear approach, with more confidence in what I could achieve than I did!" SCT are extremely grateful for the support of Christopher and all the team at Vale View Equestrian for providing great facilities, and all the employers and apprentices who attended.



ELINOR WAITE - MILL HOUSE, BELTON



I have just finished my Apprenticeship with SCT. I work for Anna Walker at Mill House Pony Club which is a small riding school in Leicestershire. When I first started my apprenticeship I had very little experience with horses, I had never jumped a fence and didn't even know how to put a bridle on! My time at the riding school has improved my confidence and knowledge massively thanks to Anna and the other members of staff there. I have learnt how to keep the stables clean and tidy, handle horses with different temperaments, and I have been taught to ride. During my time as an apprentice I have had many excellent opportunities to help me to develop my knowledge such as the masterclasses with Joe Whitaker and the 'Winning Ways' Seminar which were both amazing opportunities! Now I help to organise rally and event days and teach some of our younger members of the Pony Club Stable Management on Saturdays. The SCT apprenticeship has helped to develop my confidence and has given me lots of experience. Next, I will start work at a veterinary practice, however, I will continue to go back to the stables on a regular basis to help out and to see all the lovely horses, staff and clients.



FREE SAFEGUARDING AND PREVENT COURSES....



SCT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of learners. Safeguarding is intended to keep all young people under the age of 18 and vulnerable adults safe from a range of potential harm and abuse. Any yard or individual providing a regulated activity (e.g teaching, training, instruction, care or supervision of children, coaching - 'but not if the activity is in relation to the child's paid employment AND they are 16/17' DBS Guidance on Regulated Activity 2018.) should have a DBS check and it is a criminal offence for a barred individual to take part in a regulated activity. To help employers and their staff understand the requirements and best practice in staff recruitment and best practice in safeguarding and Prevent Duty procedures, you can complete a recognised, certificated, FREE online qualification at <https://www.foundationonline.org.uk/>

FIRST AID AT WORK

Tuesday 25 February 2020

Woodbarn Farm, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Notts NG14 6DY

Training and Assessment - 9.30am - 4.30pm.

LIMITED PLACES available. Places available for employers, apprentices and other staff for the special rate of £60.00 per person.

Please contact SCT to book your place by 10.01.2020!!

WELCOME TO:

- Mia Morrison
- Luciana Randall
- Nimue Bradburn
- Caitlin Holgate-Davey
- Ella Garner
- Jodie Winfield
- Lily Kingham
- Cassie Sergeant
- Sauna Bould
- Charlotte Shaw
- Jasmine Blake
- Chloe Langley



EMILY PRINCE - NORTHFIELD FARM TREKKING CENTRE



I am an apprentice at Northfield Farm Trekking Centre in Flash near Buxton. The farm is open as a trekking centre through Spring and Summer. We have a variety of horses: 30 trekking horses and another 20 plus hunters, showing horses, team chasers and young horses. Our trekking horses range in size and are suitable for all abilities, from novice to experienced riders. Clients are put on horses according to their ability, height and weight so that the horse and the rider are both comfortable and safe. Two or more staff members take clients out for a ride around to see the stunning views of the Peak District. Throughout the winter these horses are sent to equine colleges for students to ride and use. This is the time when the young horses come in and begin their education where they

are handled, broken and desensitised to the roads. Each individual young horse will be taken out hunting and/or showing when they are old enough and far enough into their education. We then conclude if they are suitable to become trekking horses or if they are to be sold on. These youngsters are backed then turned away until they are ready. Winter is also the time when the hunters are brought back into work. Starting with six weeks of roadwork, just walking and then bringing trotting in to harden up their legs ready for hunting. When they are athletic enough to go out, they will be taken hunting. The day before hunting the horses are bathed thoroughly, washing their body, legs, mane and tail. They are then rugged up and kept in overnight ready for the early start the next day. Hunting tack is cleaned and put ready for the morning. Early hours, the horses are plaited up and bandaged ready to go in the lorry and off to hunting. Towards the end of winter, when the trekking horses begin to pour back in, the showing horses and team chasers are taken out to do some eventing before the busy summer of trekking begins.....



DATES FOR YOUR 2020 DIARY....



We are very happy to confirm some dates for 2020:

- **Tuesday 31 March at Chatsworth House** - 'Winning Ways' Seminar. Speakers including Christopher Bartle: Olympic Coach; Alec Lochore: organiser of the equestrian events at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games; David Evans: Tokyo Olympic course builder and Designer; and Simon Upton: on preparing for End Point Assessment; and Peninsula: Health and Safety and Employment Law Update
- **Friday 24 April Masterclass at Parklands EC** with international showjumper Joe Whitaker
- **15, 16, 17 May - Chatsworth International Horse Trials** and final judging of the SCT Enterprise Award
- **Friday 10 July Masterclass at Parklands EC** with international showjumper Matthew Sampson, including the final judging of the 2020 'Apprentice of the Year' Award



LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!

Advanced Technical Certificate: Nyah Redfern, Lucie Farmer 

Apprenticeship: Kyera Apreda, Isabel Wain, Elinor Waite, Hollie-Ray Waldron, William Richards

Advanced Apprenticeship: Madison Carter, Bethany Smith, Mason Allen, Jade Walshe, Georgia Clarey, Lucie Farmer, Nyah Redfern, Ebony Sheppard

Intermediate Technical Certificate: Mollie Harris

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

Mathematics Level 2: Rebecca Gray 

WELL DONE!!

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MASTERCLASS FEEDBACK WITH CHRISTOPHER BARTLE

Aspect 1: What was the most useful aspect of the day? • Learning new ways of riding and different ways to overcome a problem • Aspects of riding to be corrected to produce more harmony between horse and rider • Being able to watch a variety of riders • Keeping everything simple, keeping impulsion and the shoulder tall • Excellent coach, being able to hear so well, the exercises highlighted problems early • The ability to watch and learn from others • Positive encouragement. A real no-nonsense but clear approach, he had far more confidence in what we could achieve than I had in myself • Listening to Chris about the different methods of using your seat • The set out of jumps used for maximum exercises • Expert tuition from Chris Bartle • Being out in the arena helping • Learning from a top-class coach • Seeing the change in instruction with the different capabilities of rider and knowing when to push the rider • To watch a top-class trainer work with a variety of riders at different levels • Instructor did not let me wimp out • I was given advice from an Olympic trainer • Seeing world-class coaching techniques and the emphasis on key principles, whatever the level.

Aspect 2: What was the most enjoyable aspect of the day? • Feeling the improvement through the class • Getting a young horse out in a relaxed environment • Jumping lesson and riding a course • The exercise which was set up • Everything • The social aspect and meeting other apprentices on the same course • Nice day out for the team • Using my legs to control not just the reins • Enjoyed the challenging course • Seeing the instructor adjust his lesson to suit each member of the group according to ability • Being able to see a top-level trainer change and improve every type of horse • Watching lessons, seeing a variety of horses at different levels • Great facilities and to be able to ride with a great trainer • Getting to gain experience with such a knowledgeable coach • All of it • Bring new horse to new environment and having this opportunity • Watching the change in how the horses and riders went from start to finish of the session • Seeing the huge improvements in every horse and rider

Aspect 3: What will you do now to improve your work and progress? • Use the feedback to improve at home • Work on getting horse off the leg • Use the tips Chris gave me to improve his canter which will help his jump • Keeping my upper body still over the jumps • Try to practice a lighter seat • Sit tall and not over fold, slip my reins and nose in front • I will ask more questions in order to further my knowledge • Help our apprentices with their training and portfolios • More jumping lessons to build their confidence • Complete exercises that will improve my balance • Learn to ride with my horse rather than against it • Using the different jump exercises and keeping cool when having to change plan • Lots of little words of advice, tucking under the tailbone, squeezing the elbows, holding a bird, the list is endless • Use Chris' tips in my own coaching sessions • Use some of Chris' exercises • More schooling opportunities • Keep gaining strength in my lower leg to push the horse forward • Time management and standards of presentation i.e. plaiting • Try to let the horse have more rein • Eyes up, be in more control of balance and lines • Sit back and ride him properly to a fence • Encourage future attendance at Masterclasses

Aspect 4: Do you have any other comments about the quality of Masterclass • Great thing to bring a young horse too for experience and get some winter training tips • Very clear training, broken down to be able to apply to any level of horse • Well organised and very helpful • Excellent opportunity • Enjoyed seeing others improve • Very enjoyable • Great! • An excellent opportunity, thank you for organising it • Excellent trainer - 'The Master!' • Very informative and interesting. He was most interesting and made me feel at ease • Chris is very professional, good tips, bridging the reins worked well • Really enjoyed the experience • The people who came to the Masterclass were extremely well looked after by SCT • Very well organised and great for refreshments • Excellent opportunity for learners • Interesting use of space/lines • Super facilities and excellent trainer • Extremely well organised, outstanding trainer and facilities.

CHATSWORTH INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS 15, 16, 17 MAY 2020

SCT have a major role in the organisation of Chatsworth International Horse Trials and Belinda Turner has been on the Organising Committee for the last 17 years. Any apprentices who would like to help with stewarding, writing for a dressage judge or have the opportunity to help in the Event Office during the event please email info@stubbingscourtraining.com



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as soon as possible. This is a great way to learn more about how an international competition runs, and for anyone thinking about future careers in event organisation.

