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SCT MASTERCLASS WITH MATTHEW SAMPSON



SCT MASTERCLASSES ARE 'FANTASTIC', SAYS SAMPSON
International showjumper Matthew Sampson has always been a great supporter of Stubbing Court Training Ltd (SCT)'s Apprenticeship programme, and is currently employing three SCT apprentices at his own yard. His exclusive Masterclass for SCT apprentices and employers at Parklands EC, Sheffield on 31 March was another huge success. SCT is delighted that Matthew is also doing the next Masterclass on 14 July at Parklands EC.



Sampson said: "It was another great day working with Stubbing Court Training Ltd. It's fantastic to be involved in a team that specialise in training and working with young, up-and-coming apprentices. Today is a great credit to the whole team at SCT, creating this opportunity for many young equestrians." This was the second in SCT's acclaimed Masterclass series for 2017, following an outstanding day with former British eventing team performance manager Yogi Breisner in January. Sampson taught nine groups of varying abilities and experience, and all the attendees felt that they had benefited from the successful showjumper's practical approach to training. Belinda Turner MBE, SCT's Chief Executive, said: "These Masterclasses are a unique opportunity for our apprentices and employers to gain access to the very best coaches and riders in Britain. They come away inspired and determined to work hard and improve the standards of everything they do." SCT works throughout the horse industry to provide world-class training for young people through the apprenticeship programme. Equestrian apprenticeships enable young people to gain real, practical skills by "learning while they work", which are much-desired in the equine industry. SCT are extremely grateful for the support of Matthew and the Sampson family, and all the team at Parklands EC for providing great horses and facilities, and all the employers and apprentices who attended.



BETHANY DRAKEFORD - WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES



In April I was lucky enough to be invited to Sarah Healy's event yard in Hope. Sarah and her two children Ellie and Finn had been away at Pony Camp at Somerford Park all week so there was lots to do on Friday, sorting the horsebox out in preparation for the BE event at Eland Lodge the following day. Yard jobs were followed by a gentle hack out to give the horses a leg stretch after a busy week away. The children practised their dressage test for the following day before the ponies were turned out for a few hours. Tack and boots were cleaned and checked before being loaded back onto the lorry. Once afternoon jobs were completed the ponies were brought in and bathed before Sarah plaited them both up and they were fed and bedded down for the night.

It was an early start on Saturday with the ponies loaded up and ready to go by 4.45am, leaving just enough time for me to muck out before we left at 5am. We arrived and headed straight off to walk the cross country course before back to the lorry to unload and tack the ponies up. Ellie and Finn warmed the ponies up before their dressage tests at 8am. Both did their tests at the same time so it was quite busy. Whilst Ellie and Finn headed over to walk the show jumping course Sarah and I went back to the lorry and changed saddles and booted them up ready for the show jumping. After jumping it was back to the lorry again for a change of boots for cross country. Both riders had great rounds cross country with both of them completing the 100U18s course. We headed back to the lorry for the final time to wash both ponies off and rug up before popping them both back on the box to relax. We waited for prize giving as they were both placed. Ellie was 9th in her section and Jack who were checked over before being turned out for a leg stretch after a busy day. On Saturday 13 May I competed my own horse Ice Cool Lady in the AE90 at Chatsworth Horse Trials. It was lovely to be able to compete at such a great event, the atmosphere was fantastic! On the Sunday it was back to Chatsworth to see how things work behind the scenes as opposed to being a competitor. I was set to work in the Organiser's Office answering queries from riders, grooms and the general public, and I also had to run a few errands. Thank you SCT for organising these days, as I benefited from both experiences. I met lots of lovely people who were happy to share their knowledge and I learnt a lot that I can definitely take with me into the future.



WELCOME TO...

Chloe Pinegar, Nicole Hood, Jamie-Lee Cruickshank, Angel Milburn, Jordan Bock, Samantha Kendrick



LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!!!

Apprenticeship: Alex Parry, Bethany Taylor, Olivia Hatton

Advanced Apprenticeship: Elliot Betts, Sophie Miller

Traineeship: Tegen Cox

Level 1 Study Programme: Rebecca Rowe

Advanced Technical Certificate: Marcus Thorpe-Codman, Georgia Jowitt

Intermediate Technical Certificate: Eve Brown, Marci Sowerby, Lucy Ryan, Hannah Anderson, Bethany Taylor, Paige Caddick, Emily Broadbent, Lauren Batham, Asha-Jo Anthony, Lauran Smith

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

Mathematics Level 1: Ryan Jones

English Level 1: Rebecca Rowe

English Level 2: Laura Fretwell



CHATSWORTH INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS 2017 ★★



Stubbing Court Training Ltd. played a key role in the organisation of this year's Dodson & Horrell Chatsworth International Horse Trials held in the impressive grounds at Chatsworth on 12 - 14 May. The horse trials attracted some of the world's best competitors, with riders and horses from 19 different countries competing, and 700 entries. The prestigious event welcomed in excess of 30,000 equestrian enthusiasts to see a host of horses and riders competing in the FEI CIC***, Advanced, Novice, CIC*, Burghley Young Event Horse and Arena Eventing classes. Amongst the all-star line-up were the world's leading riders and SCT apprentices and employers, including William Fox-Pitt, Oliver Townend, Mark Kyle, Zara Tindall, Bert Bolton, Emma Hyslop-Webb, Andrew Nicholson, Dag Albert and Pippa Funnell. SCT's Chief Executive Belinda Turner became involved as Committee member of the event in 2003, through SCT's Masterclass trainer and four times Olympic silver medallist Ian Stark OBE, who plays a major role in the event as cross-country CIC*** course-designer. Many of SCT's staff, apprentices, ex-apprentices and employers volunteered to ensure the smooth running, as writers, stewards, scorers and general helpers. Special thanks to Bathany Drakeford, Megan Peacock, Claire McCann, Emily Howarth, Niamh Horobin, Jessica Kerr, Leonie Bradwell, Chloe Brearley, Daniella Thorpe, Jill Turner, Debbi Kay, Ros Hatton, Vikki Hayton, Libbie Wain, Marie Graham, Jo Newton, Emily Hunt, Sarah Warner and Amanda Bristow. Some comments included: I thoroughly enjoyed it so thank you.. another lovely event to be involved in.. it was a pleasure.. really enjoyed the weekend.. a fabulous experience once again.. I absolutely loved being part of the team and making it happen.. everything went very smoothly and as always perfectly timed.. great to see such big crowds, congratulations to the team.. had a fab time, thank you... I've had a fab day.. such a lovely venue.. thank you for allowing me the fantastic opportunity again to volunteer at Chatsworth.. I had a great weekend.. thank you for treating us really well, as always.. SCT also gave two £50 Groom's Prizes to the winners of the Dodson & Horrell CIC*** sections, and hosted the final judging of the BEF's Enterprise Award.



HEALTH & SAFETY

13 June - Trent Valley EC
19 June - Parklands EC

LIMITED PLACES for all SCT employers, apprentices and their employees. Please contact SCT for more information on 01246 566193

FIRST AID

3 July - Middleton Park EC, Leeds
3 July - Trent Valley EC
10 July at Scropton RDA, Scropton
17 July at SCT, Chesterfield

All courses 9.30 - 4pm. Free for all apprentices, special rate of £70 for employers. For more information on 01246 566193

NIAMH HOROBIN - CHATSWORTH HORSE TRIALS ★★



I started my Apprenticeship at SCT 3 months ago and have had so many amazing opportunities already. In May I helped with setting up for Chatsworth International Horse Trials doing the 11 dressage arenas. There were 4 broken arenas where the boards were at each letter, two 20x40 and 2 20x60. With the 20 by 60 arenas there were 12 letters around the outside. A had to be 10 metres away on the centre line, down the long

side K had to be 6m away from the corner, V at 18m, E at 30m, S at 42m, H at 54m and the C had to be 10m along the 20m side and the same measurements along the other side. All the letters had to be 50cm away from the board. We also had to put red tape on each board in front of the letters. We had 6 solid arenas to set up which were all 20x60, it was so important that we had all the measurements correct. When setting the arenas up we had to lay ropes along the floor and had to use tape measures to make sure that they were the correct length. On the 20x40 arenas the diagonal had to be 44.72m from corner to corner and on the 20x60 arenas the diagonal had to be 63.25m. On the Friday I was stewarding on the main arena so I had one of the best spots because I could see all the 3* dressage tests. I was doing the gate so I would move the gate when the judges pressed the horn, then as soon as the horse entered the arena I would put the gate up and move away from the arena. It was great to see all competitors ride including Zara Tindall, see how their horses reacted, and watch how they all did the test. I had a lovely time setting up Chatsworth and working there and would love to do it all again, and am very lucky to have had all the opportunities which I have had so far in my apprenticeship.

MELLOR IS SCT'S FIRST ENTERPRISE AWARD WINNER ★★



Elizabeth Mellor is the first winner of SCT's Enterprise Award, which was founded to reward apprentices who "go the extra mile" in helping the businesses in which they are employed to be successful. The award was supported by the British Equestrian Federation (BEF). Three apprentices - Elizabeth, April Brereton and Katie Leech - were selected to go forward for the final



judging by Sarah Armstrong, performance director of the BEF's World Class programme, at Chatsworth International Horse Trials on 14 May. Sarah was highly impressed by all three candidates, but chose 18-year-old Elizabeth, who is employed by Hood Hill Farm livery stables in Sheffield. "All three had put a lot of work into their submissions, but Elizabeth's shone. Her thoughtfulness and very thorough approach made her a clear winner," said Sarah. "Overall, the quality from a group of people just starting out in the workplace showed some great ideas, a dedicated approach to their work and a clear passion for the equestrian industry." Elizabeth's prize is a place on the BEF's prestigious three-day "Business of Equestrian" programme in Newmarket in October. She will receive training from leading experts on running an equestrian business, including health and safety, employment law, owner relationships and contracts, and managing staff and performance. Elizabeth said: "Winning the SCT Enterprise Award has given me so much more confidence and self-esteem, knowing that if I set my mind to achieve something, I can. It shows that hard work pays off. My employer, Josie Gibbs, was delighted to hear I had won, and I hope to carry on making her proud during the time I work for her."



COMING SOON ... "WINNING WAYS" SEMINAR 28 JUNE ★★



Christopher Bartle, the new coach of the British eventing team, is one of the speakers at Stubbing Court Training Ltd (SCT)'s second "Winning Ways" seminar on Wednesday 28 June at the Van Dyk Hotel, Chesterfield. Christopher's incredible equestrian CV includes 15 years as coach to the German eventing team, during which period they won individual and team gold medals at Olympic, World and European Championships. He was also a highly successful eventing and dressage rider, winning Badminton in 1998 and finishing sixth at the 1984 Olympics. Other subjects will include Airway problems in horses, employment law and Social Media marketing.

