



STUBBING COURT TRAINING LTD.
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TO ALL APPRENTICES, PARENTS & EMPLOYERS
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SCT MASTERCLASS SERIES 2014



Following on from the massive success of the SCT Masterclasses Series 2013 with leading international showjumpers Matthew Sampson, and Senior British team rider and former Young Rider gold medallist William Whitaker; and Irish Olympic event rider Mark Kyle, Stubbing Court Training Ltd. are delighted to be organising the highly acclaimed Masterclass Series for 2014. We are very privileged to again have the involvement of Mark Kyle to act as trainer for the first Masterclass in the Series. Mark has represented Ireland at the European and World Championships, as well as the Athens and London Olympic Games. The Masterclass will take place on Friday 7 March, kindly hosted by the Sampson family at Parklands Equestrian Centre, near Sheffield. Places are a reward for commitment and progress towards achieving the Apprenticeship qualification, and continually striving for the highest standards in horse care and management.

For the second Masterclass in the series we are fortunate to



again have the involvement of Matthew Sampson. The Masterclass will take place on Friday 11 July, again kindly hosted by the Sampson family at Parklands Equestrian Centre, near Sheffield. Matthew is a Senior British Team member for Nations Cups, former member of the Junior and Young Rider teams at the European Championships, and former Pony and Junior European Gold medallist. At only 23, 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, Newcomers and Young Riders Champion at HOYS, the 3* Beervelde Grand Prix in Belgium, 4* Donetsk in the Ukraine, and 3* Lummen. SCT's Chief Executive Belinda Turner said: 'The SCT Masterclass Series is a unique opportunity for all apprentices, employers and those thinking about a career with horses to see first-hand the standards and skills required at world-class level. We are extremely fortunate to have the support of leading world class riders, and look forward to their training days'.

KAYLEIGH BROOK - MIDDLETON PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTRE



Middleton Park Equestrian Centre is an association run by Leeds City Council, purely funded by the events we organise such as: Open Days, Christmas fairs, annual shows and the Council itself. Our aim is to provide disabled people with opportunities to feel pleasure in an activity they enjoy, so they don't feel alone. It gives them a chance to socialise with other people and keep track of the progress they are making. We offer lots of different types of lessons from fifteen minutes Tot Trots to one hour group lessons, with superb instructors that will interact and have fun with all our riders no matter how big or small the disability is. All 24 of our horses are specially trained by the staff to make sure they are as safe as they can be, to ensure the riders have a comfortable ride. All our horses are very placid and willing to work hard. From little to large horses we have something for everybody! We have various methods of mounting and dismounting to suit everybody's needs. We have the mounting block used for the more able bodied. We also have the ramp, where the horse will come and 'park' in front of the ramp giving the rider the advantage of being higher so therefore mounting is straight forward. Last of all we have the hoist; riders with wheelchairs are the most

common using this type of mounting. The horse will stand at the side of the hoist while it lifts the rider up and they will then be pushed across onto the horse's back. Having different ways to get on and off the horse makes Middleton Park EC unique in the way anybody can ride here. When the clients are on the horses, lessons range from dressage tests to a steady hack in the woods. We have two indoor arenas where there is space to spread out and set as many games up as you like. Our regular clients have favourite games such as music cones or snakes and ladders, in contrast we have the great opportunity to be based right next to Middleton woods where we go for a peaceful walk with the clients, take in the views and see if they can spot any bears! As our association is so big we also have many volunteers happy to help. We also take on work experience and placement students. Also we take on apprentices such as myself.

Middleton Park EC organises events which are open to the public. The Christmas Fair took place in December, there were lots of things to do and see such as • Sleigh rides • Santa's Grotto • Horses dressed up as reindeer • Staff in fancy dress • Bouncy castle • The yards open to view • Nativity play • Pony rides • Various stalls. All the money that was raised will help maintain and buy new things for the centre and the horses. Middleton Park Equestrian Centre is inspirational in the way we view everybody as individuals and equal giving people opportunities to feel proud and fulfil dreams.



CHATSWORTH INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS 16, 17, 18 MAY



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 ring Belinda on 01246 566193 as soon as possible. Thank you.



WELCOME TO ...

Andrew Baldock, Natalie Milligan, Joshua Gray,
Paisley Woodward, Jenna Raynor,
Chelsie Quinn, Lauren Crabtree, Leonie Bradwell



REMINDER - WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES ★★★★★

Wanting to go that extra mile? Why not arrange 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 an excellent way to stand out to potential employers and also looks great on your CV. Stubbing Court Training will organise work experience placements with some of the country's top leading riders at international showjumping, eventing, and dressage yards. As this is voluntary and taken in your own time, please contact Belinda Turner on 01246 566193 to let us know 3 days together when you are available.

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!!!

Apprenticeship: Lauren Peel, Rosie Bell, Kennedy Noon,
Charlotte Allen, Ashleigh Elder, Jade Bickley, Laura Woodliffe,
Hannah Jarvis, Sarah White, Charley Winfield, Sarah Pattison, Abigail Hart

Advanced Apprenticeship: Emma Stewart, Lydia Marshall,
Emily Dyke, Olivia Wells



FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

Mathematics Entry 1: Megan Bertalan

Mathematics Level 1: Daniella Thorpe

English Entry 2: Shelby Pilgrim

English Level 1: Jennifer Clarkson, Emily Howell, Amy Marfleet, Oliver Middleton,
Emma Suter, Harriet Lawson, Victoria Webster, Rebecca Pickles

English Level 2: Nicola Biddle, Jasmine Barker, Zoe Smallwood, Kealie Lineker

ICT Entry 1: Kerry Cope, Megan Bertalan

ICT Entry 2: Shelby Pilgrim



★ HEALTH & SAFETY ★

17 March, 11 April, 8 May at Derby College

11 February at North Nottinghamshire College,
Worksop

28 April at Bradford College

LIMITED PLACES for all SCT employers,
apprentices and their employees.
Please contact SCT for more information on
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★ FIRST AID ★

12 March, 27 March, 10 April, 29 April
at Derby College

11 March, 22 April, 13 May at
North Nottinghamshire College, Worksop

17 March, 18 April, 27 May at
Bradford College

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JODIE EXLEY - WORKING WITH HORSES ABROAD ★★



I started my journey with horses at the age of 7, I learnt to ride at my local riding school Rockley Equestrian Centre. I learnt many things there and really enjoyed it. I even bought my first pony from the riding school when I was 14. He was a little bit difficult but was good for me as it made me a better rider. I then started to work at Rockley EC when I was 14 to pay for my pony. I worked there twice a week till I left school at 16. I then went on to do my Apprenticeship at Hunter House Livery, I learnt a lot of things there and really enjoyed it! Unfortunately I had to leave Hunter House to do my Advanced Apprenticeship as I wasn't doing enough riding there, so I then went to work at Bromley Farm, a competition/hunting yard. This for me was the best move ever as I learnt so much there and really enjoyed myself. It was a lot more exciting for me to be on a busy yard like that. And I was also able to take my pony along with me too. After I completed my Advanced

Apprenticeship I then took some time out of working with horses. I didn't really know which path I wanted to go down, whether it was showjumping or dressage etc. So I thought about working abroad with horses so I did some research and found a stables in Crete (Arion Stables Hersonissos). It was a riding centre for tourists but also did weddings with a pair of Haflingers and they also did tricks.. I basically emailed the owners and asked if they needed staff for the summer season and to my amazement they agreed and we went from there, I went to Greece in April and stayed until mid October. When I arrived it was totally different to what I was expecting - it wasn't just a stables, it had a taverna and bar. And also lots of different rescued animals. My duties were general yard duties also including cleaning and feeding the other animals (sheep, goats, turtles, rabbits, guinea pigs and donkeys, and preparing the horses for the weddings and for rides out. I also took tourists for rides which was amazing because the



route was riding on the beach and in the mountains and also I got to meet people from different countries. I even got the chance to do a little bit of driving and I would often drive the donkeys and the pony stallion out. I also enjoyed going out in the carriage with the pair round Crete island handing leaflets out to advertise for Arion stables. I made some really good friends out there which I still keep in touch with and I will go back over each year to see them. The owners Zara and Giorgos were really nice, Zara is German and Giogios is Greek. I really did learn many things there and I really miss it, I would recommend working abroad as it's a really good experience. I'm now back in the UK and hopefully looking for a full time job working on a competition yard.



SCT Hoodies available!!

Please email info@stubbingcourtraining.com if you would like to purchase one, for a contribution of £10.00.



ROAD SAFETY TRAINING - DIPLOMA UNIT 232

For all Level 1 & 2 trainees who have not already completed a Road Safety Training and Assessment day. Please attend one of the days below:

- Monday 12 May Barleyfields E.C., Etwall
- Monday 19 May Fairview E.C., Ravenshead
- Monday 2 June Middleton Park E.C., Leeds
- Monday 9 June Birchwood EC, Somercotes

