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TO ALL APPRENTICES, PARENTS & EMPLOYERS

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THE ROLEX ONE TO WATCH FOR 2012: GEORGE WHITAKER



The Rolex One to Watch for May 2012 is George Whitaker. Based in Huddersfield, the 19-year-old SCT Apprentice jumped from 354th to 231st during May - a move up the Rolex World Rankings of 123 places. George is from the most successful family in the sport of jumping, and he forms part of the next generation of the Whitaker dynasty, along with his brother William, and cousin Ellen. His uncles, John and Michael, have been the cornerstone of the British jumping team for the last 30 years; they both won team silver at the Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games as well as numerous European and World Championship medals. George is part of the British Equestrian Federation's UK Sport-funded World Class Development Programme, which works with talented riders to maximise their potential and deliver success in dressage, eventing and jumping. He is doing the SCT apprenticeship with the intention of gaining skills in horse care and management, he has also contributed to much of SCT's Online Learning. In July 2008, at the age of just 16, he won both the individual and team gold at the FEI European Pony Jumping Championships in Avenches (SUI), riding 10-year-old gelding, The Colour of Money. In July 2011, George made his debut at Young Rider level with the talented 11 year old mare, Tubana, where the pair received team bronze at the European Championships in Comporta (POR). Later the

same year, George achieved a double win in Austria at the CSI2* Grand Prix Salzburg, where he also won the prize for the highest placed Under-25 rider. 2012 has seen the young rider develop his talents further, having claimed victory at the CSI2* Grand Prix Comporta (POR) and the CSI3* Grand Prix Maubeuge (FRA, winning €40,000), both aboard Tubana. The Rolex One to Watch is an initiative which identifies the rider who has made the biggest jump within or into the Top 250 of the Rolex World Rankings the previous month.

COMING SOON... SCT MASTERCLASS WITH MARK KYLE



Following on from the first successful Masterclass in 2012 with Matthew Sampson, Stubbing Court Training Ltd. are delighted to be organising the second in the highly acclaimed Masterclass Series for 2012. We are very privileged to have the support of world-class professional Mark Kyle on Monday 16 July, hosted by Barleyfields EC, near Derby. Mark is one of the world's leading international event riders and member of the Irish eventing team at the European and World Championships, and Olympic Games. British Olympic team coach Yogi Breisner will be the trainer for the Masterclass at Parklands EC on Monday 30 November.

Riding places are a reward for meeting targets and exceptional standards of work.

MBE AWARDED... ★★

Belinda Turner, Chief Executive of Stubbing Court Training Ltd. has been appointed an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, for services to training in the equine industry.

WELCOME TO...



Jessica Bidewell, Jake Key, Hannah Grainger, Freya Coombes, Abigail Hart, Elizabeth Widdowson, Kirsty King, Abigail Hutchinson, Bethany Womersley, Amie Warren, Danny Hitchcock, Eleanor Thomson, Kirsty Buchanan, Francesca Marriott, Lauren Booker



ALECIA BROUGH - NETHERTON HALL LIVERY STABLES

I work at Netherton Hall which is a livery stables and dressage yard plus there are three holiday cottages. I'm employed by Vicki Lowe and have worked at Netherton for nearly four years on a Saturday or a Sunday. I started my level 2 Apprenticeship with Stubbing Court Training in September 2011, I have attended two masterclasses which I really enjoyed and learnt a lot from. The first masterclass was with Joe Whitaker; for this I took one of the livery horses who does BSJA and is a good school master. The second was with Matthew Sampson. At Netherton there are around 30 horses on full or DIY livery including Vicki's three dressage horses. There are a variety of horses on the yard and they range in size and breed. We have four hunting horses that hunt throughout the winter season so they have to be kept fit and well all year round. We have recently had a youngster who was broken this year and is now jumping well and enjoys hacking out. The general things I do day to day are: mucking out and turn out, brushing the yard and filling haynets, riding the hunters, cleaning tack, grooming and lots more. Since I started the Apprenticeship I have learnt a lot more about the general care of horses and I feel my riding has improved with the help from Vicki. I am really looking forward to the next masterclass with Mark Kyle as I find they are a good opportunity to improve my show jumping.

EMMA HOLMES - WESTHILLS FARM ★★



I started working towards my apprenticeship at Westhills in September 2011. The yard is managed by Karen Holmes and Helen Lowe however I currently work for Helen. Helen continuously competes many of the horses at Westhills in British Dressage so especially now summer is coming, no day is the same! We often go out to dressage competitions twice weekly in summer where Helen competes in a range of levels from novice right through to Inter II. Westhills Jasper B is owned by Karen and ridden by Helen, he is currently at the highest level on the yard. Having already done extremely well at PSG level with Helen they are now tackling Inter II. With so many competitions to go to it often means my job at Westhills involves preparing the horses

so that they are ready to take, this can involve plenty of bathing! I regularly go to the shows where my jobs will include loading up the lorry with all tack and equipment, loading the horses up, tacking up when each horse is needed, untacking, loading back on the lorry and reading dressage tests. I am really enjoying going out so much to the all the competitions as I never knew there was so much behind dressage! I look forward to the rest of the summer at Westhills and feel I am continuously improving my knowledge behind riding horses on the flat and hopefully my riding too!



JASMINE BARKER - CASTLE VIEW STUD



I am coming to the end of my first year of the SCT Apprenticeship at Castle View Stud, near Tutbury working for Di Fairclough. (Di took the Amateur title at HOYS in 2010). We are a friendly livery, training, sales and stud yard based in Anslow. At the stud we have a range of full livery packages to cater for all, from bronze standard to gold. We offer training to both horses and riders. Di is a fully qualified BSJA Level 2 coach soon to become level 3. We have horses come to us for intense training holiday programmes. We individually tailor the programmes to the specific needs of the horses that come to stay at the yard. We always have a wide variety of horses for sale varying from young stock to horses jumping around Foxhunter. In my time at the yard I've encountered different situations and many horses and I can now adapt according to what is needed of me.

I get the opportunity to ride a wide range of horses and receive lots of training from Di. I've had to make a lot of changes in the way that I handle horses as most we have at the yard are unbroken and many unhandled from the sales in Ireland. I enjoy getting involved with the breaking and bringing on of the youngsters as I find it rewarding when they go on to their new homes. We have two mares currently in foal to our very own home bred colt named Jackson. This will be special for the yard because we have all watched Jackson mature and are excited for his future and hope that there will be many more to come.



★ ★ HEALTH & SAFETY ★ ★

20 September & 23 October at Derby College
5 November, 11 February at North Notts College, Worksop

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11 September and 9 October, 13 November, 11 December at North Notts College
30 October at Derby College

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LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!!!

Intermediate Technical Certificate: Jasmine Barker, Ellie Kinsey, Abigail Mills, Ashleigh Nicholls, Jack Pownall, Leanne Sabine, Danielle Loseby, Chloe Sheppard, Jennifer Weed, Amber Saunders, Colette Vennard, Megan Parker, Hayley Wilson, Emily Dyke, Hayley Rylott

Advanced Technical Certificate: Jessica Wilson, Emily Smith, Kerry Walker-Greaves, Stephanie Wells, Melissa Beck, Bethany Upton, Chloe Whitehead

Apprenticeship: Emma Holmes, Hayley Wilson

Advanced Apprenticeship: Atte De Jong, Chloe Whitehead

Foundation Learning: Sarah Wilkinson

★ ★ KEY SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS ★ ★

Application of Number Level 1: Martin Halliday, Joe Sayles, Amy Geraghty, Georgina Harvey

Application of Number Level 2: Atte De Jong, Rachel Urquhart, Edward Austin, Kerry Walker-Greaves, Amelia Eyley

Communication Level 1: Emma Stewart **Communication Level 2:** Lucy Wright
NVQ Level 1: Demi Wardle

CHELSEA HARDY - SPIRE TOWN STUD



I work at Spire Town Stud in Chesterfield - this is a family run stud farm specialising in breeding and producing top quality show jumping horses for high level showjumping competitions. In addition, Liane Smith (owner) is the Derbyshire area BSJA Coach, both Liane and Kerry Brennan (Liane's daughter) regularly compete at the higher levels eg HOYS. During my apprenticeship I have received 1:1 tuition in show jumping techniques and ringcraft, and accompanied Liane to many shows where I have successfully competed myself. Currently, we have approximately 60 horses to care for on a daily basis, ranging from new-born foals, brood mares,

youngstock, competition horses and 3 stallions standing at stud. It is my responsibility to ensure all competition horses daily needs are met to Liane's high standards, reporting any areas of concern immediately. During my time at Spire Town I have been given the opportunity to observe mares being

scanned when in foal, and held mares when being served. I have witnessed foals being born and also learned and assisted with encouraging the foals to suckle. Following the birth of a

foal I have learnt there is a process to follow in order to apply for a passport this includes: vets to draw up the markings, appropriate stud book entries and micro-chipping. For the youngstock we observe their behaviour and physical appearance, daily, to ensure full health, ensuring worming and immunisations are up to date and their feet are regularly trimmed. With the 3/4 Year Olds (breakers) I have learnt the stages of breaking a horse including biting, lungeing, long reigning and beginning to lean over their backs and sit on them in the stable, prior to working in the menage. When handling any horse I am always aware of the need to ensure safety for myself, the horse and others, when handling the stallions I always ensure extra care is taken and am very aware of the surroundings taking note of where mares are and what could trigger the stallion to light up. I keep my own horses at the yard and have recently bought my new horse Coltaire, a

5 year old warmblood, from Liane, he is now competing successfully at BSJA shows, achieving two double clears with placings within 4 shows. I have learnt so much practical, 'hands on' experience during my time at Spire Town Stud and feel this time has been extremely beneficial to me as a rider, competitor and groom. Stubbing Court Training has provided me with the appropriate tools and knowledge to progress with my theoretical studies working towards completion of my apprenticeship and then onward study for the Advanced Apprenticeship.

