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### HARRY MEADE PRAISES SCT APPRENTICES' APPETITE TO LEARN...



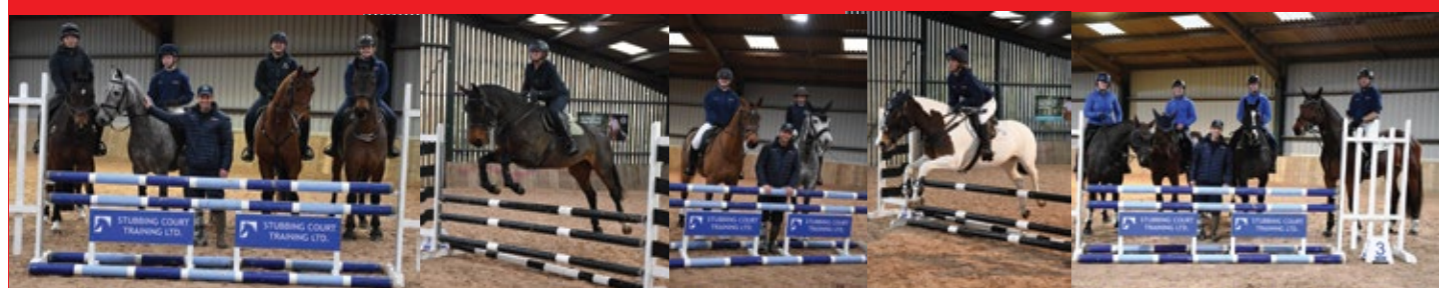
Leading British event rider Harry Meade gave his first-ever Masterclass to Stubbing Court Training Ltd (SCT) apprentices and employers on 2 December at Pickering Grange Equestrian, Leicestershire. The day, during which Harry taught eight groups that varied greatly in experience and ambition, was an immense success. Harry, who won Defender Bramham CCI4\*-L in June and then piloted three horses to finish in the top 12 at Defender Burghley CCI5\* in September, said: "I thoroughly enjoyed my day with Stubbing Court Training, with a broad range of pupils and horses. The enthusiasm and appetite to learn was wonderful and every combination embraced the challenges and showed real improvements".



SCT's long-running and highly esteemed Masterclass Series is exclusive to SCT's apprentices and employers, and has featured a number of top British-based showjumpers, eventers and coaches over the years. It is just one example of the exceptional opportunities to learn from and be inspired by the very best people in the equestrian world that an Apprenticeship with SCT provides.



One attendee commented: "What a fun and friendly, well-organised Masterclass. A super opportunity at a lovely venue." Another said: "The best thing about the day was being told about the improvement in my riding from the beginning of the session to the end, because it made me feel more confident about myself."



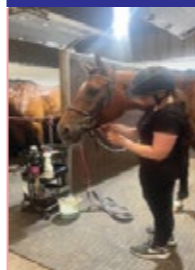
### EVIE CHADWICK - APPRENTICESHIP WITH JOHN WHITAKER...



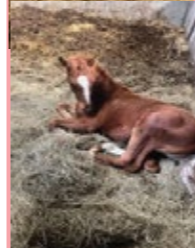
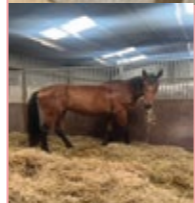
I have been an apprentice at John Whitaker's since July. On a daily basis on the yard we do bottom, middle and top yard on a morning. This consists of mucking out, haying, feeding and sweeping the yards. Once this has been done, we will begin to put the horses on the walker or in the field ready to be ridden and then brushed off. Before lunch the yards will be hayed and brushed again to keep up with it being tidy. Through the afternoon we will tack clean, harrow and sweep the yard and bagging shavings when needed. My favourite things about being on the yard is being around John and his family as I have learnt so much in the small amount of time I have been there, to the point of me and my horse being able to easily step up the levels in the showjumping ring as I regularly get advice from them. I love getting the chance to go out to day shows and be able to groom for Louise and Joanne. Recently I was at Arena UK nearly all week and I have been very lucky to be able to watch John Whitaker jump which was amazing as I learnt a lot from it.



### ANNIE DICKINSON - SOVEREIGN EQUESTRIAN



I am a level 2 apprentice working at Sovereign Equestrian located in Mottram. Sovereign Equestrian is a showjumping yard that finds and produces top-level showjumpers from foals to Grand Prix and competes all over Europe. Everyone was welcoming when I first started while I settled into the apprenticeship. My time so far at Sovereign Equestrian has been so good for developing my skills and helping me improve and develop new ones. It has already allowed me to see the difference between a livery yard and a competition yard and all the hard work that goes into all the progress and achievement of our horses. It has also given me the opportunity to work with a wide variety of horses ranging from foals and youngsters to stallions. In the past few months, I have been helping prepare the horses for the regular shows they go to which includes bathing, cleaning tack, packing the trucks and tack lockers. This has given me an insight to how much actually goes into the preparation for competing. Our horses are competing at a range of levels with the young ones just starting at 90cm and going up to the top level horses competing at 1.40-1.60m. During my time here I have had the opportunity to be apart of getting the horses ready to go off to Belgium, Holland and HOYS which was the most recent. Seeing how much preparation everyone puts into the horses has shown me how hard the showing side of horses is but how enjoyable it has all been here seeing the successes on our yard.



### WELCOME TO:

Esme Tucker-McAuley, Libby Pace, Ruby Fox, Skye Sykes, Clarice Wyatt, Charlotte Smith, Abbie-May Birkin, Joseph Thomas



### LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!

Apprenticeship: Ebony Steele, Eva Williams, Lotti Wilks-Stebbing  
Advanced Apprenticeship: Courtney Smith, Freya Dean, Abigail Putland

Distinction: Rosie Farragher, Jade Wilkinson

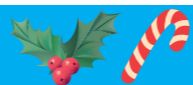
### FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

English level 2: Maddison Maddocks





## LAUNCH OF THE SCT ENTERPRISE AWARD 2025!



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 2025 Enterprise Award, which encourages apprentices to help the businesses in which they work to become more successful.

SCT established the 'SCT Enterprise Award' to:

- Promote the importance of business success
- Develop pride in achievement and commitment to learning, improvement and business success
- Develop awareness of what makes an equestrian business successful
- Recognise outstanding conduct in the workplace and in dealing with external clients and partners
- Reward understanding of how to keep themselves and others safe and healthy, showing best practice in safety, behaviour and welfare

In these unpredictable times, there is an essential need for effective equine business management, and apprentices can play a key role in this. The SCT Enterprise Award is highly prestigious, with the finalists displaying outstanding portfolios which demonstrate real ingenuity, excellent understanding of business practices and great pride in helping their employers.

The judges of the SCT Enterprise Award - which have included former four times Olympic silver medallist and six times European gold medallist turned cross-country course-designer Ian Stark OBE; international showjumper and producer Morgan Kent of HK Horses; Anna Goodley, Director of Lycetts Insurance Brokers; Ted Cadogan, Director of Operations, Chatsworth House; Martyn Johnson, Director of the Defender Bughley Horse Trials; and David Evans, Course Designer for Blenheim International Horse Trials and Course Builder for the Beijing and Tokyo Olympic Games - are 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

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. Three finalists will be selected by 24.3.2025 for the final judging, to be held at the SCT Masterclass on Friday 4 April 2025. 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 the Nomination Form back to [info@stubbingcourtraining.com](mailto:info@stubbingcourtraining.com) by 8.12.2024 to put themselves forward for judging.

## MOLLIE PETTIGREW - LARA EDWARDS DRESSAGE



I am a level 3 apprentice working for Grand Prix International dressage rider and producer Lara Edwards based in north east Lincolnshire. We currently have nine horses in full work ranging from newly backed 3 year olds all the way up to Grand Prix.

My job includes general yard duties, exercising horses, assisting professionals visiting the yard such as the farrier, vets, dentist, helping to train new members of staff, monitoring stock levels of feed/bedding, treating horses with minor injuries and keeping the yard clean and tidy. A few of my responsibilities include updating and keeping a record of the farrier list, doing the feed order every week and helping to organise the yard with daily jobs.

I am very grateful for all the opportunities and experiences I have gained working for Lara including grooming at many internationals including Wellington CDI, Hartpury, Addington and many more. I have also had the opportunity to ride Lara's horses and have lessons with Lara's instructors developing my knowledge in training young horses, one of my favourite things. I enjoy watching the horses improve and progress in their training and helping them to perform at their best is definitely very rewarding! I have learnt a lot throughout my Apprenticeship and I've really enjoyed my time at Lara Edward's Dressage.



## SARAH HOARE - OLIVER TOWNEND EVENTING



My Apprenticeship has allowed me to gain a wide range of experiences including doing Masterclasses with Olympic Coach Chris Bartle and World Championship showjumper William Whitaker, winning the Apprentice of the Year Award and the SCT Enterprise Award. The Apprenticeship has allowed me to gain and continually improve the skills and high standards I need to work with Olympic gold medallist Oliver Townend. It has allowed me to improve my plaiting, turnout and yard management skills while also learning new techniques for fitness work. I would definitely recommend this Apprenticeship if you are serious about a career in the equine industry.