



# Newsletter: February 2024

## **Rider of the month – Beau Hastie**

Beau has been working incredibly hard on improving her over all riding, especially in developing a more secure and effective seat. What's equally impressive is how Beau has worked on her confidence and mastering her emotions when riding. It's all adding up to her becoming a more efficient and capable rider who is enjoying herself even more. Well done Beau, keep up the good work!

## **Volunteer of the month – Denver Hall**

Denver has been a brilliant helper. He's been a big help in lessons, learning how to assist riders and enjoys passing on his own knowledge. His ability to do this well makes him on the "one to watch for the future" list. Denver's confidence around the yard has flourished, Denver can now competently handle a variety of the horses and has worked hard to improve his grooming and tacking up skills. He also knows the way to an instructor's heart is to provide a hot drink and that is very much appreciated! Unfortunately for us, Denver has stopped helping on the yard as much recently due to pursuing other commitments, but his efforts couldn't go unnoticed, he's left a hole, and we hope he is able to come back to helping out more in the future.

## **Well done to the following riders who have achieved:**

**BHS Bronze Jump Challenge Award – AB**

**BHS Achieve Award 1 – 2x CLTH participants**

**BHS Rider Achieve Award 1 – 4x CLTH participants**

Congratulations to our apprentice Lily Chadwick for achieving her Level 2 Equine Groom and Riding - very well deserved.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024, we will be implementing an increase in our lesson prices. This decision has been made in response to the rising overhead costs that have become unavoidable. We understand the importance of our services to you, and we strive to provide the highest quality lessons. The adjustments in prices will enable us to maintain and improve the standards you expect from us. We appreciate your continued support and understanding during this time of change. Our new prices will be on display in the arena viewing area, social media pages and website. Thank you for being part of our learning community.

Our website has been updated and now includes our policies, forms, lesson prices and previous newsletters. We politely ask that you familiarise/remind yourselves of our policies and up to date lesson prices from March 2024.

A polite reminder that we do not have a receptionist at the yard as all our team are hands on around the yard, if we are unable to answer the phone at the time of calling, please leave a voicemail or send a text with your enquiry and a member of the team will get back to you at our earliest convenience. Thank you for your patience.

This month we had a visit from students from Somerset Cultural Centre - a facility for visiting students from Chinese schools who wish to experience the history and culture of the UK prior to attending university. The students took part in Horse Care sessions, getting a hand at mucking out the horses & grooming. In addition to this they also had a riding lesson. It was a privilege to be able to offer the students an equine experience during their visit - well done to all!

Did you know you could be working towards the BHS Challenge Awards during your lessons...there are a range of awards from horse care and health to riding and safety at different levels catering for all abilities. You can work through the awards at your own pace and advance your knowledge and skills around what's important for you. You can order your booklets now via our website or for more information on the Challenge Awards please ask your coach when you are next at the yard or contact the office.

In addition to the other awards, you could be working towards in your lessons, during all riding lessons our riders are constantly being assessed and working towards the BHS Progressive Riding Tests, at no additional cost.

Our Changing Lives Through Horses Programme runs Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11:30am till 2:30pm term time with a maximum of 6 participants on each day. Changing Lives Through Horses is aimed at participants aged 7 – 25 who are out of mainstream education, have special educational needs or disabilities and those who are not in employment. Participants don't

need any previous equine experience, just a passion to learn. We still have availability on all 3 days, if you're interested or would like more information on the Changing Lives Through Horses Programme, please contact the yard phone.

## **Upcoming events: Book in via our website, (Normal fees policy applies)**

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Pony Stars Club (Unmounted) 10:30am – 12:30pm**

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Ride Safe Training 11:30am – 1:30pm – How to ride safely out hacking and in open spaces.**

**Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Care & Comp Day (TREC) 10:30am – 2:30pm – going under, over and around various obstacles.**

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb – Pony Stars Club (ridden and unmounted) 11:30am – 2:30pm**

**For further details & to book in for the above events, please visit our website, [www.currypoolequestrian.co.uk](http://www.currypoolequestrian.co.uk)**

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