

JAMES MACKIE

Equestrian Adviser

BUYING, SCHOOLING, TRAINING AND INSTRUCTING
EQUESTRIAN VALUATIONS AND LITIGATION ADVICE

Cownham Farm Broadwell Moreton-in-Marsh Gloucestershire GL56 0TT
Tel: 01451 832442 - james@mackie.biz

EQUESTRIAN EXPERIENCE

Background

Ridden and hunted since early childhood, regular officer in the Household Cavalry taking part in mounted ceremonial duties over a number of years. Attended the 'Long Army Equitation Course' at Melton Mowbray, qualifying as an army instructor/remount rider.

Trained own polo ponies in BAOR and played polo at regimental standard. Owned, trained and rode own steeplechase racehorse, racing for several seasons at home and abroad. For a number of years raced successfully in UK for various trainers in point-to-points and 'under rules' (regular steeplechases, hurdle and flat races). Trained and rode army horses in British Horse Society (BHS) horse trials, dressage and BSJA show jumping. Has ridden in many team chases and hunter trials.

Served as Adviser to the Sultan of Oman. Raised, commanded and trained a full working and ceremonial cavalry unit and mounted band. Selected, purchased and transported horses from Arabia, Asia, Africa, UK and Australia. Designed and supervised building of stables and amenities. Recruited and trained grooms from northern regions of Pakistan. Continued with this experience by advising in several other Arab states. Purchased and trained international show jumping horses and teams for Oman.

Brought up on Welsh Mountain Pony Stud in Cotswolds, gaining useful experience and knowledge of stallion behaviour. During time in the Sultanate of Oman, was partly responsible for both Thoroughbred and Arabian horse breeding programmes, gaining 'hands on' experience at studwork. For some time, trainer to local Irish Draught Stud.

Established agency to train and provide horses to the advertising and film industries. Trained horses for trick rides and stunts.

For six years, appointed 'Chef d'Equipe' to the British Young Rider European Championship Three-Day Event teams. (Winning 5 gold, 1 silver team medals.)

Executive Officer to the British Horse Trials Association (BHTA) Three-Day Event Selection Committees. Providing continuity, management, advice and control of the five committees responsible at different levels for the selection and training of British International 3DE teams to Olympic standard. Was jointly responsible for drawing up and establishing the procedures now used for the selection, training and administration of all British teams.

For many years was appointed BHTA Steward – largely responsible for overseeing the organisation of allocated events, discipline and safety. Recently member of BHTA International Teams Committee and represented BHTA on British Horse Society Training and Education Committee. Chairman of BHTA Training Committee.

Currently

Instructs and trains horses and riders on regular basis at many levels and disciplines. A whole range of pupils from children with ponies to point-to-point riders. Life-long interest and speciality in retraining difficult horses, sometimes with long-standing behavioural problems. Advises clients on buying and selling horses and generally provides equestrian expertise and advice, from basic to international level, at home and abroad. Joint owner and trainer of novice event horse. Provides, trains and rides horses for film and commercial photography. Advises Bahraini Royal Guard Mounted Escort. Member of British Equestrian Federation Appeals Panel.

Qualifications

BHS Registered Specialist (3DE) Instructor, BHTA Accredited Trainer, member of National Coaching Foundation (NCF). BHS Cross Country Consultant. A thorough knowledge of the BHS and its systems and yet completely independent from it and able to provide unpartisan advice.

Expert Witness Work

Has practised since 1988, writes on average 25 reports for new cases each year (50:50 Claimant/Defendant). Experienced in all aspects of CPR including acting as Joint Single Expert.

Member of Academy Of Experts & Society of Expert Witnesses. Registered with UK Register of Expert Witnesses. Checked and listed in Law Society Directory of Experts. Listed with Association of Personal Injury Lawyers Database. Experienced in County and High Court.

* BHTA now known as British Eventing (BE)

J Mackie
January 2004