

# HORSES TO HOLIDAYS: Former Apprentice flying high with new Travel Business



Whilst a second career away from racing can seem daunting for some, former Apprentice jockey Siobhan Miller is relishing her new career as a bespoke travel agent. Forced to stop riding due to injury, Siobhan stayed in racing as an Assistant Trainer and currently works at a local pre-training yard in Newmarket. She explains:

"I've always enjoyed planning holidays for friends and so when someone suggested I try and actually make a career out of it, I thought why not. It's something new and exciting and I really love researching the best deals possible for my customers."

Siobhan has already helped over 30 clients and successfully booked holidays and honeymoons for many of them. With her knowledge of the racing calendar, Siobhan is able to tailor packages to individual needs:

"Whether it's getting a special agent's rate on a hotel in York or putting together flights, hotel and car hire for an overseas racing trip, I hope my knowledge of racing will help me understand what racing people want and can take away all the hassle of booking whilst delivering great value too."

Siobhan used JETS to research career opportunities in the travel sector and help her complete the relevant training to become ATOL registered. Phil Kinsella, Personal Development Manager at JETS said:

"Siobhan's proactive and positive attitude to her second career has made her a joy to work with. Her enthusiasm for what she's doing and how she wants to expand her business is really infectious."

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## COACHING DROP IN SESSIONS

The PJA undertook a survey last year and it was interesting to see that 69% of jockeys surveyed said they would use a jockey coach and that's why all jockeys now have access to drop in sessions to ask advice from our qualified team of coaches.



**MONDAYS**  
**GEORGE BAKER** and **MICHAEL HILLS**  
at Peter O'Sullivan House & George Baker at Oaksey House



**TUESDAYS**  
**KEVIN DARLEY**  
at Jack Berry House



**WEDNESDAY**  
**RODI GREENE**  
at Taunton Rugby Club



**FRIDAYS**  
**RUSS KENMORE**  
at Jack Berry House

## #ThinkJETS

"I've used JETS through my riding career and they've provided invaluable guidance and support. I would really recommend every jockey to use them at every stage in their career not just at the end. It is a resource that we pay towards and I don't think jockeys utilise their services enough."

Jump Jockey Will Kennedy who has used JETS to do Media and Jockey Coaching training.

"I appreciate the help everyone at JETS has given in allowing me the chance to retrain at something else which will make a massive difference going forward for myself and my family. I am currently taking exams in Ireland and constantly have my head in a book, a bit different from my riding days!"

Former Flat Jockey Eddie Creighton who retired from riding in 2016 and is now studying for a BA Hons degree in Accounting.



Jockeys Education & Training Scheme

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## NEW PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR YOUNG JOCKEYS

Inspired by a similar scheme run by the English Institute of Sport, we are pleased to be introducing a new grant scheme in 2023 exclusively for young licensed jockeys with less than 50 rides. The aim is to encourage jockeys to engage with JETS and embrace training and development from the very outset of their careers.

The importance of maintaining an 'identity' beyond sport has long been recognised in professional sport and through this scheme jockeys can apply for small grants of up to £250 with funding considered across a range of different areas including trade courses, language or driving lessons, education tutoring, coaching qualifications or industry short courses.

We believe that this grant scheme will help promote positive mental health, the Dual Career concept and allows jockeys to develop their own personal identity away from racing.

► If you would like to apply for a grant, please contact **Phil Kinsella** or **Lisa Delany**. Applications will be considered on a case by case basis.



## EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION



It's vital that, in order to thrive, the racing industry is as diverse and inclusive as possible and we're proud to have signed up to the Diversity & Inclusion Industry Commitment in 2022. As part of our action plan, we've produced two education films for jockeys. Entitled 'Respect & What We Say' and 'Inclusion & What We Can Do' the films give a practical insight into what jockeys can say and do to ensure that the weighing room culture is as inclusive as possible. Hosted by Hayley Moore, the films feature a conversation between a group of jockeys with insights from Inclusion expert Chris Gibbons.

We have also ensured that our Trustees and employees have completed the various Inclusion and Safeguarding online courses on the Racing2Learn. We are also working on integrating Equality and Diversity modules into the Jockey Training & Development curriculum both on the licensing courses and Claiming workshops.

► Watch the films on our website and login to **Racing2Learn** to educate yourself and complete the courses too.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...



**SAM WELTON** on achieving a 2:1 degree in Civil & Structural Engineering

**KATIE O'FARRELL** (Sports Psychology), **MEGAN CARBERRY** (Sport & Exercise Therapy) & **KATHY BEGLEY** (Veterinary Science) - our **JETS SCHOLARSHIP** recipients for this year

**ADELE MULRENNAN** on being shortlisted for the Sir Peter O'Sullivan Broadcaster of the Year

**WILL KENNEDY** on completing his Level 2 UKCC Coaching qualification



**JACOB PRITCHARD WEBB** and **JERRY MCGRATH** making a name for themselves in the Bloodstock world

**LUCY BARRY** who has passed her LGV Driver training and test

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# RICHARD DAVIS AWARDS REVIEW 2022



In 2022, we marked the 25th anniversary of our annual career development awards for jockeys. Over the years we've seen jockeys thriving in a range of different second careers and this year's winners highlighted how former jockeys are able to apply their horsemanship skills in their new roles. The winners were announced on Racing TV by Niall Hannity and George Baker and then were presented with their awards at Cheltenham Racecourse where they enjoyed an afternoon's hospitality and received their trophies from Richard Davis' family. We are extremely grateful for the generous and ongoing support of our sponsors.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!



**THE JOCKEY CLUB**  
**THE JOCKEY CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD £3000**  
**JORDAN VAUGHAN**

Former Apprentice with Karl Burke, Jordan has shown huge commitment to his new career as a farrier, having completed a four year Level 3 Apprenticeship at Warwickshire College. He carried out the practical elements with O'Shaughnessy Farriery in Newmarket and supplemented his apprentice's income by riding out. He also worked for many extra hours to hone his farriery skills at the forge, taking part in competitions, whilst also studying in the evenings on the theory elements. He has worked very hard in order to buy his own tools and van and now hopes he can branch out on his own developing a clientbase both within racing and other equestrian fields.

**RUNNERS UP**  
**Jake Hodson** (Garden Maintenance and Tree Surgery) and  
**Emma Sayer** (Operations Manager, Scottish Racing Academy).



**IJF PROGRESS AWARD £2000**  
**RYAN WITHEY**

Ryan rode as an Amateur jockey and had to overcome a serious foot injury in order to move forwards in his second career in equine dentistry. With the support of both the IJF and JETS he has completed a number of training courses and has been very proactive in gaining a wide range of experience with various other practitioners to build up his knowledge and skills. He is now working towards completing his case studies whilst working for Equine Dentistry South West and hopes to take his final exams this year to gain his qualification as an equine dental technician.

**RUNNERS UP**  
**Megan Carberry** (Sports & Exercise Therapy) and **Sam Welton** (Civil & Structural Engineering)

“ I have had to work hard to get where I am but I honestly love my second career. I have two brilliant bosses and it's really great still being involved with horses. I've gained so much knowledge from so many people and I was pleased to be able to share my day at Cheltenham with former jockey and equine dentist Fred McKenna who supported me so much when I was making the decision to switch careers. ”



**BHA DEVELOPMENT AWARD £1000**  
**THOMAS WILLMOTT**

Conditional to Sue Smith, Thomas has worked hard on all aspects of his riding, improving the technical and tactical aspects with his Coach Brian Harding, developing strength and fitness with a personal trainer as well as attending Jack Berry House and also speaking to PJA Performance Psychologist Aodhagan Conlon to help with the mental side of his performance. Alongside his riding, Thomas has also been developing a dual career using JETS whilst injured to fund some initial courses as he works towards qualifying as a funeral director, a career he wants to pursue after he stops riding. During quieter periods he has also gained work experience with a funeral directors close to where he is from in Scotland.



“ I couldn't be more delighted to have won this Award. My partner is pregnant and I feel this sets me up for an exciting new chapter in my life. I could not have got where I am now without the support of JETS. Financially they've been a huge help but Phil and Lisa have also been incredibly supportive over a long period of time. ”

