

RICHARD DAVIS AWARDS RESULTS: DALY TAKES GRIFFINS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Alan Daly, a Firefighter with Surrey Fire and Rescue was announced as the winner of the 2010 Griffins Richard Davis Achievement Award on the Sunday of The Open meeting at Cheltenham.

This was the 15th year of our Awards which recognise the effort, initiative and forethought which jockeys and former jockeys put into developing new careers. Alan received his trophy and £2,500 training award from Terry Boothby, a Partner at long term sponsors, Griffins. 36 year old Alan Daly who rode over 200 winners, from over 3,500 rides, on the Flat sensibly planned well ahead for life after race riding, setting his heart on becoming

a Firefighter. He took advantage of training in IT, lorry driving and media skills whilst still a jockey; subsequently adding security and First Aid qualifications to his CV.

"Alan epitomises everything JETS is about. He has shown incredible focus in order to achieve his ambition. Despite a very challenging application and training process, plus a long wait for a vacancy to come up, he has never once wavered from his choice. He was going to become a Firefighter, no matter what," explains Kevin Darley, PJA Chief Executive and one of the Award judges.

"The training was by far the hardest thing I've ever had to do both physically and mentally but I love every second of my new job. I can't thank JETS enough. Lisa helped me to find my way around the fire service recruitment system, with my applications and preparing me for the various tests and job interviews," ends Alan.

SEE INSIDE for More about the Award, including a full list of the nominations and photos from the day.

COOPER TAKES INJURED JOCKEYS FUND PROGRESS AWARD



This year's Injured Jockeys Fund Progress Award (worth £2000), was also presented at Cheltenham. It went to former jump jockey-turned Farrier, **Liam Cooper**, who was judged to have made the most progress in developing a second career.

Having ridden 182 winners over jumps (many for Jonjo O'Neill) -and most notably being associated with the horse, Intersky Falcon - Liam had his race riding career cut short in 2004 by serious injuries and recurrent concussion. He turned to JETS for guidance on how to become a farrier, his second choice of career - the training for which is extremely rigorous and takes a minimum of four years to qualify.

"Liam's application was impressive because it shows that, with hard work and the right sort of help, jockeys can come back from serious injuries to shine in other spheres. We very much see it as one of our roles at the IJF to ensure the long-term well being and self-sufficiency of jockeys once they retire and wish Liam every success in his next goal to become an approved training farrier, so that one day he can take on and train his own apprentice farriers," comments Lisa Hancock, judge and Chief Executive of The Injured Jockeys Fund.

"I have enjoyed every bit of my apprenticeship and am hoping to concentrate on racing yards where I can put my jockey experience to good use. Being self employed, this award will enable me to invest in my business for the future," adds Liam.

NEW ROLE FOR CARRIE

January will see **Carrie Ford** start a new full-time role as Northern Regional Education Officer for the BHEST Racing to School programme. She will be based both at home and on the road. "I'm absolutely thrilled with this. I've been working as a freelance for BHEST over the last few years and this is a wonderful opportunity for me to get my teeth into a full-time role," explains Carrie. JETS has assisted Carrie with her professional and career development, including career coaching and media training. Racing to School supports the learning of up to 10,000 children each year in a range of National Curriculum subjects and sparks knowledge and understanding of the sport of horse racing.



TALENT FOR EMPLOYERS



"Alan and Liam are two shining examples of the pool of talented jockeys, now available to employers. Jockeys are so much better equipped for life after race riding and the result is that they are more confident about making the transition, getting braver in their second career choices and have better prospects. We would love to speak to more businesses (both in and outside racing) who could use our services and benefit from the talent we now have on our books," comments Lisa Delany for JETS, following the Richard Davis Awards".

RICHARD DAVIS AWARDS CHAT



- Alan's achievements were summed up when Lisa Delany told guests that for any one vacancy in the Fire Service, they typically get 2000 applicants.

- Liam was thrilled to catch up with Ian Balding, who gave him some of his first rides as a jockey and presented him with the Injured Jockeys Fund Progress Award.

- Trainers, Jonjo O'Neill and Clive Cox were among those who came along to congratulate Liam and Alan on their award wins.

- In fact, the O'Neill family were there en-masse to cheer Liam on, including Liam's girlfriend, Gill and brother, Joe.

- Alan Daly delighted Channel 4 Racing presenter, Alice Plunkett (and others!) by wearing his formal Firefighter uniform on the day, with Alice commenting on air that she 'can never resist a man in uniform'!

- It was amazing that Alan found time to attend the presentation and take part in interviews, considering he fielded over 60 texts during the day (and was in danger of running his phone battery out). One of his favourite texts was from his Mum who had seen him on the telly and said he looked like a film star!

- Ann and John Davis (Richard's parents) and his brothers, Andrew and Stephen were all there to support our winners, in Richard's memory.

- Thank You from JETS to: Griffins, The Injured Jockeys Fund, Cheltenham Racecourse, Channel 4, RUK and photographer, Gavin James.

Griffins Richard Davis Awards 2010 - Nominations: "THE GRIFFINS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD"

1. VICTORIA BEHAN (24, Thirsk, North Yorks)

Race Riding Career: Apprentice jockey based with Dandy Nicholls (2005-7) 13 winners from 98 ride.
Reason for Retirement: To start a family with partner (jockey, Silvestre De Souza)
Career Development: Graduated with a BSc Hons degree in Equine Science from Bishop Burton College and now a Training Assessor at The Northern Racing College.
JETS support provided/Training undertaken: Career Coaching & JETS Scholarship for her degree studies.



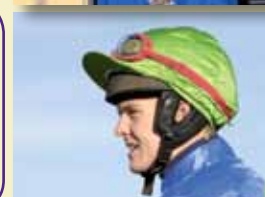
2. ALAN DALY (36, Marlborough, Wilts)

Race Riding Career: Flat jockey (1994-2009). 200+ winners in the UK from over 3,500 rides
Reason for Retirement: Fewer opportunities.
Career Development: Now a Fire Fighter with Surrey Fire & Rescue Service.
JETS support provided/Training undertaken: Career Coaching, IT training, Media training, LGV Class 1&2 driver training, Security and First Aid qualifications.



3. JAMES DIMENT (30, Stratford-upon-Avon)

Race Riding Career: NH jockey (2005-9) 22 winners and 357 rides as a professional (and 21 previous amateur wins).
Reason for Retirement: Fewer opportunities.
Career Development: Now a Landscaper, working in his own business (Ecological Landscape).
JETS support provided/Training undertaken: Career Coaching, Plant Machinery, Trailer Towing, Chainsaw, First Aid & Marketing Training.



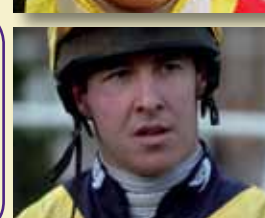
4. DALE GIBSON (42, Wetherby, W Yorks)

Race Riding Career: Flat jockey (1984 - 2009) 528 winners from nearly 10,000 rides.
Reason for Retirement: To open up different career opportunities/natural progression.
Career Development: Now PJA Industry Liaison Officer and racing consultant.
JETS support provided/Training undertaken: Career Coaching, Media, Groundsmanship and IT training.



5. OLLIE McPHAIL (34, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos)

Race Riding Career: NH jockey (1999-2008). 128 winners from over 2,000 rides.
Reason for Retirement: Fewer opportunities so planned ahead to gain work experience whilst still riding
Career Development: Initially part time, then full-time and now the Lead Education Officer for the BHEST 'Racing to Schools' programme.
JETS' support provided/Training undertaken: Career Coaching, IT Skills, Child protection and First Aid in the workplace, ICS Diploma in Plumbing.



6. **DAVID O'MEARA (33, Malton, North Yorks)**

Race Riding Career: NH jockey (1998 - 2009). 126 winners from over 1,500 rides.
Reason for Retirement: Always had planned to make the jockey-trainer transition and planned ahead.
Career Development: Now training from Nawnton, North Yorks.
JETS' support provided/Training undertaken: Career and interview technique coaching, NVQ Level 3, BHA Trainers Modules and LGV Driver Training.



7. **PAUL PHILLIPS (34, Axminster, Devon)**

Race Riding Career: Amateur jockey (1993-2003) and Injured Jockeys Fund beneficiary .
Reason for Retirement: Injury in a race at Exeter (March 2003).
Career Development: Now a qualified Farrier.
JETS' support provided/Training undertaken: Career coaching, Key Skills (English & Maths), Apprenticeship in Farriery.



8. **SHASHI RIGHTON (36, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk)**

Race Riding Career: Flat Jockey (1994-2005) 37 winners from over 1,400 rides.
Reason for Retirement: Fewer opportunities. Shashi was the first working jockey to simultaneously hold an agent's licence until he gained the confidence to retire from race riding completely.
Career Development: Now an established Jockeys Agent.
JETS' support provided/Training undertaken: Early career coaching , Business start-up training



“THE INJURED JOCKEYS FUND PROGRESS AWARD”

1. **CHRIS CALLOW (24, Penrith, Cumbria)**

Race Riding Career: Conditional/Amateur jockey (2005 – 2008) 4 winners from over 100 rides.
Reason for Retirement: Injuries and fewer opportunities combined.
Career Development: Now runs his own saddlery business and is a Jockeys Valet in the North.
JETS support provided/Training undertaken: Bridlework, Saddlery and Saddlery repair courses, website and digital photography courses.



2. **NICK CARTER (26, Maryland USA)**

Race Riding Career: Conditional jockey (2001 – 2007) 11 winners from over 200 rides. Apprentice jockey (2000 – 2001).
Reason for Retirement: Weight issues and limited opportunities.
Career Development: Now a freelance broadcaster for BBC World Service and Steeplechase Times.
JETS support provided/Training undertaken: Career Coaching; JETS Scholarship for TV production course USA.



3. **LIAM COOPER (31, Carlisle)**

Race Riding Career: NH jockey (1996-2004), 182 winners from 1357 rides.
Reason for Retirement: Serious injury, recurrent concussion.
Career Development: Now a fully qualified Farrier having just completed a four-year Apprenticeship.
JETS' support provided/Training undertaken: Career coaching, NVQ Level 3 in Racehorse Care & Management and Apprenticeship in Farriery.



4. **BRUCE DOWLING (46, Cheltenham, Glos)**

Race Riding Career: NH jockey (1984 – 1992) and Injured Jockeys Fund beneficiary, over 100 winners from 550 rides.
Reason for Retirement: Career ending head injury.
Career Development: Now a Sports Therapist.
JETS support provided/Training undertaken: Fitness Training Diploma and Therapy/Sports Massage.



5. **MARK NICOLLS (29, Banbury, Oxon)**

Race Riding Career: NH jockey (1998 – 2008), 34 winners from 845 rides.
Reason for Retirement: Career ending head injury.
Career Development: Now a helicopter pilot working towards his commercial licence.
JETS support provided/Training undertaken: Career Coaching and pilot training courses.



6. **BEN SWARBRICK (25, Shifnal, Shrops)**

Race Riding Career: Apprentice/Flat Jockey (2002-7) 66 winners from 1,000 rides.
Reason for Retirement: To give him a more rounded lifestyle and open up different career opportunities.
Career Development: First JETS candidate to be accepted on the BHA Graduate Scheme – now working for the Racecourse Association.
JETS support provided/Training undertaken: Training grant for 'Access to Higher Education' course and Scholarship for BSc in Psychology (Leeds University)



7. **RICHARD THOMAS (30, Andover, Hants)**

Race Riding Career: Flat jockey from 1997 and still riding.
Career Development: Learning new skill of barbering to bring in income on days when not race riding.
JETS support provided/Training undertaken: Career Coaching and Barber Training.



Who's training now

These are just a few of the jockeys who have recently trained in or are currently investing in their future by acquiring new skills:

NAME	COURSE
Gihan Arnolda	C & G Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery
Keiran Burke	BRS Trainers Module 2
Chris Callow	Introduction to Shoemaking
John Carroll	IT Skills
Keith Dagleish	BRS Trainers Module 2
Bruce Dowling	BTEC Diploma in Sports Massage & Injury Rehabilitation
Carrie Jessop	ACCA
Keith Mercer	NVQ Level 3 in Racehorse Care & Management
Kristin Stubbs	BRS Trainers Module 2; NRC Trainers Module 1
Simon Whitworth	LGV Driver Training Class 1 – Artic
Christian Williams	IT Skills



Keith Mercer



Christian Williams

JETS NEW DVD GETS THUMBS UP FROM JOCKEYS

The new edition DVD (Staying Ahead of the Game), which showcases the various ways jockeys and employers have used JETS and what they think of the scheme, has been well received by jockeys. Jockeys were given the opportunity to win FREE RUK subscriptions by answering a competition question based on the DVD. There was just one lucky winner - National Hunt Jockey, Adam Pogson. Congratulations to Adam.



If you are a jockey or employer and have not yet received a copy of the DVD, please email lisa@jets-uk.org to request one.

Congratulations to:

- **Simon Whitworth** who has gained his LGV Class 1 (Artic) Driving Licence.
- **Stuart Payne** who has completed his course with Future Fit Training and is now a qualified Personal Trainer working in Crewkerne.
- **Ben Swarbrick** who starts in a full-time role at the Racecourse Association in January, following his BHA graduate placements (full story in the next issue)

JETS On-course

Lisa will be based in the Weighing Room before racing (or in the following areas) on:



Jan 06 Southwell	Feb 03 Wolverhampton
Jan 13 Hereford	Feb 10 Kempton
Jan 20 Ludlow	Feb 17 Ffos Las
Jan 25 Sedgefield	

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2010 HIGHLIGHTS

We thought we'd take a look back at JETS' 15th year of operation to mark just a few of the landmarks reached in 2010. Congratulations to all those who took the step to start training, found the jobs they wanted and started to plan ahead in any shape or form.

January: Dale Gibson starts as Industry Liaison Officer for the PJA

February: Kim Tinkler receives Distinction grades in her Open University Law degree exams

March: Paul Phillips becomes a fully qualified farrier

April: Ben Swarbrick becomes JETS' first candidate to win a place on the BHA Graduate Programme.

May: Mark Nicolls ('Magnus') becomes a fully qualified private helicopter pilot and continues on with his training for a commercial licence.

June: JETS experiences the highest level of demand ever for training courses, processing as many as 11 training grant applications in one day alone.

July: David O'Meara starts training and goes on to score over 20 winners in the first 3 months.

Declan McGann wins a Michael Osborne Equine Business Scholarship, enabling him to start a degree course in Ireland.

August: Tolley Dean becomes first JETS candidate to train in chimney sweeping.

September: Robert Thornton makes the most of injury time to train in IT and media skills with JETS and starts his weekly column in The Racing Post.

October: Richard Thomas becomes first JETS candidate to train in barbering skills to build his own barbering business to combine with his race riding

November: Alan Daly wins the Griffins Richard Davis Achievement Award. Liam Cooper wins the Injured Jockeys Fund Progress Award.

December: Carrie Ford lands the role of BHEST Northern Regional Education Officer (starting January 2011)

JETS wishes all candidates, employers and supporters a Merry Christmas and hopes that the Journal stories continue to inspire others to achieve and use JETS' services.



Forthcoming Training Dates

The next dates for key racing-related courses coming up can now be found online at <http://www.jets-uk.org/notices.htm>