

# THE JETS JOURNAL

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## Out Soon - New Edition DVD

Jockeys: TWO FREE RUK SUBSCRIPTIONS TO BE WON



Mick Fitzgerald

Hayley Turner

Jason Weaver

Martin Dwyer

Alan Daly

These jockeys are all among those featured on a new version of the Jets DVD out soon.

Even if you saw the last one (produced 3 years ago), it's definitely worth another look. The newly edited version includes comments from former flat jockey, **Alan Daly** on his transition from jockey to fire fighter and former NH jockey, **James Diment** on how he planned ahead to run a landscaping business. It also features **Alan Dempsey** and **Paul Robson** with footage supplied courtesy of Channel 4 Racing.

**Dale Gibson** and **Robert Thornton** are two who have had a chance to preview the DVD. "It covers a real cross section of the different careers jockeys are choosing to follow and it

really hooks you in," commented Dale. "I remember the first DVD only vaguely, to be honest, so this all looked fresh and features a good cross section of jockeys including names many will have heard of. Watching it while I was injured meant I probably took more notice of it, as I was keen to make best use of the time and stay busy," added Robert.

### Jockeys' Competition:

All fully licensed jockeys will receive a complimentary copy of 'Staying Ahead of the Game' in the post and, in a following 'Question of Sport-style' observation quiz, will have the chance to win one of two free RUK subscriptions. Full details will be posted on the JETS website and Facebook page.

## Two jockeys land new educational roles

2009 IJF Progress Award winner, **Victoria Behan**, continues to move her career forward having been recruited in July as an Assessor at The Northern Racing College, straight after graduating from Bishop Burton College. "I am really enjoying it. It's so rewarding working with the youngsters coming through and helping them find placements in the yards. I am so grateful to JETS who encouraged me to explore career opportunities at The College," comments Victoria.


Meanwhile, **Ollie McPhail** has been appointed Lead Education Officer for BHEST having been working on their Racing to Schools programme since 2006, first on a freelance basis and then, as a Regional Officer.

"I am looking forward to the challenges my new role will present, working in partnership with racecourses and their local schools to develop further ideas to link education and racing. One of the highlights of a Racing to School day is the chance to meet the jockeys. So, thank you to everyone who spares a few minutes of their time to chat when they see us at the races," says Ollie.



Ollie McPhail with his students

## Calling Employers



Do you want to recruit highly motivated individuals, capable of working under pressure..? Then, take a look at our new 'Employer' edition of the DVD explaining how you can benefit from JETS' employment services and make significant savings on commercial recruitment costs. JETS would be delighted to hear from any employers interested in receiving a copy.

## Strange but true:

### It's a snip for Thomas



**Richard Thomas** is combining his race riding with training in barbering, aiming to build his own mobile

barbering business in the Andover area where he lives. "I wanted to learn a skill which would enable me to earn income on the days I don't have rides. It seems an unusual choice I know, but my father and brother are both barbers so it's a business we understand as a family. It's got me back into the swing of learning and I am now really enjoying it," he says.

### Sweeping success for Tolley

Former jockey, **Tolley Dean**, has embarked on a new career as a self-employed chimney sweep in the Warwickshire area. "People usually laugh when I tell them what I am doing but it's something I have always wanted to have a go at and I could see the opportunities. I rode out my claim but was then struggling with my weight and I am hoping that I can combine my new skills with a gas engineering apprenticeship. But, for the moment, the sweeping keeps me out on the road and is helping to bring in a secure income. People are always looking for chimney sweeps," explains Tolley.

# Bulletin Board

## Who's training now

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

NAME	COURSE
William Biddick	LGV Driver Training
Keiran Burke	NVQ Level 3 in Racehorse Care & Management BRS Trainers Module 1 & 3 Pest Control Operatives Course
John Bryan	BRS Trainers Module 1 & 3
Keith Dagleish	Media Training
Silvestre De Sousa	Chimney Sweeping
Tolley Dean	Basic Chainsaw Use
Bruce Gibson	GCSE Science
Luke Kilgarriff	Access to Higher Education Diploma NRC Trainers Module 3
Anthony Ross	Barbering Skills
Richard Thomas	IT & Journalism Skills & Media Training
Robert Thornton	Media Training
Freddie Tylicki	LGV Driver Training
Charlie Weaver	European Computer Driving Licence
Padge Whelan	NVQ Level 3 in Racehorse Care & Management
Simon Whitworth	LGV Driver Training – Class 1
Christian Williams	IT Skills

## Jockeys embrace need for media training



Sam Twiston-Davies, Paddy Brennan, Tom Scudamore, Denis O' Regan, Tom O'Brien; with Lesley Graham

Racing For Change, in association with the Professional Jockeys Association and JETS, hosted two media training days (one in the North and one in the South) in September. Jockeys were put through their paces by Channel 4 Racing's Lesley Graham, Jonathan Bacon of Speak the Speech, and Gerry Hunt from Gerry Hunt Media Services.

Ten of our top jump jockeys attended, with demand for places high as jockeys increasingly recognise the importance of communicating well across television, radio and other media. Thanks go to Cheltenham Racecourse for very kindly hosting the day in the south.

Denis O'Regan attended the Southern course and commented: "I always feel fairly happy when being interviewed but now I see the great benefits of speaking with real passion, conviction and confidence. It was a very good day and I would like to do more media work to promote my career."

"All aspects of the day were useful, especially the use of body language when speaking. It was very enjoyable and I learned a lot," added Graham Lee, a delegate on the Northern course.

## Forthcoming training courses

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

## JETS On-course

Lisa will be based in the weighing room before racing (or in the following areas) on:

27 Oct Haydock	18 Nov Newmarket Area
02 Nov Kempton	23 Nov Lingfield
04 Nov Newmarket Area	29 Nov Newmarket Area
08 Nov Southwell	08 Nov Wolverhampton



## What they said:

**Robert Thornton on injury time:**

“I can assure you that I'm still fully committed [to race riding] – all I want to do is get back to doing what I love. However, it makes sense to look ahead.”

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## Congratulations to:



Liam Cooper



David O'Meara

- **Ben Swarbrick**, the first JETS candidate on the BHA Graduate scheme, who has now been given a 3 month work contract at The British Horseracing Authority
- **Liam Cooper** who is now a fully qualified farrier based in the Cumbria area, having completed his apprenticeship over the last five years.
- **David O'Meara** who has had a fantastic start to his training career with over 20 winners on the board since his start in July.
- **Wayne Burton** who took a two day course in wheelchair tennis in Swindon this Summer.
- **Padge Whelan** who starts a BSc Hons Equine Management (Business) course at The Royal Agricultural College this month.
- **William Biddick** and **Charlie Weaver** who have gained their LGV Class 2 Driving Licence.

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