



Griffins Richard Davis Awards 2010

Appendix A: **SHORTLIST** (in alphabetical order within category)

"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 rides

Reason for Retirement: To start a family (Victoria now combines her study with the care of her child with partner (jockey, Silvestre De Souza)

Career Developments: 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 Degree

2. ALAN DALY (35, 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, 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 accordingly

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 in 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 Masseur and Personal Trainer

JETS support provided/Training undertaken: Fitness Training Diploma and Therapy/Sports Massage Training

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 on a 3 month contract with the BHA

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