



Griffins Richard Davis Awards 2011

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

“THE GRIFFINS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD”

1. **JAMES DIMENT** (31, 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 Achievements: now a Landscaper, working in his own business (Ecological Landscape). In third year of successful trading.

JETS support provided/Training undertaken: Career Coaching, Plant Machinery, Trailer Towing, Chainsaw, First Aid & Marketing Training

2. **GUY LEWIS** (36, Newport, Wales)

Race Riding Career: Former NH Jockey (1992 to 2000); previously an amateur rider. 78 winners.

Reason for Retirement: Lack of opportunities

Career Achievements: until latterly a successful freelance broadcaster; has now realised a long-held ambition to become a BHA Judge

JETS support provided/Training undertaken: computing, media, groundsmanship and LGV qualifications; with career coaching and job search advice.

3. **DAVID O'MEARA** (34, Malton, North Yorks)

Race Riding Career: NH jockey (1998 - 2008). 126 winners from over 1,500 rides.

Reason for Retirement: Always had planned to make the jockey-trainer transition and planned ahead accordingly

Career Achievements: Now in second season as a salaried racehorse trainer (both codes) based in Nawton, North Yorks. Trained 50 winners in first calendar year including a Group 2 and listed hurdle race. Has trained over 40 winners in second year and reached the top 30 in the trainers listings. Currently has 60 horses in training.

JETS support provided/Training undertaken: NVQ Level 3, BHA Trainers Modules, LGV training, career and interview coaching.

4. **BEN SWARBRICK** (26, originally from Shropshire)

Race Riding Career: Apprentice 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 Achievements: First JETS candidate to be accepted on the BHA Graduate Scheme, now a Racing Assistant with the RCA.

JETS support provided/Training undertaken: Training grant for 'Access to Higher Education' course and Scholarship for BSc in Psychology (Leeds University)

5. **NATHAN WILLMINGTON** (37, Weymouth, Dorset)

Race Riding Career: Former Conditional jockey (1993-2000). 121 rides.

Reason for Retirement: Lack of opportunities.

Career Achievements: Now a sports massage therapist and fitness coach. Previously part-time race reader.

JETS support provided/Training undertaken: Diploma in Personal Training, Sports Massage certificate, business skills, media & PR skills, career coaching.

“ THE INJURED JOCKEYS FUND PROGRESS AWARD ”

1. **GIHAN ARNOLDA** (30, Malton, North Yorks)

Race Riding Career: Apprentice jockey (1998-2002); Flat jockey (2007-9). Over 200 rides/6 winners

Reason for Retirement: Bad race riding accident at Yarmouth broke his pelvis

Career Development: Now in his third year of a Diploma in Professional cookery; has worked in Michelin starred restaurants; currently working as a Chef de Partie at the 4 star Royal York Hotel (York)

JETS support provided/Training undertaken: Levels 1,2, 3 Professional Cookery Diplomas; career coaching

2. **JOE CORNWALL** (21, Melton Mowray, Leics)

Race Riding Career: Currently still riding as a Conditional jockey and

Career Development: has successfully combined his riding with study and graduated this Summer from Warwick University with a degree in management. His ambition is to pursue a career in investment management on retirement from race riding.

JETS support provided/Training undertaken: BSc degree (as above); career coaching

3. **DAVID DA SILVA** (30, Aberfeldy, Perthshire)

Race Riding Career: Former Conditional jockey (2005-9) for Peter Monteith. Previously rode as an amateur.

Reason for Retirement: Lack of opportunities, originally moved to an Assistant Trainers role, which became redundant

Career Development: Now training to be a gas engineer and working for British Gas

JETS support provided/Training undertaken: Key skills training (English, communications, maths and higher IT) and NPA Plumbing certificate; career coaching.

4. **SAM DRURY** (22, Beverley, Yorks)

Race Riding Career: Apprentice jockey (2006-9)

Reason for Retirement: Lack of opportunities

Career Development: Now training to be a British Horse Society Riding Instructor and working in a riding school in East Yorkshire.

JETS support provided/Training undertaken: BHS Training, job search assistance and career coaching

5. **CHRIS HONOUR** (32, Newton Abbot, Devon)

Race Riding Career: Current NH jockey (from 1997). Over 1,300 rides/71 winners to date.

Career Development: Now training in equine sports massage with Mary Bromiley; hopes to work in racehorse rehabilitation

JETS support provided/Training undertaken: ITEC Diplomas in Anatomy, Physiology, Massage and Equine Sports Massage; career coaching

6. **DAVID HOWARD** (33, Edinburgh)

Race Riding Career: Conditional jockey (2000-3) with Martin Pipe

Reason for Retirement: Lack of opportunities

Career Development: Now studying for a Masters Degree in Genetics

JETS support provided/Training already undertaken: BSc Hons in Equine Business Management; career coaching

7. **LUKE KILGARIFF** (27, Horsham, West Sussex)

Race Riding Career: Apprentice & Conditional jockey (2006-9) with Simon Earle/Jeremy Gask

Reason for Retirement: Bad shoulder dislocation at Wolverhampton in 2009.

Career Development: Now studying to be a primary school teacher (4 years of university ahead of him)

JETS support provided/Training undertaken: Luke had to go back to college to gain the necessary entry requirements to study for the equivalent of 4 'A' Levels and a Science GCSE. He has also been gaining work experience in a local primary school one day a week.