

# THE JETS JOURNAL

The Newsletter of the Jockeys Employment & Training Scheme



New Year 2015 Edition

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### LISA ON COURSE

Jan 20 Wetherby  
Feb 11 Chepstow  
Feb 18 Lingfield (AWT)

### JETS DROP IN SESSIONS

Every Monday 2-4pm Oaksey House  
**NEW!! Last Wednesday of the month**  
at The Racing Centre, Newmarket  
11.30am – 3.30pm

### MEDIA TRAINING DAYS

21 Jan 12.30 at York Marriott Hotel  
16 Feb 12.30 at Oaksey House

### TRAINING COURSES

2 – 6 Feb The Racing Industry Course (BRS)  
3 – 5 Feb Assistant Trainers Course (NRC)  
15 – 18 Feb Advance Racecourse Groundstaff  
Management (York Racecourse)  
16 – 20 Feb Trainers Module 1 (BRS)  
24 – 26 Feb Racing Secretaries Course (BRS)  
02 – 06 Mar Trainers Module 2 (BRS)  
19 – 20 May Yard Managers Course (BRS)  
26 – 28 May Racing Secretaries Course (BRS)

### INDUSTRY OVERVIEW SEMINAR

Takes place 3 times a year, dates TBC.  
Learn about all aspects of the industry.  
Great for networking. Register your interest  
at [info@northernracingcollege.co.uk](mailto:info@northernracingcollege.co.uk).

# LAUNCH OF 'FRIENDS OF JETS' INITIATIVE



In 2015 JETS is looking for businesses and organisations, both within horse racing and across other industries to become Friends of JETS, officially linking them to the charity by providing careers support specifically for jockeys and former jockeys. At JETS we advise jockeys and help them acquire the skills and qualifications required for new career paths but now we are hoping businesses will step forward to help jockeys in their search for new jobs.

Friends of JETS will be able to provide jockeys with the practical opportunities to apply their skills in the workplace through work experience or placements. For jockeys unsure what to do next and who want to get

a better understanding of different career options, Friends of JETS can offer specialist advice and taster days to introduce our candidates to different career sectors.

By joining up with businesses who are aware of the potential of jockeys as employees along with the issues they face when retiring from the sport, this new initiative aims to broaden the network of support available and provide valuable assistance for jockeys taking their next step after race riding. We are delighted that both the British Racing School and the Northern Racing College have become our inaugural Friends of JETS in 2015. To read more about Friends of JETS or if you wish to become a Friend of JETS then please visit the JETS website.

## Congratulations to New Jockey Coach Trainees

JETS has assisted the BHA, NRC and BRS with the selection, interview and recruitment process for 9 new recruits for the Jockey Coach Training Programme starting in January. The jockeys and former jockeys will train over four months, attending training days at the NRC, the BRS, and will be assessed for the UKCC Level 2 Jockey Coach certification. Once qualified these coaches will take on Apprentice and Conditional jockeys as part of the BHA Jockey Coaching Programme. Cathy Gannon, John Bramhill, Nick Bentley, Kim Tinkler, Robert Bellamy, Neil Pollard, Michael Hills, and Alex Greaves have been successful in gaining a place on the training course.



### JETS 2014 IN NUMBERS...

15

Former Jockeys JETS helped into employment

3

Scholarships Awarded

120

Training courses attended

30

Racecourse Visits

65

Meetings with JETS Candidates

Onwards and upwards for 2015!

# CAREERS FOCUS

## WILL YOU JOIN OLLIE AS OUR FIRST JETS VLOGGERS?

Fancy yourself in front of and behind the camera?! JETS would like to give the opportunity to 3 jockeys or former jockeys who are starting out on a new career path to tell us about their experiences on video. **Ollie Garner** has already signed up and Luke Harvey is going to be running a workshop at Oaksey House in February (date TBC) in which he will give some top tips on how to edit your footage. As well as giving you some great media experience, it could also help you build the profile of your business. If you are interested, please contact Kate Struthers ([kate@jets-uk.org](mailto:kate@jets-uk.org))



Luke Harvey

## JOCKEY LATEST

### OLLIE ON THE ROAD...

**Ollie Garner** contacted Lisa to get funding to do his LGV whilst he was still riding. Having initially wanted to do it to earn some more money, it has spiralled into Ollie setting up his own haulage and driving business whilst still continuing his riding. With increasing competition among jockeys for the same rides, Ollie's new business works in terms of combining two careers as many of his new clients are based in racing. He delivers hay, straw and shavings to a number of yards in Lambourn as well as Newmarket and has non-racing clients too. The business also includes a driving agency which they are hoping to expand in 2015. Ollie works with two colleagues and is mainly in charge of the financial side of the business. There is a full Q&A on our website which explains what inspired Ollie to set up his new business and the challenges he faces juggling it with his riding career.



Ollie Garner (right) - Director of RSN Services

### A CAR SALESMAN YOU CAN TRUST!



Jimmy Derham

**Jimmy Derham** came over from Ireland and was enjoying a successful career as a Conditional with Seamus Mullins with over 60 winners under his belt when he suffered serious injuries in a fall at Uttoxeter in September 2011. After spending 15 months in rehabilitation he was devastated to be told he would not be able to ride again. Since then and with the support of JETS Jimmy has familiarised himself with various different working environments before finding an opportunity in Car Sales. Now based in Swindon's Car Shop Jimmy is finding that the people skills he developed as a jockey have helped him become one of the best salesmen there and with the business expanding, Jimmy is hoping that more doors will open for him in the future and he can enjoy a successful career outside of racing. For the full story of how Jimmy dealt with his injury and the life he enjoys now, please visit the Jockeys Stories page of our website.

### STUDYING HARD

**James Millman, Keith Mercer** and **Aodhagan Conlon** are all enjoying their law, accountancy and sports physiotherapy degrees respectively. More and more jockeys are returning to education and excelling. Keep up to speed with James and Keith in our News section.



Keith Mercer

For the latest news on Jockeys doing training, studies and new interesting jobs please visit the Jockey Stories section of our website.

## TWITTER/FACEBOOK

If you aren't already, please follow us/like us for training updates, new jobs, career advice, useful links, videos & Q&As. It's the best way to stay in touch and maximise opportunities even if you're only starting out on your jockey career.



Are you following us on Twitter yet? Find us at [www.twitter.com/JETS4jockeys](http://www.twitter.com/JETS4jockeys)



Richard Davis

# RICHARD DAVIS AWARDS 2014

The 19<sup>th</sup> year of our Awards, in memory of the late Richard Davis



The annual showcase for JETS, the Richard Davis Awards, were once again held at Cheltenham Racecourse on Sunday 16th November and as ever, the winners demonstrated the very high level of success achieved by JETS candidates. For the first time since 2009 there were joint winners of the Achievement Award, now in its 19th year, after the panel decided that it was impossible to separate them.

Craig Messenger, Dan Fortt and Richie Killoran

## JETS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD JOINT WINNERS

**Richie Killoran** enjoyed a successful career riding around 100 National Hunt winners before deciding that if he couldn't be the very best, he wanted to pursue success in the financial industry whilst he was still young. With the help of JETS he embarked on an intensive trading course and a series of placements before finding a role as a Fund and Investment Management consultant for Marriott Asset Management.

**Craig Messenger** rode as a conditional jockey before suffering a career ending injury. He has said how JETS gave him the confidence and motivation to pursue a second career with the police. He joined Kent Police as a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) earlier this year and has received special recognition from his employer regarding his work ethic.

## IJF PROGRESS AWARD WINNER

**Dan Fortt** spent 24 years as a jockey, winning the 1993 Hennessy on Cogent, and valet and had to overcome injury and lack of qualifications to set up his own Tree Surgery and Wood Merchant business based in Cirencester. Dan actually rode with Richard Davis and spoke to Richard's family about how much he'd hoped to win the memorial race held in Richard's name which he finished second in twice.



## WHAT THE WINNERS SAID...

**Dan:** "The last six years have been a difficult time for my family as I have undergone seven operations from a shoulder reconstruction to a recent hip replacement. During this time JETS and the IJF have provided both moral and financial support that has enabled me to start my own business and build a life for my family."

**Richie:** "I appreciate the recognition I have received from winning this award and it's great to see other retired jockeys going into such varied careers. I am grateful for the support from JETS over the years which has made my career transition much easier than I anticipated."

**Craig:** "To become a PCSO I had to complete a series of written tests and practical exercises. I have been trained by experienced officers who have taught me the skills I need to help identify criminals, deter anti-social behaviour and support community safety. Although I miss my life as a jockey, I really enjoy my role as a PCSO as it gives me the opportunity to give something back to the community."

## WHAT THE JUDGES SAID...

"**Richard** showed real initiative, moving into a totally different environment – his determination to be hugely admired and met the key criteria 'in spades'."

"**Craig** is clearly very determined with a clear vision and altruistic attitude with an achievable and focussed career path."

## JETS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD REMAINING CONTENDERS:

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| Simon Elliott  | Owner of Plastering and Property Management Business |
| Jake Payne     | Recruitment Consultant                               |
| Richard Thomas | Estate Agent   |

## IJF PROGRESS AWARD REMAINING CONTENDERS:

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| Richard Hawkins | Trainee Accountant                   |
| Keith Mercer    | Accountancy & Finance degree student |
| Carrie Needham  | Accounts Manager                     |

## Who's training now

Here are just a few people who are investing in their futures, demonstrating the range of opportunities which are available to jockeys:

NAME	COURSE
James Millman	LLB (Hons) Law
Carrie Jessop	ACCA P6
Harry Haynes	LGV Driver Training
Aodhagan Conlon	BSc Psychology
Micky Fenton	Basic Plumbing
Robert Lucey-Butler	Electrical Installation Year 2
Nathan Sweeney	Level 3 Site Carpentry Course
Mark Bradburne	SAGE Training
Gino Carezza	Basic Plastering

## New For 2015! Jets @ The Racing Centre



Lisa at the Racing Centre

Now fully refurbished, The Racing Centre in Newmarket offers a fantastic range of facilities and services and now jockeys will be able to come and get advice from JETS there too. Lisa will be there on the last Wednesday of each month so please do drop in and see her.

## Happy 25th!

The BHA Graduate Programme celebrates its 25th year in 2015. With more and more jockeys now studying for degrees, this is a great way into the industry. Phil Kinsella, Ben Swarbrick and Colm Sharkey have all completed the course in the past.

## Grant Funding Secured



Department  
for Culture  
Media & Sport

JETS is delighted to have secured £30,000 from the British Horseracing Grant Scheme, administered by the British Horseracing Authority on behalf of the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. This money will fund the provision of educational and vocational courses for jockeys in 2015/16.

## New Ideas?

Do you find this Journal useful? Is there other content from JETS which you would like to read about? Send us your feedback to [news@jets-uk.org](mailto:news@jets-uk.org)

## Goodbye For Now



Sandy Thwaites

**Former JETS PR Manager, Sandy Thwaites looks back at her time with JETS and passes on some top career planning tips for jockeys for the New Year:**

Having handed over the JETS promotional reins to Kate Struthers, I just wanted to say how proud I am to have been involved with JETS from the very start (back in 1995!) and, more importantly, proud of what so many jockeys have achieved after moving on from race riding.

It really is a different world now. When we started there was no doubt that jockeys would not want to be seen taking JETS advice. Now, I think there is a far greater understanding of the sense it makes for jockeys to have a lifelong career plan to help secure their future. Attitudes have changed and thank goodness.

I am sure I will see you around on-course whilst working on other projects and I hope to stay involved with JETS too, offering marketing training to those of you looking to start or grow businesses.

### SANDY'S TOP 3 CAREER TIPS FOR 2015:

And, before I go now and as the New Year is upon us, here are my top 3 career planning tips for jockeys:

- 1) Promise yourself you will make contact with JETS at least once in 2015, even if you have only just started out and even if only for an informal chat with Lisa in the weighing room. It's never too early to start investing in your future.
- 2) Don't despair if you don't have a clue what you would do after race riding. It's still worth making contact with JETS to learn new (or improve your) skills which will help you in both your jockey career and after race riding.
- 3) If you do think you would like to run your own business, remember you don't just need a website, it's crucial to have a business plan first. JETS can help with self-employment as well as finding jobs.

## CONTACT JETS

The best way to keep up to speed with the latest jobs, career advice and training opportunities is to follow us on Twitter or like us on Facebook so if you're not already, please do!!



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