



THE JOCKEY CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FINALISTS 2020

1. OLLIE GARNER

Age: 32

From: Broadway, Gloucestershire



Second Career: Owner, Cotswold Forage (<https://www.cotswoldforage.co.uk/>)

Race Riding Career: Rode in Point-to-Points and Amateur races before gaining both a Conditional and Apprentice Licence from 2008 to 2014 with over 240 rides plus 150 rides Arab racing.

Career Development: Ollie used his LGV training through JETS to supplement his income through driving whilst still riding. He then set up a hay and bedding company along with a good friend using his family farm, Cotswold Forage, in 2015 using his extensive contacts made through racing to develop his client base, delivering goods all over the country. As well as delivery, the business now produces over 100,000 small bales of hay, haylage and straw. As well as this the business this year has continued to diversify providing equine flooring and also getting involved in food distribution allowing the business to expand their fleet of lorries to five vehicles with the sixth on the way. He is in the process of recruiting more drivers and is on track to exceed £1.5 million in annual turnover. Ollie is also working towards his commercial helicopter flying qualifications. His long-term aim is to be one of the main forage suppliers and haulage contractors for the equine and racing industry, enabling him to be in a position to attract other former jockeys into the business.

Ollie said: "I have utilised contacts I made within the industry to promote our business and the general advice given by JETS has helped me with confidence to approach people, and given me the knowledge of how to run a business successfully."

JETS Support/Training Courses: JETS Consultation, Training Advice, Career Guidance. Road Haulage Association Transport Manager training, LGV Driver, Media and Sage training.

2. KYLIE MANSER-BAINES

Age: 36

From: Kent

New Career: Firefighter & Retraining of Racehorses



Race Riding Career: Rode as an Amateur from 2004 winning the De Beers Diamond Race before turning Apprentice in 2006, retiring from the saddle in 2011. She had 49 winners (22 of which were in the UK) out of 364 rides also in Malaysia, America, France, Austria and Jersey where she was Female Champion Jockey in 2009 and 2010.

Career Development: Kylie always had been interested in firefighting as a career but when she stopped riding as a jockey, she was able to maintain a connection with racing by retraining and rehoming racehorses which over the years she has built up into a successful business. She kept in contact with JETS who were able to help her with the lengthy and detailed application process for the London Fire Brigade. To become a firefighter, Kylie undertook a rigorous intensive eleven week training programme and is now working full time at Forest Hill Fire Station. She continues to carry on the two careers alongside each other with her shift work for the Fire Brigade allowing her to continue successfully rehoming between 50 and 60 racehorses a year, using an extensive network of contacts she established during her riding career. She is now listed as one of only 10 RoR Accredited Rehoming Centres and many of her horses have gone on to enjoy careers in British eventing, show jumping, dressage and polo.

Kylie said: “I’ve found that many skills I had as a jockey have helped me as a firefighter as you have to be a good team player to stay safe and get on with people. You need to be quick thinking working in a dangerous profession and look out for each other and you have to be brave to ride horses and to go into fires.”

JETS Support/Training Courses: JETS Consultation, Training Advice, Career Guidance and Job Search Assistance. Trailer Towing & LGV Licence Training.

3. JOHN PRITCHARD

Age: 40

From: Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire

New Career: Owner, Charbel Blinds (<https://www.charbelblinds.com/>)



Race Riding Career: Rode first as an Amateur before turning Conditional. Had c. 270 rides and 11 winners, including 2 point-to-point wins.

Career Development: John was at a career crossroads in 2009 when he was approached by a local owner who had supported him in his riding days to work for his Cotswolds-based Blinds company. As he developed a wide range of business, manufacturing and installing skills for this type of business, John also started working part time for Racing to School, an education charity which provides free outdoor learning activities to children on racecourses. Having researched the industry thoroughly, John decided to set up on his own establishing Charbel Blinds based in Ross-on-Wye in June 2018. The business is thriving and expanding with a £260k turnover and showing good profit during the first 2 years of trading. John has provided training to develop two members of staff who he now employs.

John said: “With careful planning, good back up in store, and a flexible approach I can continue my Racing to School work alongside my business, something which was important to me when I started out on this path.”

JETS Support/Training Courses: JETS Consultation, Training Advice, CV Preparation. Shutter Training, PTLLS (Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector Course), LGV Driver Training.