



Recently retired from his post of Riding Master for the Household Mounted Regiment, Richard's wide experience is now available to all.

In his military life he was responsible for all the mounted operations in London over several years. He has had to demonstrate skills in training of both horse and rider to the highest standard, exemplified each summer by the consistent brilliance of the Mounted Regiment on Parade.

His training methods draw on not only on his military background, but also a lifetime of practical experience in show jumping and eventing at the top level.

He is a sympathetic coach, with a knack of identifying problems and suggesting ways to improve the understanding of horse and rider. It does not need saying that his standards are exemplary, both in his management of horses and people.

His skills have most evident to me (in my role as Chef de Mission and Chairman of Selectors) as Chef d'Equipe of the National 2 star event team, responsible for the selection, training and management of horses and riders. The standard of the event has been rising steadily over the decade or more that he has been in this role, but the British team's performance has more than kept pace, achieving a bronze medal this year only inches behind the gold. I put this down to Richard's commitment, skill and diplomacy: a rare set of qualities.

He is equally at home talking to senior businessmen about leadership, teaching a novice to ride, helping to solve intractable horse and rider problems at a high level, or developing team spirit in an equestrian team.

I wish him well in his new life applying his skills to the civilian equestrian community.

Sir Robert Hayman-Joyce
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