

# From the Horse's Mouth



## A Newsletter for The Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC

### Stable Notes

Hello again everyone, and welcome to our new members.

My most important announcement is of a change in leadership of the HAC Light Cavalry. We extend our congratulations to **Captain Reg Howe** who has assumed command of the unit. **Captain Jeremy Page** continues as 2i/c. We would also like to extend our congratulations to **Lt. Christopher Robinson** who has assumed the role of Adjutant and to **Mr. Simon Waters** as Cornet and remount officer.

Capt. Howe has requested that a committee be formed to represent the interests of the Supporting Riders.

This new committee comprises of; Kirsty Grant, Sadie Hartley, Lisa Hutton and Catherine Smith and Kate Robinson (Ed. of Horse's Mouth).

If you wish to bring a matter to the Committee's attention would you email me on [chrlondon@aol.com](mailto:chrlondon@aol.com) or telephone me in the evenings on 0207 935 1094.

Laurie Evanson-Goddard has taken over as Membership Secretary from Christopher Robinson. He has prepared a welcome pack outlining all the facilities/rules and regulations at Flemish Farm. These are now being given to all new Supporting Riders. A number of these packs are available at Flemish Farm and we invite existing members to take one.

The hardest thing about learning to ride is the ground

### Forthcoming Events : 2004

**9th October:** HAC LC Uniformed Services Show at the King's Troop RHA in St. John's Wood followed by a dinner/dance at Armoury House

**27th October:** Tony Lomas Clinic, Flemish Farm

**31st October:** Foxcote Team Chase – Simon Waters and Fred Southey are planning to enter two or more military teams for this cross-country event. Bring a picnic lunch and support them both. It is an excellent course on the Vestey estate near Andoversford Glos. – about 1hr 40

mins. from the M25.

**8th December:** Drinks Party and Photographic Presentation at Armoury House, London.

**13th November:** Lord Mayor's Show

**24th November:** Tony Lomas Lecture/demonstration, Flemish Farm

**28th November:** Christmas Show Jumping competition, Flemish Farm

**Saturday 11th December:** Light Cavalry Christmas Party at Bisley

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## New Members

At the behest of the HAC Court of Assistants, the Light Cavalry Board now require all new supporting riders to familiarise themselves with the HAC by means of a visit to Armoury House.

Dates for such visits are announced in each issue of the Horse's Mouth. Please bear in mind that attending a function such as a the drinks party on the 8th November count! Guests of supporting riders are also most welcome and we would encourage them to participate in these visits.

A very warm welcome to our new members who joined since June:

Claes Andreassen

Georgina Duits  
Kristina Fredberg  
Sharon Gamble  
David Halford  
Paula Hiltonen  
Anne Hoskins  
Ann Hutchins  
Lisa Hutton  
Corinne MacDonald  
Claire Marsden  
Susanna McCausland  
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Deborah Pratt  
William Szelazek  
Kate Turner



## Communication

This plea comes from Christopher Robinson—he needs your help! He recently made 40 phone calls asking for your e-mail addresses only 3 people bothered to reply!

The idea behind his call was to improve communication amongst the Supporting Riders so that we can send out information about events and newsletters in an efficient cost effective manner.

Further, I know that many of us are happy to volun-

teer time to help out at the various events we organise and to help in the stables if the team are short-handed. Since the Horse's Mouth only comes out (hopefully!) 3-4 times a year a lot of information that would enhance your participation at Windsor is not getting to you.

So please, if you have an e-mail address would you let Christopher know on :

chrlondon@aol.com

## Introductory offer— Free Hacking

Introduce a new Supporting Rider and earn a free hack !!

We need more riders to keep 12 horses at Flemish Farm. For each new rider you bring to us who signs up as a member we will give you a FREE 2 hour hack!

This offer begins when you receive this Newsletter.

Just ensure that your name as introducer is on their completed application forms. What could be easier? (Unfortunately because of insurance constraints new riders must be over 18yrs).

## Light Cavalry Support for Families of HAC Members Serving in Iraq

The HAC Active Unit has about 60 men and women serving in Iraq – the first time the HAC has had mobilised troops serving under its own cap badge since the Second World War. We have also had individuals serving in Bosnia and Kosovo.

The families and partners of our troops suffer concerns for the safety of their loved ones while on active duty, and uncertainties about the future are amplified.

There is so much disruption to normal family life. The HAC under the supervision of its full time Families' Welfare Officer, does all it can to support these families and The Light Cavalry wishes to do its bit. Ac-

cordingly, we have invited adult family members of our serving troops to ride for free at Flemish Farm.

We have developed this programme with financial assistance from the HAC Welfare Fund designated for such purpose. Naturally we hope in due course, with the conclusion of military service, that all will continue as Supporting Riders.

The existing Supporting Riders also offer our warmest welcome to the families and partners of the HAC Active Unit. I know that everyone who reads this will try to make their visits as welcome, fun and safe as possible.

## Side Saddle Evening with Claire Lewis

The side-saddle demonstration given by UK champion Claire Lewis was well attended. Claire began with an elegant demonstration of how it should be done on her own horse. She then tacked up Greenwich and encouraged anyone who was willing to get up and have a go! Her instruction is marvellous and a short five minute practice left most of the participants eager for more!

One outcome of the evening though was to discover that some of the side-saddles at Flemish Farm need attention which is currently in process. A schedule of lessons will be published shortly.

If you wish to be included in future plans for group lessons/solo lessons in side-saddle. We need to have you on our contact list so please be sure to advise Sadie Hartley on Mrs Sadie Hartley, Naphill House,

Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill, High Wycombe, Bucks HP 14 4RL or [sadie@HartleyTaylor.co.uk](mailto:sadie@HartleyTaylor.co.uk)



Kirsty Grant tries side-saddle

## Driving Evening on 10th September

Over 40 people turned up for the inaugural meeting of the Light Cavalry Transport & Driving Troop at Flemish Farm on Friday 10 September. Colin Henderson, Head Coachman at Buckingham Palace gave the keynote address, and Georgina Frith (British Ladies four in hand Driving Champion) treated us to a fine display of four in hand driving.

Jeremy Page (2 i/c and O/C transport and driving group) will shortly be meeting with those members of the Light Cavalry and others who will be providing the horses vehicles and instruction so that we can start driving at Flemish Farm.

## Change of Command in the Light Cavalry

Major Roy Sanders has relinquished command of the Light Cavalry after 8 years. During this time he led it to the strong and vibrant unit it is today. At the same time Philip Wright our Squadron Sergeant Major retired

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to these gentlemen. Their extensive contributions resulted in the presenta-

tion of the Royal Warrant presented by HM the Queen in April.

To recognise their achievements they will be "dined out" at the HAC Light Cavalry Christmas Party at Bisley.

## Lord Mayor's Show: 13th November

This is the most important date in the HAC Light Cavalry's calendar. They have the traditional honour of escorting the new Lady Mayoress (Mrs Fiona Savory) in her carriage during the Lord Mayor's Show.

We would encourage everyone to take their families along to cheer "our boys" as they make their way along the parade route.

We also need volunteers to help out with the horses.

Help is needed getting the horses ready both in Windsor and at Armoury House at the beginning and end of the parade. Also when the new Lord Mayor and

the whole parade stops at Law Courts, the Light Cavalry dismount and horse handlers are needed.

Please contact Christopher Robinson if you are able to volunteer some of your time on:

0207 935 1094 or on [chrlondon@aol.com](mailto:chrlondon@aol.com)

# Uniformed Services Show at St. John's Wood

This is an opportunity for Supporting Riders to visit the HQ of The King's Troop RHA who are famous for their horse drawn guns and for the Royal Salutes in Hyde Park. The HAC Light Cavalry have invited service men and women from Europe and the UK to participate in a jumping competition at the RHA in St John's Wood. Spectators and volunteer helpers are most welcome from the Supporting Riders. There is no cost: however, because of security, you must complete and submit the application form below. The competition begins at 9.00am.

The competition is followed by a dinner/dance at Armoury House. This is the perfect way to end a very jolly day in London. Alas this is not free! - but is a wonderful opportunity to meet the competitors in luxurious surroundings.

**APPLICATION TO ATTEND THE UNIFORMED SERVICES SHOW – AT THE KING'S TROOP, RHA, ORDNANCE HILL ST JOHN'S WOOD, LONDON NW8 SATURDAY OCTOBER 9th at 9.00am.**

To: C.H. Robinson, Flat 5, 15 Portman Square, LONDON W1H 6LJ

GUESTS

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FROM

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ADDRESS

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TEL

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E-MAIL

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**Please ensure that you and your guests carry photo ID otherwise you will not be allowed to enter King's Troop HQ. You may park your car on the parade ground.**

**APPLICATION FOR TICKETS FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES SHOW DINNER, AT ARMOURY HOUSE, CITY ROAD, LONDON EC4 SATURDAY OCTOBER 9th**

To: C. Robey 12 Marius Road London SW17 7QQ

I would like to book [.....] place(s) for The Uniformed Services Show Dinner Dance and enclose my cheque made payable to: **Light Cavalry HAC** for £[.....]... **Tickets £56 per person.**

**The dress for the event is gentlemen should wear a mess dress or dinner jacket and "commensurate" for the ladies.** The time is 7.15pm for 7.45pm

Name: .....

Address: .....

Telephone number ..... E-mail.....

**My guests are (Please print names and styles/ranks clearly). If including rank please indicate if male or female.**

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Please advise of any dietary requirements. No tickets will be issued for the dinner, but please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope if you would like confirmation of your reservation.

# Drinks Party and Photographic Presentation: November 8th

Do not miss this opportunity to visit Armoury House, the Regimental Headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company for a drinks party and "Pageantry and Performance" a celebration in pictures of the Household Cavalry, presented by the award winning photographer Henry Dallal. Mr Dallal won the radio 4 "Britain at 6.00am" photo contest with the picture below of the Household Cavalry in Hyde Park. This presentation has been shown at Windsor Castle and in the United States. His photographs are scheduled to appear in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington DC.

The cocktail party is only £20 per person and drinks of wine, beer and our "featured cocktail" are included in the price. It will start at 6.30pm in the Long Room of Armoury House, City Road, London. The nearest tube stations are Liverpool Street and Moorgate. There is free-parking available but this must be arranged ahead of time as all names and registration numbers must be given to the security gate.

Please invite your friends and spouses. All money raised for this event goes towards the upkeep of our horses. **The dress for the event is gentlemen should wear a jacket and tie, "commensurate" for the ladies.**



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**APPLICATION TO ATTEND THE SUPPORTING RIDER'S of the HAC LIGHT CAVALRY DRINKS PARTY AND PHOTOGRAPHIC PRESENTATION – AT ARMOURY HOUSE, CITY ROAD, LONDON EC4 MONDAY NOVEMBER 8th**

To : Christopher Robinson, Flat 5, 15 Portman Square, London, W1H 6LJ

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at £20 each for Cocktail Party and Video Presentation at Armoury House, 6.30pm in the Long Room on November 8th 2004.

From: .....

Address: .....

Telephone Number: .....Email .....

Guests (please include rank/decorations): .....

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I wish to bring my car to Armoury House the registration number is :

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**I enclose a cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ payable to Light Cavalry HAC**