

From the Horse's Mouth



A Newsletter for
The Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC

Stable Notes

We have quite a lot of news to get through since our last newsletter.

The most recent news would be that with sadness we say goodbye to Jon and Carly, our grooms, as they move on with their careers to new jobs. Yet with every cloud there is a silver lining and we welcome our 2 new additions to the fold, Zoe and Kerri, who are quickly getting to know the horses and continuing the good work Jon and Carly were doing.

We also have said sad goodbyes over the last few months to some well known and dearly loved horses from the Yard.

Ruby has taken her well deserved retirement and is enjoying her last days doing nothing but bossing about those around her at The Home of Rest for Horses.

Armada has gone to a Supporting Rider in Kent where he is living the life of Riley and taking life at a pace that he dictates (not always plodding around—he's been known to throw in a little buck to show his enjoyment of his retirement!)

Hudson has gone to a home in Somerset with a friend of the manager of The Home of Rest and has settled in well, hacking a bit and happily relaxed.

Jake has just this weekend gone to live with Paula, a Supporting Rider who had him on loan during his time at Flemish, in Sussex. Jake is living out and receiving the much needed 1:1 attention, and Paula has the horse she loves dearly!

So, where we have lost a few we have also gained a few new horses too!

Amos—the 17h dark bay gelding has been with us quite a while now, and has made a great impression, doing fantastically with Carly in the Side Saddle quadrille at Cornwall this year. Amos was presented to us, along with another great Light Cavalry Horse—Larry, by Major Roy Sanders Officer Commanding, the Light Cavalry 1996-2004.

Tiger Sox—the gorgeous 17h chestnut gelding on working livery with us, owned by Ashish Singh. If you can sit to that trot I take my hat off to you! Latest news - Ashish has just passed his exams and is now a Special Constable with the HAC Special Constabulary - well done!

Richard the LionHeart—a 17h dark bay gelding, recommended to us to us by Stan Watts, one of our Supporting Riders and paid for through the great kindness of Richard Feldman, one of our Supporting Riders who lives in New York who when he can come to ride with us when he is in the UK.

Skipper—a 17h grey gelding, purchased by Christopher Robinson

Shirley—another 17h grey gelding, our most recent addition, presented to us by Mr. Nick Hart of Aylworth Gloucestershire .

Forthcoming Events : 2006/07

11th November Lord Mayor's Parade
9th December Bisley Christmas Dinner
17 December Flemish Christmas Show
24/26 December Christmas Eve / Boxing Day Hack
14th January Laura Richardson Dressage Clinic

We would encourage all supporting riders to attend these events. Please visit the website for the most up-to-date list of events.

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Xmas Eve / Boxing Day Hack

A reminder to all of you that we will be doing a Christmas Eve and Boxing Day Hacks again this year.

What better way to spend the morning before / after Christmas than a leisurely hack in the wonderful Windsor Great Park nipping in to the pub for some mince pies and a beverage of your choice?

It is based on a first come, first served basis—so be quick, book in! Please contact Caroline at Flemish to get your name down.

Time: 10am
Place: Flemish
Duration: 2 hours
Cost: £37

Skill At Arms Course

Skill at Arms is when you engage a target using a lance or a sword.

At Flemish Farm we are looking to run a course on a Sunday afternoon. There is a limited amount of spaces available, so if you are interested please contact Caroline ASAP.



Paul Allison—Tent pegging

Loan System

You may or may not be aware that we do a loan system for the horses. For a fixed monthly sum you will get your loaned horse guaranteed when you want to ride, with hacking and schooling as part of the sum and lessons at a good discounted rate.

The horses we have available for loan at the moment are:

Bleu, Richard, Amos, Shirley and Larry.

If you are interested and want to know more about this system please contact Caroline at the Yard.

Flemish Farm Christmas Show, Sunday 17th December

- CLEAR ROUND - HEIGHT 2" and 3"
- TOP SCORE – Various Heights
- MUSICAL RIDE—Ridden by Staff and Clients
- GAMES

There will be a class for every level of rider, even if you haven't jumped before, so don't be shy! Get your name down and let this be your first jump competition! Impress others with your style and dig out those costumes!

COSTS:

CLEAR ROUND—£8 PER CLASS

TOPSCORE—£10

GAMES—£5

Contact CAROLINE at Flemish Farm to Enter.

FUN DAY TO BE HAD!!!!!!



Royal Cornwall Show— 8—10 June 2006

What a fantastic event! We arrived at Flemish on Wednesday the 7th June early in the morning, packed up all our gear, loaded the horses (yep, we even managed to persuade Oz to get on board!!) onto the huge horse box and set off on our way.

Our campsite at Cornwall was perfectly placed, with excellent facilities and nicely arranged. Each of our horses arrived to a nice bed and lots of hay. With some amount of nerves the riders went off to our accommodations at RAF St Mawgan for some sleep in preparation for our first big day, leaving the site and horses in the care of our trusty night guards.

Each day we had 2 showings of our Musical Ride and Skill at Arms display. Each day the sun rose early and we quietly mucked out, fed, groomed and made much of our horses in preparation. As the sun reached its hottest, and the wind rose our horses and riders left our base immaculately turned out. Our Musical Ride and Skill at Arms team worked together magnificently, performing outstandingly well on every showing. Our trip was not without some mishaps however! The word "bandages" is now a swear word and must never be uttered again! Don't ask! A couple of the horses had moments of stage fright. However, every rider showed themselves more than capable of handling those moments even if their hearts were pounding!

We rode out with pride to escort the Lady Mayoress of the City of London accompanied by the Pikemen escorting the Lord Mayor. What an amazing opportunity to be given to escort the Mayoress at her own home county show!

Larry was a star, loving the attention, helping with Farrier demonstrations each day which were organised by the Worshipful Company of Farriers to whom the Light Cavalry HAC is affiliated.

We were all very lucky to be invited to dinner at the amazing Place House in Fowey, Cornwall. It has been the home of the Treffry family since the 13th century and is not open to the public, and is an amazing historic piece of architecture. The event was joint hosted by Jonathan & Sarah Treffry and General Sir Richard & Lady Trant. General Sir Richard is the former Colonel Commandant of the HAC and former president of the Royal Cornwall Show. Jonathan Treffry's grandfather, Colonel Treffry, took the 1st Battalion HAC to France at the beginning of the First World War in September 1914. What an amazing privilege to be invited to such a dinner in the company of such people! Some of us found our way to the kitchen (how is it kitchen's are always the place people end up?!) where we made much of some gorgeous puppies! One of which managed to sneak its way into Copper Howe's handbag... now how did that happen?!

Each time I help on a parade I watch them ride out with shivers of pride down my spine! This was no exception! It was a true privilege to be part of this event!

There is a video and lots of photo's available to buy on request. Photo's will soon be uploaded onto the Light Cavalry website for you to see and order any copies.



I don't really want to go to Cornwall... says Bleu!



Above: the Light Cavalry with the Lady Mayoress.

Left: Paul riding Rusty who is showing off his advanced dressage movements with a beautiful piaffe!

Below: The Light Cavalry, Friends and Supporting Riders at RAF St Mawgan

Bottom: View from Place House, Home of the Treffry's



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On Sunday 8th October I decided to take on the challenge of 45 minutes with Laura! What did I have to lose, apart from my dignity and pride as a rider?! I was kindly allocated Ebony who, despite a distracting head-throwing habit, has the most beautiful paces... however, my hopes that Ebony would help me look good with little effort were not realised.

The 45 minutes that I shared with Lesley (riding Amos) were hard-work. We worked on hand position and contact with the horses mouth, learning the importance of consistency, relaxation and what to do when the horse isn't listening—or is throwing her head around constantly! It was a very rewarding session in which I got a comment from a spectator "it was good to see you RIDE instead of just sitting there!" - which I took to be a compliment... although I'm not so sure!!

Laura's teaching style was direct, and rewarding—she didn't let us get away with anything and by the end of our session we left feeling like we'd learnt a lot, and had lots more to learn. Definitely something I would do again!

Good News for those who missed this date, there is another date coming up on January 14th 2007. For further information about the date, please contact Caroline at Flemish Farm.

Generals Inspection September 16th 2006

Flemish was busier than ever on this day as we prepared for the General's Inspection. It went fantastically—the Musical Ride was executed with great precision and class, and the Skill at Arms provided the great adrenalin rush as our horses enjoyed themselves galloping several passes and their riders picking up lots of pegs!

The General was most impressed with the turn out of all our horses and men for another year running. The Polo match provided much entertainment, refreshments provided by Mrs Tracey Allison were much appreciated, and once again another parade with the Light Cavalry going well and much enjoyed by everyone there.

Application for the Light Cavalry Christmas Dinner on 9th December, at the HAC Shooting Lodge, Bisley, Surrey

We would encourage everyone reading this to sign up as soon as possible to the Light Cavalry Christmas Dinner, it's a very popular event and tickets go quickly! It is a great party—a great opportunity to meet your fellow riders and catch up on all the gossip! The food and entertainment are fantastic!

The price of a ticket is £38.

For further information and application forms please contact Caroline at Flemish Farm.

Uniformed Services Show October 21st 2006

On Sunday 21st October, Paul Allison and Christopher Robinson took Amos and Richard to compete in the Annual Uniform Services Show. It wasn't to be our year, as we discovered that Richard is not an "away" competition horse—but he jumps beautifully at home! Apologies to Christopher who had to suffer the bruises to body and pride in discovering this small fact! Well sat to Paul Allison as Amos decided he was too nervous to enter the ring and decided to stand up before agreeing to be led in! However, the 3rd member of the team—Trooper Fred Southey on Herbie—did exceptionally well finishing up in the ribbons in both the individual results and in the Fault and Out Competition! All good fun, as usual! The HAC Active Unit won the team event! Well Done!

