

From the Horse's Mouth



A Newsletter for the Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC

July 2008

Stable Notes

Hello again, and welcome to new Supporting Riders.

Congratulations to Ashish Singh and Francesca Pollara who announced their engagement on Friday 30th May. The wedding will be held on 14th November in Northamptonshire. Ashish has requested representation from the Light Cavalry and photos will appear in the Horse's Mouth in due course!

Calling all photographers. Given the popularity of this year's Light Cavalry HAC calendar, we are announcing a photo competition for next year's calendar. You are invited to submit up to three photos which convey some aspect of riding at Flemish Farm or the pomp and circumstance of one of the Light Cavalry parades (mounted or dismounted). Please see page 7 for full details. The winners will be announced in the September issue of the Horse's Mouth. We are hoping that the calendar will be ready for sale in time for the Uniformed Services Show in October. Please bear in mind that these calendars make excellent Christmas presents and all the money raised goes towards our horses. Last year we collected over £400 which bought all the horses new numnahs and rugs.

Please do remember to book your places at the Light Cavalry HAC Annual Dinner at Armoury House. It is a great opportunity to get dressed up in your finery and meet old friends and new in a very convivial atmosphere. Commissioner of Police for the City of London, Mike Bowron and his wife are the principal guests.

Finally, please do let Caroline know by email (haccl@aol.com) if you are able to help with the horses at any of the following events ; Cartier Polo (27th July) and the General's Inspection (September 13th), or indeed at any of the Skill at Arms displays in August.

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Forthcoming Events: 2008

July

24th: Annual Light Cavalry Dinner at Armoury House
27th: Cartier Polo

August

16th-17th SAA Display Ragley Hall
24th-25th SAA Display at Chetwynd House
9th-23rd Horses on holiday (dates TBC)

September

13th Annual Inspection

October

25th Uniformed Services Show followed by dinner at Armoury House.

November

8th Lord Mayor's Show

December

13th Light Cavalry Christmas Party, Bisley Hut

Feeling Down? Saddle Up!

(your mother!)



Owners and Loaners

Most of the horses at Flemish Farm are now either owned or loaned. As an owner myself I love to hear feedback on how my horse is doing—or if any strange little quirks are developing! Here is a list of owners and loaners for your information:

Horse		
Hattie	Suzie	Loaner
Guinness	Kim	Owner
Denzil	Lisa	Loaner
Ebony	Kate	Owner
Tiger Sox	Ashish	Owner
Larry	Vincent	Loaner
Shirley	Fiona	Loaner

Should anybody be considering taking a loan of a horse (Richard, Oz, Bleu and Amos are available). Please talk to Caroline for further details.

You may also have seen/heard that Dooley will be leaving Flemish Farm in September. If you wish to bring your own horse to Flemish Farm on a full livery basis—please also discuss this with Caroline.

The Horse Rangers

The Honourable Artillery Company's Light Cavalry at Flemish Farm is proud to be associated with the Windsor Horse Rangers. The Horse Rangers Association was founded in 1954 by Raymond Gordon in Shepperton and is a registered charity. Through Royal connections, the organisation was moved to the Royal Mews, Hampton Court Palace. It is an organisation for children and adults both able bodied and with special needs. It is a self-supporting, non-profit making voluntary uniformed organisation whose aim is to enable its members to become associated with, and interested in, horsemanship.

The Horse Rangers (Windsor), ride regularly at Flemish Farm on Monday and Tuesday evenings. The riding programme is organised for older Horse Rangers by Pam Swift and taught by Caroline Qusted. So far there have been over 40 riders who have "had a go" at Flemish with 30 riding regularly either every week or every 2 weeks or so. Pam Swift kindly sent me her report on activities year to date which I wanted to share with you.

By Pam Swift:

The end of the winter term in December was celebrated with some mad mounted games on the Monday night. The big horses are great fun to weave in and out of blocks, but dismounting and re-mounting from the ground without help was quite a challenge, particularly if you are riding a 17h 2!! Officers joined in, and Kobus did a round the world on 'Oz'(17h 1!), I never thought he'd face the same way again! Emma was on the forward going 'Richard' who gave me and 'Bleu' a run for our money! Nicola Smart rode the usually laid back 'Larry' who once he's cantering is almost impossible to stop! The Seniors' teams included Helen O'Leary on Bleu, Jodie Worboys on Shirley, Jennifer Crichton on Richard and Sadie Henderson on Hattie, Jodie Lenton on Denzil, Isobel Byrne on Larry and Lucie Owen on Guinness. It was great for the seniors and officers to do a gymkhana, since the last one I rode in was about 100 years ago!

There was also the Christmas show at Flemish, where our girls were star riders once again in the mounted games! Next year I hope we will have some entries in the show-jumping!

The Combined Show in the February half term was fantastic fun also. We had 15 entries, all riders were required to ride an individual dressage test and jump a round of jumps! The challenge apart from learning the test and not panicking, was to have everyone watching you – but there was great support from the 'crowd' particularly in the jumping. There were 3 jumping classes – small, medium and a bit bigger! It's amazing what a bit of competition brings and there were some jangling nerves, but everyone rose to the occasion and I think they all surprised themselves by what they achieved. Jodie Lenton won the Combined Dressage and Jumping riding 'Denzil' and 'Shirley' respectively, and Rachel Walton and Jo Bill won the Tack and Turnout putting rainbow coloured ribbons on 'Larry' who looked gorgeous! Well done to all who took part

Everyone who I have seen ride at Flemish has shown real improvement, not only in their riding, but confidence in handling the big horses, and learning how to put on all sorts of boots! Flemish Farm has also provided a work experience week for Jodie Lenton in July so our ties are being firmly extended. Keep a look out for details on the Rangers website and notice boards! With the lighter evenings we'll soon be hacking in the Great Park!



Some of the text for this article came from the Horse Rangers' Association website : www.horserangers.com

Usk: Skill at Arms Display

Report by Charles Gillow

The Light Cavalry's skill at arms display team gave four half-hour displays at the BASC Game and Country Fair at Usk over the weekend of 7/8 June. Sox, Bleu and Hattie were transported to Usk in Fred and Maddie Southey's horsebox along with Fred's horse, Herbie.



The horses were very happy to be given a couple of acres of best Welsh pasture with magnificent views and lots of entertainment from the adjacent glider site, nearby clay pigeon shoot and lots of friendly visitors. We set up camp next to the horses and there was a steady supply of bacon butties and mugs of tea for those hard at work cleaning kit or taking in the glorious sunshine.

The displays involve the use of the sword and the lance against pegs, cabbages and rings at a steadily increasing tempo and includes a short display of training the horses for pegging as well as troop drills. The aim is to educate and entertain, publicise the important role of the HAC, and raise valuable revenue. Led by our commentator, Caroline, the arena party (Tony, Maddie and Simon) were kept busy putting out the equipment and replacing the targets. The crowds were enthusiastic and responded well, especially to the team jester, Fred, who whipped up their support for the competition. Ashish Singh and Sox were teamed up with Fred and Herbie for the competition phase but the overall winners of the Peggers Plate (actually a silver painted picnic plate) were Charles Gillow and Catherine Smith on Hattie and Bleu. All the horses did well and looked splendid with their brand new numnahs. The weekend was fun for all concerned, especially Beau who appreciated all the attention and excelled in the dog agility test.

At an earlier display, at the Chiltern Open Air Museum, the team was grateful for arena support given by Debbie Pengelly and Fiona Charman. The team has a number of other displays booked through the rest of the Summer, as far afield as Shropshire and the West Midlands and if any supporting rider is interested in helping at the displays, they would be very welcome and should contact Caroline to discuss dates and arrangements.



Smith's Lawn : Queen's Cup and Windsor Cup Polo Guards

Thank you to Fiona Charman who took these wonderful photographs of the Queen's Cup and Windsor Cup Polo Guards on the 15th and 22nd June. The weather stayed fine (despite dire predictions to the contrary), and our horses all looked magnificent as they took the field under the command of Reg Howe (15th June) and Christopher Robinson (22nd June)..



Have the men scrubbed up as well as the horses? Inspection time!



Coming home



Yes, Oz really can be THIS white!

Light Cavalry HAC Annual Dinner

Armoury House, the Regimental Headquarters of the HAC, is located just outside the square mile that is the City of London. The Long Room is on the first floor and extends the full length of the original building of 1735. It has a magnificent view as all the windows overlook the Artillery Garden. It is a magnificent setting for a dinner. All Supporting Riders are invited to join members of the Light Cavalry at their Annual Dinner.

Dress for the evening is formal. For men and women in the armed services the dress is : Mess kit preferred but alternatives acceptable to the OC are : Blue Patrols, Full Dress Tunic less cross belt, sword and sabretache slings or Black Tie. For mere mortals (!) Black Tie for men and a long evening dress for women.

If you wish to drive to this event, parking is available, but please submit your car registration number with your application form.

It is a great opportunity to review the activities of the past year, meet other Supporting Riders and talk horses all evening! Please bring your friends and partners to what should be an excellent evening.

Application form: Light Cavalry HAC Annual Dinner

To be held at Armoury House, City Road, London on Thursday 24th July

I.....

Wish to attend the Annual Dinner in the Long Room on Thursday 24th July and I would like to bring the following guests:

Guests : (please include rank and decorations)

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Tel No..... Email address.....

I enclose a cheque made out to **Light Cavalry HAC** for £.....(£28 per head)

My car registration is

Please send to : Rennie Simon Coleman's Cottage, West Langdon, Kent CT15 5HQ

Photo competition: Competition! Competition! Competition!



Calling all Photographers.....

Following the success of the 2008 Light Cavalry Calendar we are planning a commercially produced, improved version this year and we would like your help....We are inviting Light Cavalry members, supporting riders and their friends and family to submit photographs for inclusion in the 2009 Light Cavalry calendar. It can be a picture of the Light Cavalry horses, people, events or even objects but should show what you consider to be the essence of the Light Cavalry.

A specially chosen group of judges will choose one photograph for each month. Each winner will receive a copy of the calendar and an overall winner will receive a special prize. The winning photograph will also appear on the front cover. All the entries will be displayed at the Light Cavalry inspection in September and the calendars will be on sale from then onwards until the New Year.

How do I enter?

Please read the full terms and conditions below before entering.

Each photograph should include a short narrative (up to 100 characters) describing the image, what it depicts and the ideas behind it and send it either:

In high quality JPEG format via e-mail to charmanfma@aol.com. Please include your name, address and telephone number **or**

Send individual photographs with your name on the back, to Fiona Charman, 4 Garrick Court, 31 Theatre Street, London, SW11 5ND with your name and contact details as above. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you would like your photo returned.

When is the closing date?

31st July 2008

If you have any queries please contact Fiona Charman on 07970 176 411 or via the e-mail above.

Terms and conditions:

Each entrant (or household) may submit a maximum of 4 entries for short-listing by the closing date of 31st July 2008.

Photographs from any year will be accepted.

Photographs must be the work of the entrant.

The contents of the photographs must not have been modified or enhanced by computer image processing technology. Cropping, lightening or darkening the image is acceptable.

Entry subject matter is limited to events related to the Light Cavalry only. Other images will not be considered.

Please provide a short narrative about your entry (100 characters).

Each entry must be accompanied by the entrant's name and address and telephone number.

No postal photographs will be returned unless otherwise stated or an SAE accompanies your entry.

Your photographs will be copyright free for use by the Light Cavalry only.

The Light Cavalry will not pass the photographs onto any other party without consulting you for permission which you can refuse.

The Judges decision is final.

Good luck!