

# From the Horse's Mouth



A Newsletter for the Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC

August 2008

## Stable Notes

Hello again, and welcome to new Supporting Riders.

First Congratulations: Beverley Cressman and Fred had a healthy baby boy, Alexander, born on 5th May (early hours). Regular riders at the Flemish Farm shows know Beverley as our (oh-so-kind-and-we-love-her-for-it!) judge. Also we have news of an engagement: Melissa (Supporting Rider and best friend to Richard!!) got engaged last month and is getting married on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Also we have a foal at Flemish Farm! Tanya's mare (Metallica) gave birth to a filly on Sunday 20th July. Both mare and foal (palomino at the moment) are doing well and are at present taking it quietly down in the grazing area.

Reg Howe asked me to pass on his most sincere thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to help out at the Polo Guards this summer. We are happy to report that at the end of the Cartier Polo, HM the Prince of Wales sought out Tony Gray (our TSM) to congratulate him on the particularly fine turn-out of both mounted and dismounted guards.

The next major event on the Light Cavalry calendar is the Annual Inspection on Saturday 13th September. This is held on the polo-ground below Flemish Farm and all the various sub-sections of the Light Cavalry are on display. We would encourage all Supporting Riders to bring their families and friends (and a picnic) and enjoy the show at this free event. (Full details overleaf)

I have been asked to draw your attention to the Uniformed Services Show dinner at Armoury House on Saturday 25th October. An application and further details are at the back of the newsletter. You are advised to book early!

Response to the calendar competition has been brilliant and we have had 43 entries. Judging is on 6<sup>th</sup> August and winners will be informed shortly afterwards. All the competition entries will be on display at the Annual Inspection and the calendars will be available by then at £10 each.

Finally, I am sure you are all aware, that for two weeks in August, we give all our horses a holiday. When you reflect on what a busy year we have had, how hard our horses work for us and what diverse things we ask them to do, I'm sure you will join me in wishing them a lovely relaxing holiday.

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## Forthcoming Events: 2008

### August

- 16th-17th SAA Display Ragley Hall  
24th-25th SAA Display at Chetwynd House  
11th-25th Horses on holiday : Starting work again on 26th

### September

- 13th Annual Inspection at Flemish Farm. Please bring the family and a picnic.  
(12.30pm-4.00pm). (No lessons available on this day)

### October

- 25th Uniformed Services Show at The King's Troop RHA at St John's Wood  
25th Uniformed Services Show dinner at Armoury House

### November

- 8th Lord Mayor's Show

### December

- 13th Light Cavalry Christmas Party, Bisley Hut

***"To Ride or Not to Ride?"... what a stupid question***

(the equestrian version of Hamlet)



## Annual Inspection : Details

The Annual Inspection is the opportunity to see many aspects of the Light Cavalry HAC in all their glory on their home turf. The dismounted troop, the mounted troop, the driving troop and the skill at arms team. Riding with the Light Cavalry this year will be the Mounted Detachment of the City of London Police. The review will be conducted by Deputy Commander London District, Brigadier David Paterson and Assistant Commissioner Frank Armstrong. The HAC Special Constabulary will be on parade with the Dismounted Troop.

Please arrive at Flemish Farm between noon and 12.30pm, park outside the gates as usual, and follow the track to the right which takes you down to the polo-field. (If you have members of the family who are not able to manage a 4-5 minute walk please discuss this with Caroline so that special arrangements can be made).

The order of events is as follows :

- TIME 1245 HAC Light Cavalry take the field  
1300 Review of the Light Cavalry by Brigadier David Paterson and Assistant Commissioner Frank Armstrong  
1345 Display of Skill at Arms  
1430 Polo Matches

Please bring your family and friends to this free event, and be sure to bring a picnic.

# The Royal Windsor Cup Polo Guard: 22nd June 2008



Hannah Wilmington kindly submitted her photos of the preparations for the Royal Windsor Cup Polo Guard.

Thank you Hannah!



## The Cartier Cup Polo Guard



It was hot! It was hard work! We missed the streakers!

...But didn't we look smart?



Photos contributed by Kate Robinson

## Awwgh!



Photos contributed by Fiona Charman

## Uniformed Services Show and Dinner

On Saturday October 25th, the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery play host to a show-jumping competition at St John's Wood Barracks. Competitors are drawn from across the Armed Services, the competition itself is organised by the Light Cavalry HAC. Indeed both the Light Cavalry and the HAC Active Unit will be putting up a team this year.

The dinner in the evening is organised so that members of the Light Cavalry and their Supporting Riders can meet the competitors who have come from as far afield as India, Oman, Argentina ,Brazil and all over Europe.

More information will be given in the September edition of The Horse's Mouth about how you might attend/volunteer your help at the Jumping Competition itself. In the meantime, if you wish to attend the dinner, and we would encourage as many Supporting Riders as possible to do so, please send in your application form overleaf as soon as possible.

## The Light Cavalry in Afghanistan

Stephen Christian Martin, Member of the HAC, is currently on active service in Afghanistan. He wrote an amusing email to Reg Howe about how he had started a Light Cavalry subdivision while patrolling with members of the French Foreign Legion somewhere outside of Kabul.

I'm sure all the Supporting Riders will join me on wishing Stephen well and we look forward to welcoming him back safely to our shores.



Stephen (left) with fellow member (above) of the LC HAC (Afghanistan Division)

# Uniformed Services Dinner at Armoury House

The HAC Uniformed Services Show Committee requests the pleasure of your company at the Uniformed Services Show Dinner on Saturday, 25th October 2008. The Dinner, with music provided by the HAC Brass Quintet, will take place in the splendour of the Long Room at Armoury House, Headquarters of the HAC. The HAC Light Cavalry will provide the Carpet Guard. This year, and in response to requests from guests last year, there will be no disco so that, after formal proceedings are over, there is more time for conversation and socialising. Please note that no tickets will be sent out for this event.

Time : 7.15pm for 7.45 pm  
Dress: Mess Dress, Blue Patrols or Black Tie. Medals will be worn.  
Carriages 0100hrs  
Tickets £50 per person

Please note that the closing date for application is 15th October 2008

**We regret that no refund for cancellations is possible after this date**

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## Application form: Uniformed Services Dinner at Armoury House

To be held at Armoury House, City Road, London on Saturday 25th October 2008

I, ..... Telephone no .....

Email .....

Wish to attend the Uniformed Services Dinner in the Long Room at the HAC on Saturday 25th October and I would like to bring the following guests:

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

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I enclose a cheque made out to **Light Cavalry HAC** for £..... (£50 per head)

My car registration is .....

Please send to : Miss Lenore Russell, 39 Highbury Hill, London, N5 1SU

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