

From the Horse's Mouth

A Newsletter for the Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC

September 2008



Beau



First some rather sad news, Beau, Caroline's beautiful German Shepherd dog, died on Thursday August 21st. He had developed a tumour which led to internal bleeding. He became ill suddenly on Thursday and deteriorated rapidly. It is a comfort to know that he did not have to suffer long.

It was impossible not to know and love Beau, who often made himself comfortable sitting in the doorway to the tack-room. He was always willing to have a chat or a pat and would love you forever if you threw a toy for him. He was a beautiful, kind and gentle dog who Caroline described as "her shadow". He was a great deterrent to anyone who might have had ideas about Light Cavalry kit, but he would probably have licked any would-be robber to death.

Our warmest love goes to Caroline who must be feeling his loss dreadfully.

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Forthcoming Events: 2008

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

**Gypsy gold does not clink and glitter.
It gleams in the sun and neighs in the dark.**

~ Saying of the Gladdagh Gypsies of Galway



Stable Notes

Hello again, and welcome to our new Supporting Riders. Also a warm welcome to members of the Civil Service Riding Club who organised and held their own jumping competition at Flemish Farm during August.

The horses have now returned from their two week holiday and most are looking rather fatter for the experience!

The Skill at Arms team has been particularly active throughout the summer having appeared at several shows, including Ragley Hall and Chetwynd Park. Supporting Riders will get a chance to see to see their display at the Annual Inspection on 13th September when all aspects of the Light Cavalry HAC parade 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.

2009 Calendar Competition Results!

The 2009 Light Cavalry Calendar photo competition attracted 43 entries from Light Cavalry members, supporting riders, friends and family. It was an overwhelming response and I can vouch for happy snappers appearing at all sorts of Light Cavalry events and venues this summer, cameras at the ready! We even had an entry from New York sent by Richard Feldman (after whom Richard the horse is named, following a generous donation allowing his purchase).

The judges had a very difficult job as the standard was extremely high and the entries varied and imaginative. Each picture was anonymous so the judges did not know who had entered. Congratulations go to the overall winner, Debbie Pengelly, with a lovely entry (see below), showing Denzil and Paul Allison tent pegging, which will adorn the front cover.



The other successful winners are Tim Jay, Catherine Smith, Tony Philpott, Suzie Flook, Jon Starink, Fiona Charman, Kate Robinson and Tony Frazer Price.

As the entries were so impressive they will all be on display at the Annual Inspection on 13th September and Uniformed Services Show on 25th October.

The professionally produced, full colour calendars will cost £10 each and will be on sale at the Annual Inspection. You will also be able to purchase them at Flemish Farm, at Light Cavalry training nights (from the Clerk) and at the Uniformed Services Show.

This is a limited edition so don't leave it too late! If you cannot attend the Annual Inspection and would like to reserve copies, please email me at Charmanfma@aol.com

The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers: Skill at Arms Display

Photos by Fiona Charman



Malcolm Johnston, Adjutant of the Light Cavalry HAC, previously served for over 5 years with the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. Like the Honourable Artillery Company, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers has its head quarters in London. To be more specific, the RRF headquarters are at HM Tower of London. The connection to the Light Cavalry came about when Brigadier David Paterson came as a guest of the Light Cavalry to our camp in the spring and recommended our skill at arms display to the current Commanding Officer of 2RRF, Lt. Col Peter Merriman MBE.

The display team comprised Charles Gillow on Hattie and Catherine Smith on Guinness, three of the dismounted troop and our stalwart volunteer helpers (special thanks must go here to Fiona Charman who arranged for a loan of horse transport). The display itself took place at the 2nd Battalion's barracks at Hounslow on 17th July. Malcolm reported the Commanding Officer's comments to me that "The display was excellent and hugely enjoyed by our local dignitaries and a bunch of heavy infantrymen. I am so glad that all were able to stay for a drink afterwards as I much enjoyed 'meeting the cast'!"



I could not resist including this lovely picture of Hattie, who is positively gleaming in the sun, at the Cartier Polo.

Perhaps the fact that the rider is the editor's husband helps a bit too!

Thank you Susie Flook for contributing this great photo

Uniformed Services Show : Saturday 25th October

All Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC would be most welcome to attend the Uniformed Services Show at St John's Wood Barracks. This show jumping competition, hosted by the Kings' Troop and organised by the Light Cavalry HAC is on Saturday 25th October. Competitors are drawn from across the Armed Services and come from as far afield as India, Oman, Argentina, Brazil and all over Europe. The Light Cavalry will be putting up a team comprising Charles Gillow, Christopher Robinson, Fred Southey and Gareth Thomas, as will the HAC Active Unit, so Supporting Riders should recognise some familiar faces.

The jumping competition starts at about 10am and finishes at around 2-2.30pm. Once the competition is over, it is followed by a curry lunch and prize-giving ceremony (tickets for lunch can be bought on the day at the forge). As always, we would love to hear from anyone who would be prepared to help on the day. I am particularly looking for people who would be able to help on the tea/coffee/mulled wine stall (always a sociable place to be! Contact me on mrsrw1h@yahoo.co.uk). Attendance at the show is free and free parking is available.

PLEASE NOTE:

Security is, understandably, extremely tight at the barracks and you must arrange for your details to be on the security gate ahead of the day. To do this please supply to me, Kate Robinson via email: mrsrw1h@yahoo.co.uk **NO LATER THAN** Wednesday 22nd October.

Full Names of all visitors

Car Registration

Make

Model

Colour

On the day, each person should carry photo id.

Also, please be advised that, as guests of the Kings Troop, you should confine yourselves to the indoor school and forge area. Please do not wander around or invite yourself on a tour of the stables (tempting as it is). The loos are signposted and please ask, if you are not sure, where you can or cannot go. Smoking is not permitted in any building in the barracks (including the forge).

We would encourage everyone to attend—especially as the future of the site as a barracks is not certain and it is a great opportunity to see a piece of history that may be about to vanish. On a personal note, I would also advise you to wrap up warm!

Uniformed Services Show Dinner

Reminder : Book your tickets!

After the show on Saturday October 25th, the Light Cavalry HAC will host a dinner at Armoury House. The evening is organised so that members of the Light Cavalry and their Supporting Riders can meet the competitors.

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.



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

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
