



# From the Horse's Mouth



A Newsletter for the Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC

December 2008

## Stable Notes

Merry Christmas everyone and a warm welcome to our new Supporting Riders.

This month we welcome two new furry friends to the stables. We have a new horse, whose full name is "World Survivor" (but will probably be called to Vivor), he is dark bay, 16 hands 3" and has already done some jumping, dressage, cross country. He is on a working livery and his new "mother" is Louise Mottola. (Congratulations Louise!). Also new to Caroline's household, and consequently the stables, is Max a 16 month old German Shepherd, who has had a sad history. He was abandoned by his previous owners and although subsequently rescued he is very skinny after his ordeal. However, he seems to be settling well into his new world of horses, humans and other doggy friends at Flemish Farm. (See photos of both of them on page 2).

November was an extremely busy month, dominated by the Lord Mayor's Show. Officer Commanding Light Cavalry HAC, Reg Howe, asked me to pass on his warmest thanks for all the help given by the Supporting Riders. Four of our horses also attended the wedding of Ashish and Francesca Singh in Northamptonshire. Despite all this socialising! the horses remain well, except for Bleu who despite being lame, is enjoying his life outside while he rests from work.

Christmas, is the time of year when we offer a huge thank you to Caroline, Kerri and Louise for all their hard work over the year. They do a splendid job looking after the horses and, I know I speak for all Supporting Riders, they are hugely appreciated. If you would like to express your gratitude in monetary form, you are most welcome to contribute to the Flemish Farm staff fund. Please send a cheque made out to Light Cavalry HAC and referenced "Staff Christmas Fund" to Christopher Robinson, Chairman, Flemish Farm Management Committee, Suite B, 15 Portman Square, London W1H 6LJ.

Finally, calling all lady side-saddlers! For the past year, side-saddle at Flemish Farm has been curtailed by time pressures as the horses were involved in so many other varied activities. However, in 2009 we hope to revive side-saddle lessons. Although this is likely to take some time, would you let me know if you would like to receive up-dates on our progress by email. Please just send your email details to : [mrsrw1h@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mrsrw1h@yahoo.co.uk).

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## Forthcoming Events: 2008/2009

### December

- 13th Light Cavalry Christmas Party, Bisley Hut  
21st Christmas Show at Flemish Farm  
23rd-30th Horse's Christmas Holiday (limited hacks available)



### February

- 5th Supporting Riders' Drinks Party at Armoury House with a slide show given by photographer Henry Dallal

**She who waits for her knight, must remember  
she will have to clean up after his horse.**

## The Newcomers!



Max—Caroline's new German Shepherd

World Survivor or "Vivor" to his friends



## The Lord Mayor's Show 2008

It was wet! Very wet! Well done though all volunteers who turned up to help with the horses during the Lord Mayor's Show. There was a wonderful feeling of camaraderie and "can do" despite the awful conditions. Our horses all performed admirably and didn't they look smart!?



# Light Cavalry 2009 Calendars

The professionally produced, full colour  
2009 Light Cavalry calendar is now available!

You can purchase the calendars in a variety of ways.

1. At Flemish Farm from the Light Cavalry office (please ask the Light Cavalry staff)
2. At the Light Cavalry Christmas Dinner at Bisley Hut on 13<sup>th</sup> December.
3. By post. Please make cheques payable to Fiona Charman and send it with the order form to the address below. Please add £0.75 for one calendar or £1.00 for two calendars add an extra £0.50p for each additional calendar to cover postage and packing. (Please allow 7-10 days for delivery)

All proceeds go to the Light Cavalry.

If you have any queries please contact Fiona Charman on 07970 176411

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To: Ms Fiona Charman, 4 Garrick Court, 31 Theatre Street, London, SW11 5ND

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ calendar(s) at £10 each and add £0.75 for one calendar or £1.00 for two calendars to cover postage and packing (p&p). If you require more than 2 please add a further £0.50 per calendar.

I enclose a cheque made payable to **Fiona Charman** for total £ \_\_\_\_\_

From:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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The HAC Light Cavalry Calendar makes an excellent  
Christmas gift.  
(and of course all the money earned goes  
towards our horses).

Merry Christmas !



## February 5th 2009 Supporting Rider's Drinks Party

We are delighted to announce that Henry Dallal has agreed to come and give us a private viewing of his photographs at Armoury House, the Regimental Headquarters of the HAC, on February 5th 2009—and that seemed to us to be a good excuse for a drinks party! Save the date!

Drinks and light snacks will be served from 7pm onwards at a cost per person of £25. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your fellow riders and learn more about the regiment that you represent. An application form will be available at the Stables and of course in your favourite publication (The Horse's Mouth!) after Christmas.

Below some further information on Henry—and we hope that you will invite your friends and family to attend also.

### Horsepower: Henry Dallal captures India's 61st Cavalry on patrol



#### Henry Dallal: the galloping cameraman

He's faced down cavalymen at full charge and can capture a shot while riding flat out. And for the past three years, Henry Dallal, the Queen's favourite photographer, has been chronicling the Indian army's horsemen at work and play. While adventurer is a term rarely used these days, Dallal fits the bill. With his weather-beaten, sun-tanned face - he is rarely in London long enough for his tan to fade before the next exotic location beckons - the 50-year-old certainly looks as though he has clocked up a few air miles. In the past year alone he's been shooting in Russia, Kenya, Japan, Qatar, Dubai and the Zaskar Valley in Kashmir.

But he first spotted the subject of his new book, India's 61st Cavalry Regiment, during the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations at Windsor Castle in 2002. 'I was blown away by the riders, so splendid in their golden turbans and cummerbunds thundering past on parade, and the immense discipline and precision of the horses,' he says.

In *Horse Warriors: India's 61st Cavalry*, his photographs document the last active mounted horsed regiment in India. It was formed in 1953, after independence, at the request of the Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, who believed it was vital to maintain a horsed regiment as a link with India's past.

Based in Jaipur, with a squadron in Delhi, the cavalry combines the strict regimental disciplines of the days of the Raj with the majestic heritage of India. Dallal's pictures capture the cavalry in the deserts of Rajasthan, on the polo fields of Jaipur and on parade at the palaces of the maharajas, who once supplied the cavalry with horses from their private armies. The troops are also seen on traditional operational duties, including border patrols at dusk and patrolling the dusty streets of Delhi.

Reproduced in part, from the Daily Telegraph website.

## Light Cavalry Christmas Party : Bisley Hut : 13th December

For those who have not attended a Christmas Party at the Bisley Hut perhaps some background would be helpful. Bisley in Surrey is the "premier shooting centre" in the UK. A number of rifle associations are based there and, as a consequence, the army uses the facilities extensively. The Honourable Artillery Company's shooting pavilion or clubhouse at Bisley Camp near Brookwood in Surrey is familiarly known to members of the Company as 'The Bisley Hut'. The pavilion was built in 1928 on land leased from the National Rifle Association. Replacing a far less grand building that had been purchased by the HAC in 1904, it was designed by the architect Burrough De Carle Jackson (1889-1968), who had served with the Company during the First World War. The HAC pavilion is considered by many to be one of the finest buildings at Bisley Camp. The Christmas Party starts with mulled wine, is followed by a traditional Christmas dinner, which in turn is followed by toasts and sometimes the odd song or recitation. It is a wonderful opportunity to dress up and meet riding friends in a convivial atmosphere. The cost is £38 per person, dress is formal, and an application form is below.

### DIRECTIONS:

#### By Car

The Post Code is : GU24 0NY

a map can be printed from the HAC website :

<http://www.hac.org.uk/html/corporate-private-events-venue/venues-at-the-hac/hac-shooting-lodge-bisley/getting-to-the-hac-shooting-lodge/>

From London take the M3 south (or the M25 to the M3), take exit 3 towards Guildford (A322) and follow signs to Bisley. Turn right onto Queens Road and then right into Kingsway at the National Rifle Association (NRA) ground. Once on the grounds, turn left into Elcho Road and follow road to the HAC Shooting Lodge on the left. There is plentiful free parking at the Lodge

#### By Rail

The closest station is Brookwood Station which is on London Waterloo main line Taxis are generally available at station.

## Application form: Christmas Party : Bisley Hut

To be held at the Bisley Hut on Saturday 13th December, from 7.30pm onwards

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

Email .....

Wish to attend the Light Cavalry Christmas Party on Saturday 13th December 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 £..... (£38 per head)

NB your application must reach Tpr Simon by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November at the latest (send to Tpr Simon, Coleman's Cottage, West Langdon, Kent CT15 5HQ or [renniesimon@btconnect.com](mailto:renniesimon@btconnect.com) Tel: 01304 826883)

