

# From the Horse's Mouth



A Newsletter for the Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC

September 2009

## Stable Notes

Hello again and welcome to our new Supporting Riders!

First of all a warm welcome to Lauren Elms and Kelly Smart who joined in August as our new grooms. I'm sure that Supporting Riders will soon help make them feel at home!

Despite it being the holiday season for the horses, all was not quiet at Flemish Farm. Supporting riders will be amazed to see a newly painted school, an immaculate yard, a re-organised saddle room and a fully functioning new office in the shape of a mobile home. HUGE thanks must be given to Dan Batsch who gave of his time to help Caroline every day over the 14 day horse-holiday. Between the two of them they have effected an amazing transformation. Well done guys!

Another thank you must also go to Julie Percival and her team of four engineers who also helped bring the new office (mobile home) to life. Unfortunately a combine harvester managed to take out the phone lines to Flemish Farm after their work was completed, which meant that we were out of contact by telephone and email until 28th August. Normal service has now been restored.

While we were all away there was a new arrival at Flemish Farm. Beverly's mare gave birth to a filly—Tia Maria who, at the moment, is enjoying life down in the lower fields. Do go down to see her if you can spare the time—she is gorgeous! We have another new horse arrival at Flemish Farm, Lady Cara, owned by Susie Flook, is an 9yrs old thoroughbred mare who will be on full livery. Sadly, we also say farewell to the lovely Hattie who is being moved to a quieter life elsewhere.

We are still looking for volunteers to help on the tea/coffees stall at the Uniformed Services Show on October 17th. If you can give 1/2hr of your time (or more) on that day please contact Fiona Charman on [charmanfma@aol.com](mailto:charmanfma@aol.com) or text/ phone on mobile: 07970 177411.

Finally, I would ask everyone to re-read the instructions on page 3 regarding the Annual Inspection. In August's edition of the Horse's Mouth there were many details which had not been confirmed. If you plan to attend, (and we would encourage all Supporting Riders and their friends and family to do so!), please arrive between 12.30 and 1pm. The event is to be held on the Polo Practice Grounds. You may drive your car directly to the Polo Practice Grounds (when you arrive at Flemish Farm take the road to the right and follow it down the hill). The event is free and children are particularly welcome.

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## Forthcoming Events: 2009

### September

6th Rehearsal for General's Inspection  
12th Annual Inspection at Flemish Farm

### October

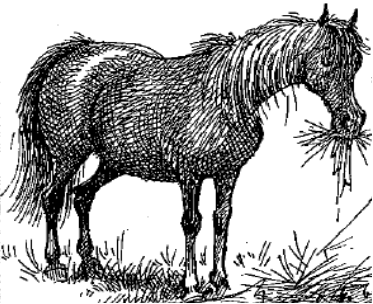
17th Uniformed Services Show : King's Troop RHA Barracks, St John's Wood  
17th Uniformed Services Show Dinner : Armoury House, City of London  
25th Cotswold Hunt Team Chase & Military Cup at Foxcote

### November

14th Lord Mayor's Show, London

### December

12th LC HAC Christmas Party, Bisley Hut  
20th LC HAC Christmas Show, Flemish Farm



**In the beginning God created heaven and earth and horses... and sometimes I have to wonder if the good Lord shouldn't have quit while he was ahead.**

(Dandi Daley Mackall)

## Message From Reg Howe

I'm delighted to be able to print the following message from Reg Howe, who wanted to say a word of thanks to the Supporting Riders as he stepped down as OC in July :

"It was marvellous to see so many Supporting Riders at the Light Cavalry dinner on July 23; and quite right too, after all, it is your dinner as well. Our Supporting Riders make an enormous contribution to the life and health of the Light Cavalry. We enjoy having you as part of our organisation and I do believe that you all enjoy being with us (even though some of those times are spent in the cold and wet of a Lord Mayor's Show day)!

As I step down from my five years as Officer Commanding I want to thank all of you for being such great friends and supporters. The Light Cavalry is in your debt.

My best wishes to all of you ... keep riding our lovely horses; and enjoy Windsor Park and Flemish Farm" .



Photograph: Sandy Rogers

## Annual Inspection : Saturday 12th September 2009

The next major event on the Light Cavalry calendar is the Annual Inspection on Saturday 12th September. This is held at Flemish Farm and all Supporting Riders and their families are cordially invited to come and watch.

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. The inspection will be conducted by GOC London District, Major General W G Cubitt CBE.

The order of events are as follows:

**Plan to arrive at Flemish Farm between 12.30pm and 1.00am.** You may either park outside the gates as usual, or if you prefer, drive to the Practice Polo Grounds. (Take the road to the right of Flemish Farm and continue down the hill).

### TIMINGS

- 1310 HAC Light Cavalry take the field
- 1330 Review of the Light Cavalry by GOC London District, Major General W G Cubitt CBE
- 1400 Lunch
- 1500 Musical Ride
- 1515 Dismounted marching display
- 1530 Skill at Arms display
- 1545 Annual Inspection ends

**Please bring your family and friends to this free event and bring a picnic.**

NB: The Light Cavalry HAC will hold a rehearsal for this event on Sunday 6th September so please note that only very limited hacking will be available to Supporting Riders on this date.

## Lenore Russell

Lenore Russell will be known to many Supporting Riders. She is not only a member of the HAC Active Unit but also is a member of the Light Cavalry HAC. For the past 6 months we have not seen much of her at Flemish Farm because she has been in training for deployment to Afghanistan.

Her Facebook updates talk of her learning to use precision target rockets and other similar alarming qualifications. She will leave the UK for Afghanistan in September for a six month tour. I'm sure all the Supporting Riders wish her well and we especially look forward to her safe return to the UK.



Photograph: Lenore Russell

## Hattie

This month we bid a sad farewell to Hattie. Hattie has experienced a spring and summer of lameness and, despite Susie's dedication to try to "get her right", it is clear that it is time to move Hattie somewhere else so that she can enjoy a quieter life. Stage One of the plan is to move Hattie to Pewsey Vale Stables where she will enjoy a further 6 months of rest and recuperation with the decision about whether she should be fully retired to be made after that. I know that Hattie has many friends and admirers at Flemish Farm and that we all wish Hattie well in her new home. The photos on the page are a tribute to Hattie who will be missed greatly.



**"Don't cry because it's over.  
Smile because it happened."**

**Dr Seuss**

# Results of the Light Cavalry Calendar Competition

## Report by Fiona Charman

This year, 32 super photographs were submitted in the Calendar Competition. I was certainly aware of many of the Light Cavalry, Supporting riders and relatives, surreptitiously clicking away at the events this year. The standard this year was spectacular and I am sure the O Group had a very difficult time choosing the final 13. None of the judges knew who had taken the photographs and they were chosen on appropriateness of subject as well as artistic merit.

The overall winner, (whose photo will grace the cover as well as one of the months), is **Maurizio Cecchini (AKA Mottola!)** with his dramatic photo of Malcolm Johnston on Guinness saluting with the sword at the Queen's Cup, Smith's Lawn, this year. Congratulations.



The other winners are:

**Debbie Pengelly** - a clever picture taken at the Society of Equestrian Artists Exhibition of Tony Gray guarding a painting of HM the Queen riding in Windsor Great Park.

**Julie Percival** - a photo entitled 'Resting' taken at one of the boiling hot Polo Guards this year, showing Robin Wilmington and Bleu resting in the shade.

**Juanita Colson** - both her entries were chosen. 1 a peaceful and atmospheric photo of the military saddles in the tack room and a silhouetted picture of Amos in the doorway of the barn.

**Peter Zanatta** - a lovely study of Hattie's head and military bridle being polished

**Jon Starink** - both entries chosen - 1 a photo of the dismounted Troop and a shot of the Supporting Riders taken at the Fox and Hounds pub!

**Caitlin Starink** (Jon's daughter) took a super photo of Hattie rearing in anticipation of the tent pegging charge at last year's Annual Inspection skilfully ridden by Charles Gillow!

**Susie Flook** took a a chance in a million shot of HM the Queen, driving past the mounted troop, taken at the opening of the new Guards Pavilion

**Su Burrows** took a lovely photo of Gareth Thomas and his mare Sally tent pegging.

**Simona Cursova** - clicked a back view of the mounted Troop returning to the yard after a guard

**Tim Jay** - a lively photograph of members of the tent pegging team galloping to the pegs

Congratulations to all the successful photographers and we hope this will encourage all Supporting Riders, friends and families to carry their cameras when they visit Flemish Farm or Light Cavalry Parades in preparation for the 2011 calendar competition!

Calendars will be on sale again at a price of £10 each and I hope it will be even more practical and impressive this year. All proceeds go towards the Light Cavalry. Last year we raised £312 that went towards the purchase of the new school surface so I hope we will make even more money this year!

# HAC Uniformed Services Show Dinner : 2009

The HAC Uniformed Services Show Committee requests the pleasure of your company at the Uniformed Services Show Dinner on **Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009**. The dinner, with music provided by the HAC trio, will take place in the splendour of the Long Room at Armoury House, the headquarters of the HAC. The HAC Light Cavalry will provide the Carpet Guard. **Please note that, to keep costs down, no tickets will be sent out for this event.**

Time: 7:15pm for 7:45pm  
Dress: Mess Dress, Blue Patrols or Black Tie. Medals will be worn. (Evening dress for ladies)  
Carriages: 2359hrs  
Tickets: £50 per person

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I (style/rank & full name)

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

wish to book .....dinner ticket(s) at £50 each for the USS dinner and enclose a cheque, made payable to the Light Cavalry HAC, for £.....

I will be bringing guests: **Please print** names and ranks and, for ranks, please indicate if male or female, to aid seating planning. Continue on separate page if necessary!

Rank/ Title	M/F	First Name	Surname	Decorations

I would like to sit **near to**:.....  
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I have dietary requirements (please give details):.....

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