

From the Horse's Mouth



A Newsletter for the Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC

January 2010

Stable Notes

Happy New Year! and welcome to our new Supporting Riders!

First some very sad news on 27th December 2009 Osaka (Oz) passed away. He had been ill for 4 days, seemingly unwilling to either eat or drink for the first two days. Although he started to drink on the 26th, he did not rally. Oz was only 16yrs old, but had been off work since August with a nasty sore on his back. He was a wonderful horse and much loved at Flemish Farm and will be greatly missed. Our sympathy must go to Laurie and Andrew his regular "parade riders". For those on Facebook there are many messages for Oz on the Light Cavalry HAC page.

Our other horses remain generally well. Vivor is out of action for a week or two. Over the Christmas holiday he developed a facial paralysis. He is expected to make a full recovery but needless to say we all were extremely anxious about him. Caroline reports that all the other horses benefited from their Christmas holiday and ate a stupendous amount of hay!

One further note, on page 5 we have added a revised list of lessons/clinics for 2010. Those of you who already know Lesley and were delighted to hear she was expecting again, should be aware that she has miscarried. I know all Supporting Riders wish to pass on our love to her at this sad time.

Oh dear, I hope I haven't depressed everyone completely! On a positive note we had a wonderful Christmas Show in December (pictures on page 4) and the Christmas party at the Bisley Hut was well attended and beautifully organised by Rennie Simon.

In 2010, we have much to look forward to particularly the new clinics (see page 5). Caroline asks that if you do wish to attend the clinics please sign up soon as they are going fast. Do check the diary of Light Cavalry dates as there will be plenty of opportunities to see our horses on parade.

Finally, "Calling all volunteers!"-Julie Percival has asked if anyone might be available to help her with cooking at Flemish Farm for the coach driving events on 17th January, 28th February and 21st March? Please email me on mrsrw1h@yahoo.co.uk if you can spare an hour for a good cause. All profits made will benefit the Light Cavalry!

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Forthcoming Events: 2010

April

25th Annual Inspection (TBC)

May

18th HAC Open Evening, Armoury House

31st Skill at Arms display: Surrey County Show

June

13th Queen's Cup, Polo Guard, Smith's Lawn

20th Royal Windsor, Polo Guard, Smith's Lawn

July

22nd Light Cavalry Annual Dinner at Armoury House

25th Cartier International, Polo Guard, Smith's Lawn

Windsor Park Equestrian Club

The Windsor Park Equestrian Club will soon be posting their forthcoming meetings on their website : www.wpec.org.uk. WPEC organise a program of dressage and show-jumping competitions throughout the Spring and Summer at Smith's Lawn. Smith's Lawn is about 45 minutes hack from Flemish Farm.

There is already a small group of Supporting Riders who put themselves forward for humiliation each year. (Competition is very stiff). However, if this is something you feel you might like to do this year please contact me on mrsrw1h@yahoo.co.uk so that we can coordinate diaries and be as fair as possible. Use of Flemish Farm horses is possible but **very limited** because the events take place on Sundays (usually a busy day).

There is a charge £ 65 for use of a Flemish Farm horse at a WPEC (unless you are an owner/loaner). Entry fees, and membership dues are the responsibility of competitors. For more information please see the WPEC website.

Light Cavalry Calendars

2010 Light Cavalry Calendars

Still only £10!

Less than 10 copies available

All proceeds will go to the Light Cavalry!



Winning cover photograph taken by Maurizio Cecchini of Malcolm Johnston and Guinness

This is your last chance to purchase the Light Cavalry Calendars as Fiona tells me that there are less than 10 left. You can purchase the calendars at any time at Flemish Farm from the Light Cavalry office (please ask the Light Cavalry staff.)

Please leave payment in the plastic pocket and not in the cash box in the office.

Cash or Cheque accepted. (Made payable to Fiona Charman.) If you have any queries please contact Fiona Charman on 07970 176411 or e-mail charmanfma@aol.com

The Flemish Farm Christmas Show

Brrr—snow on the ground, ice on the roads and a bitter wind to boot! Notwithstanding, there was an impressive turn out for the Flemish Farm Christmas Show. Those who braved the weather enjoyed a fun packed day. This year we had a new trophy to compete for, the “Hattie Trophy” to commemorate Hattie’s stay with us at Flemish Farm. This was kindly donated by Jannie Starink and Susie Flook.

Caroline had devised a tricky course—and it certainly showed who had built up to the day with a few lessons beforehand! The sartorial competition was also stiff! This year we had Frosty the Snowman, an elf, several Christmas fairies and even Santa himself competing!

Congratulations to the winners, well done all competitors, and thank you to Caroline and her team for putting on such a fun day. Thank you everyone (far too numerous to mention) who brought food, bought raffle tickets, moved jumps, etc etc. Over £60 was raised towards the keep of our wonderful horses.

RESULTS: Show Jumping : 3 foot : Hattie’s Trophy

- 1st Jan Glen and Amos
- 2nd Christopher Robinson and Amos
- 3rd Fiona Charman and Shirley

Top Score :

- 1st Jan Glen and Amos
- 2nd Charles Gillow and Bob
- 3rd Fiona Charman and Shirley

Pony club games : Winners : Team Bleu : Jan, Kate, Conrad and Nikki



Osaka (Oz) 1993-2009



Flemish Farm : New Classes



NEW EXCITING GROUP LESSONS AVAILABLE WITH THE LIGHT CAVALRY AT FLEMISH FARM

We have four new instructors available to us at the weekends, some of you will know them already. Each will be doing specific lessons and there will be something for every one. We will be starting these lessons from January 2010. They will only be once a month so book your place asap.

Jan Glen – Jan has a lot of experience with three day eventing. The lessons will be based on jumping and bringing in cross country elements too. There will be a 9.00am novice group (you must be able to walk, trot and canter) 10.00am intermediate group and 11.00am advance group available. Cost £30 per rider

Lesley Wilson – Lesley is a physiotherapist by day and will be bringing elements of this into the lessons. This is perfect for those of you that have issues with your positions that are based around old injuries. Lesley is also very good with nervous riders. There will be a 9.00am private lesson, 10.00am novice group and 11.00am intermediate group available. Cost £30 per rider and £42 for private.

Graham Innes – Graham is the Equitation Instructor (chief instructor), at Kings Troop and will be doing show jumping clinics. We have already held one and it was fully booked within 2 days! There will be 10.00am novice group lesson, 11.00am Intermediate group lesson, 1.00pm Advance group lesson and 2.00pm Advance Group lesson available. Cost will be £35 per rider.

Gary Hoult – Gary is an established dressage rider and has been teaching a few of our riders already. These lessons are ideal for those of you that want to learn more about what is going on underneath you and improve your flat work skills. The lessons will only have two riders in so places will be very limited. There will be a 1.00pm Introduction to dressage lesson. 2.00pm Introduction to lateral work lesson and 3.00pm intermediate dressage lesson. Cost £45 per rider

I will still be teaching on the weekends that we do not have these guest instructors. We have our regular instructors Clare Russell on a Monday night and Rebecca Friend on a Tuesday night and if any of you fancy giving military riding a go then we also have Danny Kendal on Thursday nights.

I hope this has wet all your whistles and you will all be reaching for those jodds!!

Dates for 2010

Jan Glen – 9th Jan/6th Feb/6th March/10th April/1st May/5th June/3rd July/7th August/ 4th Sept/2nd Oct/6th Nov/4th Dec

Lesley Wilson – 10th Jan/24th Jan/14th Feb/21st Feb/14th March/28th March/11th April

Graham Innes – 30th Jan/ 27th Feb/ 27th March /24th April

Gary Hoult – 16th Jan/20th Feb/20th March/17th April/15th May/19th June/ 17th July/28th August/ 18th Sept/16th Oct/20th Nov/11th Dec

Contact Caroline On 01753 622291 or hac1@aol.com to book in

Flemish Farm : In the snow!

Wrap up warm everyone—Spring will soon be here!



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