

From the Horse's Mouth



A Newsletter for the Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC

July 2010

Stable Notes : by Charles Gillow

May and June have certainly been busy months for the Light Cavalry! On 12th May, we supported the visit of the Queen, our Captain General, to Armoury House for her review of the Company of Pikemen and Musketeers. We were honoured to be included in their day with the Queen and given the role of dismounted guard. Just six days later we were able to take six horses back to Armoury House when we participated in the HAC's third Open Evening with a display of skill at arms and Pam Swift and Louise Mottola raising the tone by riding side saddle in the musical ride.

In mid-June we deployed with four horses to the South of England Show at Ardingly where we gave five displays over three days. This is the biggest show we have attended since the Cornwall Show with a total gate of over close to 75,000. All went well and a lot of fun was had by all. The horses enjoy being on tour and made many new friends. In between trips away, the horses have had a busy time training with Army cadets from local schools and participating in parades at Eton, Wellington, Bearwood and Sandhurst.

We have so far mounted two polo guards at Smith's Lawn for the Queen's and Royal Windsor Cups. Both went without incident and, as ever, we are immensely grateful for the hard work and patience of the supporting riders and staff who make these events run so smoothly. The last of the three Smith's Lawn polo guards will be at the start of the Coronation Cup at the Cartier International on 25th July. Perhaps England will be able to hold its own at polo if not at football!

July kicks off with two skill at arms displays at the Alton Show on the Sunday 4th and ends with two days of displays at the Chiltern Open Air Museum. Supporting Riders are very welcome to come and see us at any of these shows and we will not even ask you to help, unless you want to!

On the social front, we are looking forward to the Annual Dinner on 22 July; don't forget to make your booking with John Tunesi.

We have started a series of Sunday training sessions in preparation for the British Military Tournament which is to be held at Earls Court on 4 and 5 December. It will involve 500 troops, 145 horses, massed bands, the pikemen and musketeers and your very own Light Cavalry. The Tournament will be telling the story of the British Army from the Civil War to the present day and we will be participating in four of the scenes alongside the Household Cavalry and King's Troop so you will understand why we feel a need for a great deal of preparation! The Tournament is being mounted to raise funds for the Army Benevolent Fund.

We are very conscious of those Light Cavalry members in the Active Unit of the HAC who are deployed to or have recently returned from Afghanistan. It will be great to see a Light Cavalry team (Larry/Vincent, Bob/John, Shirley/Fiona & Hattie/Susie) in the Horse4Heroes Windsor Park ride in support of Help for Heroes on 10th July. They will be riding with Light Cavalry crested numnahs and will set off from Ascot racecourse between 1200 and 1230. Please come along and support them.

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Forthcoming Events: 2010

July

4th	Alton Show, skill at arms display
10th	Help for Heroes, sponsored ride in Windsor Great Park
22nd	Light Cavalry Annual Dinner at Armoury House
25th	Cartier International, Polo Guard, Smith's Lawn
31st	Chiltern Open Air Museum, Skill at Arms display

August

9th-22nd	Horses' Summer Holiday (no riding available during this period)
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September

26th	Family fun day and Cadet Force qualifier for the Uniformed Services Show
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October

16th	Uniformed Services Show: Held at King's Troop RHA Barracks at St John's Wood
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November

13th	Lord Mayor's Show
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Note from Caroline : Regarding riding at Flemish Farm during the summer months :

- We do not allow riders to wear sleeveless tops either in the school or on hacks.
- Please use lots of fly spray on the horses before going out hacking.

Jane Crier : Parachute Jumps for Charity

Jane Crier has been an active Supporting Rider and volunteer with the Light Cavalry for many years. Most of you will know her as Ron Barwick's trusty groom who turns out Mack and Annie, the Shire Horses, so beautifully whenever they are on display (see photo). She emailed me to say that she is doing a tandem parachute jump with the Paratroop Regiments' display team, The Red Devils, at their HQ in Wiltshire on 6th August, to raise funds for the Para Afghan Fund.

If you would like to make a donation to support her, please contact her on janecrier@aol.com



Horses 4 Heroes: Sponsored Ride on July 10th

The charity Help for Heroes was founded by Bryn and Emma Parry in October 2007 out of a desire to help the wounded Servicemen and women returning from Afghanistan and Iraq. The message of the charity is simple: strictly non political and non critical; they simply want to help. They believe that anyone who volunteers to serve in time of war, knowing that they may risk all, is a hero. To see the projects they support please visit their website : www.helpforheroes.org.uk.

On 10th July there will be a sponsored charity ride for Help the Heroes in Windsor Great Park and Ascot Racecourse and four Supporting riders will be taking part.

Vincent Savolainen on Larry
John Cookson on Bob
Fiona Charman on Shirley
Susie Flook on Hattie

<http://www.justgiving.com/Vincent-Savolainen-Horses4Heroes>

<http://www.justgiving.com/John-Cookson>

<http://www.justgiving.com/FiCharman-Shirley>

<http://www.justgiving.com/susieflook>

New readers may not recognise Hattie as she left Flemish Farm last year after retiring from her military duties. Hattie is the most wonderful horse and we were extremely sad to see her leave. Since then, Hattie has been cosseted in her retirement by Susie Flook and Bernie McGarrigle. The full heart-warming story can be read on the Horses 4 Heroes website: <http://www.horses4heroes.co.uk/news/>. We understand that Hattie may also be appearing on a BBC programme being made on the sponsored ride. (We will of course let you know more as and when more details emerge).

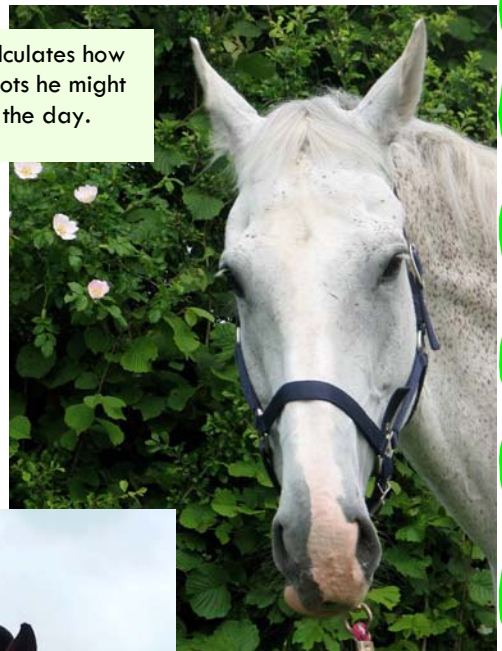
Should you wish to make a donation please visit the just giving sites detailed above.

We wish all the riders and horses a wonderful day for such a worthy cause!



Larry in "training" for the big day

Shirley calculates how many carrots he might get on the day.



Trooper Bob raring to go!



Miss Hattie practices her smile for the cameras

Polo Guard : Sunday 14th June

It was a beautiful sunny day for the first parade of the season. As always the horses were beautifully turned out by our keen Supporting Rider volunteers. The parade went off extremely smoothly with only a few bucks from Ebony at the back! (We're not sure if HM the Queen noticed)



Photos by kind permission of Julie Percival

Calendar Competition

Competition! Competition! Competition!

Dust off your cameras now!

Calling all Photographers to get snapping ... Following the continued success of the Light Cavalry Calendar we are 'doing it again' this year and we would like your help....

We are inviting Light Cavalry members, supporting riders and their friends and family to submit photographs for inclusion into the 2011 Light Cavalry calendar (2 per person.) Photos can be of the Light Cavalry horses, people, events or even objects but should show what you consider to be the essence of the Light Cavalry throughout the year. See the diary dates for photo opportunities or just snap around the yard! 'Landscape' photos are the best shape for use in the calendar—but 'portrait' photos are also welcome.

A specially chosen group of judges will choose one photograph for each month. Each winner will receive a copy of the calendar. The winning photograph will also appear on the front cover. The calendars will be on sale from the end of September 2010.

How do I enter?

Please read the full terms and conditions below before entering.

Each photograph should include a short narrative (up to 50 words) describing the image, what it depicts and the idea behind it and send it either:

In high quality JPEG format via e-mail to charmanfma@aol.com. Please include your name, address and telephone number or send individual photographs with your name on the back, to Fiona Charman, 4 Garrick Court, 31 Theatre Street, London, SW11 5ND with your name and contact details as above. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you would like your photo returned.

When is the closing date? 31st July 2010

If you have any queries please contact Fiona Charman on 07970 176 411 or via the e-mail above.

Terms and conditions:

Each entrant (or household) may submit a maximum of 2 entries for short-listing by the closing date of 31st July 2009.

Photographs from any year will be accepted and may be black and white or colour.

Photographs MUST be the work of the entrant.

The contents of the photographs must not have been modified or enhanced by computer image processing technology. Cropping, lightening or darkening the image is acceptable.

Entry subject matter is limited to events related to the Light Cavalry only. Other images will not be considered.

Please provide a short narrative about your entry (100 characters).

Each entry must be accompanied by the entrants name and address and telephone number.

No postal photographs will be returned unless otherwise stated or an SAE accompanies your entry.

Your photographs will be copyright free for use by the Light Cavalry only.

The Light Cavalry will not pass the photographs onto any other party without consulting you for permission which you can refuse.

The Judges' decision is final.

Good luck!

Flemish Farm : Group Classes Information

GROUP LESSONS AVAILABLE WITH THE LIGHT CAVALRY AT FLEMISH FARM

We have organised a number of guest teachers for Supporting Riders. Lessons take place on Saturdays. Below a brief resume of each teacher and the dates when they will be teaching.

Jan Glen – Jan has a lot of experience with three day eventing horses. 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 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.

Dates for 2010

Jan Glen 3rd July/7th August/ 4th Sept/2nd Oct/6th Nov/4th Dec

Lesley Wilson 18th July/5th Sept/12th Sept/21st Nov

Gary Hoult 17th July/28th August/ 18th Sept/16th Oct/20th Nov/11th Dec

Clare Russell 11th Sept/20th Nov

Graham Innes 11th July—**ONE PLACE STILL AVAILABLE AT 0900hrs!**

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

Light Cavalry HAC Annual Dinner : Thursday 22nd July

Armoury House, the Regimental Headquarters of the HAC, is located just outside the square mile that is the City of London. The Long Room is on the first floor and extends the full length of the original building of 1735. It has a magnificent view as all the windows overlook the Artillery Garden. It is a magnificent setting for a dinner. All Supporting Riders are invited to join members of the Light Cavalry at their Annual Dinner.

Dress for the evening is formal. For men and women in the armed services the dress is : Mess kit preferred but alternatives acceptable to the OC are : Blue Patrols, Full Dress Tunic less cross belt, sword and sabretache slings or Black Tie. For mere mortals (!) Black Tie for men and a long evening dress for women.

If you wish to drive to this event, parking is available, but please submit your car registration number with your application form.

It is a great opportunity to review the activities of the past year, meet other Supporting Riders and talk horses all evening! Please bring your friends and partners to what should be an excellent evening.

Application form: Light Cavalry HAC Annual Dinner

To be held at Armoury House, City Road, London on Thursday 22nd, July 2010

I..... (please write clearly)

Wish to attend the Annual Dinner in the Long Room on Thursday 22nd July and I would like to bring the following guests:

Guests : (please include rank and decorations)

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Dietary Requirements

Tel No..... Email address.....

I enclose a cheque made out to **Light Cavalry HAC** for £.....(£38 per head)

My car registration is

Please send to : Rct J Tunesi by **Monday 12th July at the latest** (send to Rct J Tunesi, 53 Hitchin Street, Baldock, Herts SG7 6AQ T: 01462 892062 M: 07989 976394 E: liongam@supanet.com)