

From the Horse's Mouth



A Newsletter for the Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC

August/September 2010

Stable Notes

Hello again and welcome to new Supporting Riders. As you will see in this issue we have been busy: the Annual Dinner, the Cartier Polo Parade, various skill at arms displays, sponsored rides, riding and photographic competitions. As I write, the horses are enjoying their two week summer holiday. It is a good time to pause and reflect on all our past activities and to plan our riding for the Autumn!

In the last issue of the Horse's Mouth Charles Gillow announced the Light Cavalry HAC's participation in the British Military Tournament which will be held at Earls Court on December 4th and 5th. Full details can be found on their website at www.britishmilitarytournament.com. A number of people have asked if we will be getting a group together to visit. Unfortunately there are no concession tickets for participants—however, Sharon Williamson has volunteered to co-ordinate a group outing. If you would like to attend the Show with other Supporting Riders please contact Sharon on: swilliamson@deloitte.co.uk.

We also have two points of administration:

Please note that Gary Hoults next teaching date will be Saturday 18th September 2010. We have cancelled his lessons on 28th August as the horse will only just have returned from holiday! There are only four spaces left for the 18th September, so please book in as soon as possible.

We have received a letter from Lt.Col (Rtd) George Cooper (Flemish Farm Manager) regarding security at Flemish Farm. There has been a theft of tools and a brand new saddle recently. We have been asked to make sure that NO ONE except staff, park inside the yard gates. George will have a list of car registration numbers for those allowed inside the gates. We have also been asked to keep an eye out for people that do not look like they belong at Flemish Farm. If you do see anyone who seems out of place then please do contact Caroline, Kelly or Lauren. We appreciate your help in this matter.

Finally, I heard Rennie Simon, Officer Commanding Light Cavalry HAC say that he was "in awe" of the Supporting Riders and that he did not believe the Light Cavalry would function without us. So, while it is impossible to thank everyone for their individual contribution, be it riding with us, volunteering with a shovel, taking photographs, acting as groom for the day please be aware that your contribution is hugely appreciated!

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Forthcoming Events: 2010

August

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

September

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

October

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

16th Uniformed Services Show Dinner : Held at Armoury House, London

November

13th Lord Mayor's Show

December

4th -5th British Military Tournament : www.britishmilitarytournament.com at Earls Court

Supporting Riders Volunteer in the Field!

May we extend many thanks to the hearty band—who gave of their time doing worthy work with their shovels and rubber-gloved hands in the fields this summer!

It is dirty work but it keeps the flies down and helps the grass taste sweeter.

Well done All!

Photo: Fiona Charman



Riding Hat for Sale

“ Hat For Sale”

A brand new black Derby velvet riding hat, size is 6 3/4 or 55. It was bought on the internet but is too small—hence the sale.

It cost £35 and Caroline Qusted is offering it for £20 to the first person who wants it. Please feel free to try it on when you next visit the stables.

(If you wish to offer any items for sale in the Horse's Mouth please contact the editor (mrsrw1h@yahoo.co.uk)



Horses 4 Heroes: Sponsored Ride on July 10th

Well done to Vincent, John, Fiona and Susie and to the horses Hattie, Larry, Bob and Ebony who all completed the Horses 4 Heroes Ride on July 10th. Sadly, Shirley had an accident in the field the night before the event and Kate Robinson very kindly allowed Fi to ride Ebony who was really super. Everyone managed to complete the course in time to finish with a canter down to the finishing post at Ascot Race Course. Marvellous!
If you still wish to give I believe the lines are still open as follows :

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>



Light Cavalry HAC Annual Dinner : July 22nd



A very jolly evening was had by all at the Light Cavalry Annual Dinner. It was a great opportunity to catch up with friends at the Headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company in London.

Oh those delicious uniforms!

Photos : Kate Robinson

Light Cavalry HAC : Cartier Polo



Congratulations Stephen on your first mounted parade.

Photographs : Fiona Charman

Calendar Competition

We are happy to announce the winners of the calendar competition. Fiona tells me that the standard of entries this year was extremely high. Five of our winners are members of the Light Cavalry HAC. You will be able to buy the calendars soon, (priced again at £10), from the Light Cavalry Stables and at events over the next few months. They make great Christmas presents!

Alisa Caisley (2 photographs chosen)

Jan Glen (2 photographs chosen)

Fiona Charman

Joy Montgomery

Tim Jay

Graham Oxenham

Julie Percival

Sandy Rogers (2 photographs chosen)

Maurizio Ceccini

Sandy Rogers

Tim Jay (2 photographs chosen)



Winning photo
By Alisa Caisley

The judges have also decided that Jessica Percival will be awarded a special prize as the youngest entrant, even though her photographs were not chosen. Another interesting point to note is that 2011 will be the 150th anniversary of the formation of the Light Cavalry—so what a super way for our winning photographers to contribute to this memorable year.

Civil Service Riding Club : Summer Competition

Julie Percival sent me three wonderful photographs taken at the Civil Service Riding Club dressage and jumping competition held at Flemish Farm on Sunday 8th August.



Joy on Denzil



Alice on Leo



Julie on Ebony

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.

Gary Hault – 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 4th Sept/2nd Oct/6th Nov/4th Dec

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

Gary Hault 18th Sept/16th Oct/20th Nov/11th Dec

Clare Russell 11th Sept/20th Nov

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