

# From the Horse's Mouth

March/April 2011

A Newsletter for  
The Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC



## Stable Notes

Hello again to all the Supporting Riders!

Last month saw the retirement of Denzil. Although it is sad to say goodbye, readers will be pleased to hear that he has a place at the Home of Rest for Horses, based in Speen, Princes Risborough. His days will be spent in rolling green fields or a nice warm stable when the weather dictates, surrounded by many equine friends. You would be most welcome to visit him there their website is [www.homeofrestforhorses.co.uk](http://www.homeofrestforhorses.co.uk) Supporting Riders may recall Ruby, who also went to the Home of Rest some 5 or 6 years ago, we are happy to report that she is still going strong and loving her retirement.

March 6th saw our first competition of the year, the Combined Training Day, organised by the HAC Saddle Club. We were delighted to see so many of our Supporters and friends old and new, equine and human. It felt quite a reunion. Full details can be found on pages 2.

We are also happy to announce a dressage demonstration to be held at Flemish Farm on Wednesday 20th April. Jo Parkman will ride our horses and give some insight into what it might take to ride them better.

Finally, despite the recent wet weather, we are happy to report that the rangers in the Great Park have removed the "Roads and Tracks only" restriction. So we are now free to hack "off piste" in the Park (providing you abide by all signs, rules and regulations of course!).

STOP PRESS : I'm sure all Supporting Riders will want to pass on their warmest wishes to Kelly who was involved (through no fault of her own) in a nasty car accident on Saturday 19th March. Although shaken and bruised she is expected to make a full recovery. Kelly, we miss you, come back soon!

## Dates for your Diary : 2011

April 20th	Dressage Demonstration
May 8th	HAC Saddle Club : Pyramid Trophy and John Palmer Cup Competitions
May 15th	Light Cavalry Annual Review
May 17th	HAC Open Evening, Armoury House
June 12th	The Queen's Cup, Smith's Lawn, Light Cavalry Polo Guard
June 19th	The Royal Windsor Cup, Smith's Lawn, Light Cavalry Polo Guard
July 21st	Light Cavalry Annual Dinner at Armoury House
July 24th	Cartier International Day, Light Cavalry Polo Guard

# Combined Training Competition : Results

## Classes

Class 1 British Riding Clubs Novice riding test 11 (2010)

1st place	Juanita
2nd place	Tuuli
3rd place	Andrew
4th place	Sharon
5th place	Tijana/Julie

Class 2 Combined Training – Novice 32 (2002) and 3ft show jumping

1st place	Louise
2nd place	Lyndsey
3rd place	Eva
4th place	Joy
5th place	Lauren
6th place	Susie/Nigel
8th place	Vincent

Class 3 Novice 32 (2002) (dressage only)

1st place	Kate
2nd place	Jan
3rd place	Vincent
4th place	Kelly
5th place	Juanita

It was such a cold and bitter day, so credit must go to our judge and her team of writers who bundled up in the school and somehow kept warm. Thank you so much for your kind and constructive comments. Well done, also to Caroline and her team who ensured that the horses all looked marvellous and performed as well as their riders would allow! Also huge thanks to Jan who put the whole thing together—it ran like clockwork.

Congratulations to the winners—and most especially to Larry to managed to score better than his stable-mate Benson in the dressage. Vincent is perplexed!

It was so lovely to see so many old friends equine and human and to see new faces joining in the fun. Remember that the Combined Training is preparation for the second HAC Saddle Club competition the Pyramid Trophy and the John Palmer Cup later in the year. So keep practising in those classes!

Date of the HAC Saddle Club John Palmer Cup and Pyramid Trophy Competitions:

**SUNDAY 8th MAY**

## Denzil : by Caroline Quested

The 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010 was a day of very mixed emotions, it was the day for Denzil to retire from the Light Cavalry and go to the Horse Trust in Speen.

I have known Denzil for 10 years and bought him to the Light Cavalry when I was first started in 2005, as I knew he would fit right in, which he certainly did. He turned out to be one of the best parade horses, attended many pegging displays, took a side saddle and most importantly taught a lot of people to ride and jump. I would say 90% of our riders have ridden Denzil at some point.

Denzil could be a naughty boy in the stable with new riders and would then act very sweet and innocent as soon as a member of staff walked into his box, we couldn't help but smile sometimes! On the other hand he was so forgiving in the school; I have spent many hours teaching beginners upwards with him and it will be very hard to find a horse that has his patience.

The Horse Trust is a charity that takes working horses, for example Police horses, Army horses etc. after their working life and gives them a home for life. They are not ridden and there are 120 acres of turnout for them. Please visit their website for more information - <http://www.homeofrestforhorses.co.uk/News2011/Long-Serving-Army-Horse-Retires-To-The-Horse-Trust/>

Denzil will be missed everyday by us but he is now having a fantastic retirement which he fully deserves.



A fond goodbye—with a few human tears shed ! Denzil seems more interested in the rolling green—spring grass!

Above, his none too shabby new accommodations.

Left, Denzil and Skipper take the field. One of many, many happy days spent with Denzil.

Treasured memories.

## Dressage Demonstration

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011**  
**LIGHT CAVALRY STABLES, FLEMISH FARM**  
**ARRIVE 7.00PM DEMO STARTS AT 7.30PM**

Jo Parkman has very kindly agreed to give a dressage demonstration on our horses. This is a fantastic opportunity to see the horses that you ride showing their full ability and to learn how to get the best out of them. Jo will be giving tips and will answer any questions. This will be a fun evening, a chance to get together and also a perfect way to learn some new ideas.

Tea and Coffee will be available, feel free to bring along drinks and food with you if you wish.

Jo has competed in eventing, show jumping, and dressage, shown horses at county level, and shown horses under the rules of the Side Saddle Association. She has broken and successfully started many horses – including one who went on to compete at the Olympics with Tim Stockdale.

As well as competing she has worked with horses in a multitude of other different disciplines including racing (National Hunt, flat and point to pointing), long distance riding, and hunting.

Jo has specialised in retraining difficult and spoilt horses and those with behavioural and training difficulties, and has a long history of teaching at all levels. She has trained with Tim Stockdale, John Lassetter, Pammy Hutton and Vicki Thompson-Winfield, and is currently training with Amy Stovold in Sussex.

Jo's philosophy is to work with horses helping them to be the best they can without force or dominance. Her focus is always on the horses' and riders' welfare and she embraces the ethic of the 'happy athlete'.

Currently Jo is successfully competing her own horse at Prix St George level having owned and trained him since he was 4 years old.

Tickets are £5.00 in advance and £7.00 on the night.

To obtain tickets in advance please email me on [haclc@aol.com](mailto:haclc@aol.com) with the amount of tickets you would like and I will email the tickets to you. Please send cheques to - Light Cavalry HAC, Flemish Farm, Windsor Great Park, Windsor, Berks. SL4 2LD or pay in person at the stables.

If you wish to pay on the night please have cash or a cheque.



## Light Cavalry HAC: Horse of the Month : by Caroline Quested

### HORSE OF THE MONTH – CASPAR

Caspar came to us in January 2010. He was very kindly donated to The Light Cavalry by Penny Gulliver, who had decided to retire from riding.

From day one Caspar settled in as though he had always been here. He took to parade work and has not put a foot wrong. He did try pegging but got a bit confused by it and likes to go backwards rather than forwards!

In lessons he is very genuine and loves to jump.

Caspar is one of the softest horses in the stable and likes nothing more than to cuddle up to you. He never makes a fuss and it is very easy to walk past his stable, but next time you do, stop and say hello, he will put a smile on your face.



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