

From the Horse's Mouth

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A Newsletter for
The Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC

Stable Notes : by Caroline Quested

Hello again to all the Supporting Riders!

First of all myself, Lauren and Kelly would like to say a big thank you to everyone that gave to the staff Xmas fund. As ever we have put the money to good use and it has helped all of us greatly.

We have another new horse to introduce to you all. Moritz is a small 18hh. He has settled into life with us very quickly and has become a favourite with his riders. He is the original gentle giant!

We have been pretty busy over the last month with a lot of new riders joining us, dressage demos and clinics.

The dressage demo by Jo Parkman was interesting and good fun. Jo gave us an insight on how to get the best out of our horses. Dan and Leo were both ridden by Jo and the improvement after 30mins was amazing. This was with Jo having never sat on them before that night! We raised over £100 for Dan's rubber matting, which has set us on our way to the £450 needed. Many thanks go to Jo and all the people that came and watched. Feel free to chuck any loose change in the bucket in the office on your next visit.

Clare's "How straight are you sitting" clinic was very popular and the riders learnt a great deal. No!! The broom handles didn't need to come out!! Clare will be doing some more clinics through the year so keep an eye out.

We are glad to say that Kelly is now back to work!!!! She still has some restricted movement so please bear this in mind if you ask her for some help. It is great to have her back on the yard, even though she feels like the new girl all over again.

We would like to say a massive thank you to John Cookson, who has filled in for Kelly. Without John we would not of been able to carry on with all the demos, clinics etc. So once again thank you John!!!

We have a busy month this month starting with the show on Sunday 8th May, the Annual Inspection on Sunday 15th May, HAC open evening Tuesday 17th May and finally Eton's Tattoo on Tuesday 31st May. So it is all go. Lessons and hacks are still available around these dates so we hope to see you soon.

Dates for your Diary : 2011

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 3rd	Military Tournament : Skill at Arms Competition : Haileybury
July 21st	Light Cavalry Annual Dinner at Armoury House
July 24th	Cartier International Day, Light Cavalry Polo Guard

New riding scheme to save you money!

We would like to set up a pre paid riding scheme where supporting riders can pay monthly for their rides. In return you will receive a discount on prices and a choice of three horses that you would prefer to ride.

We will make up packages for each riders individual needs, for example if you prefer to hack - for £300 per month you can hack for 2hrs during the week, 2hrs at the weekend, unsupervised schooling during the week and £10 off the price of each lesson. This would normally cost over £400 per month. We can do packages to accommodate all our riders.

If you feel this would benefit you then please email me stating if you would like a hacking package, lesson package or a mixture, when you are available to ride, how many times a week you would like to ride and finally name three horses you prefer.

We will put a package together, also stating the conditions and if you like the savings we will set it all up for you. Please contact Caroline at Flemish Farm to discuss your requirements.

Announcing the 2011 Photograph Competition

Start sorting out your photographs !

Next month we will announce details of our very popular photograph competition.

We thought that we would change tack this year, and instead of producing a calendar, would produce a limited edition of Christmas Cards.



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The Annual Inspection : Sunday May 15th



Marking 150 years since its formation in 1861, the Light Cavalry HAC will be reviewed on the Cavalry Review Ground in Windsor Great Park on Sunday 15th May.

The inspection and review will begin at 1315hrs and will be followed by a display of skill at arms.

Spectators are welcome and there is no admission charge. We suggest that you arrive between 12.30 and 12.45 so that you can find a good space to watch the proceedings.

Parking is available alongside the A332 that goes through the Great Park with easy access to the Cavalry Review Ground.

Do phone Flemish Farm if you are not sure where to go. Also please invite family and friends and bring a picnic.

The Horse's Mouth will be happy to print any photos you take in the next issue! Please sent to mrsrw1h@yahoo.co.uk



Sunday 15th May, Royal Windsor Horse Show

Doubtless many Supporting Riders will be attending the Royal Windsor Horse Show this year. It runs from Wednesday 11th May through Sunday 15th May.

This year, Louise Mottola and Susie Flook will be competing in two side-saddle classes; Louise with her lovely horse Vivor, who used to be stabled at Flemish Farm and Susie with Hattie ("Harriet's Reef"), an ex-Light Cavalry horse.

Unfortunately they will be competing on Sunday 15th May which clashes with the Light Cavalry Annual Review. However, if you are there, do make a point of watching them and cheering them on.

Louise's classes:

2pm, Castle Arena: Ladies Side Saddle, Equitation Jumping

4.45pm, Copper Arena: Side Saddle Concours d'Elegance.

Susie's classes:

4.45pm, Copper Arena: Side Saddle Concours d'Elegance

6.15pm, Copper Arena: Costume Concours d'Elegance. Susie will be sporting a mid-Victorian outfit in this class.

Good Luck Girls— We are sending you lots of positive thoughts !

You Go Girls !



Light Cavalry HAC: Horse of the Month: by Vincent Savolainen

Horse of the month: Larry

Larry was a hunter, but following a fall he injured his back. Despite several months of rest, when he came back he had not recovered well enough to take on the big fences in Heythrop Country. His owner, and former CO of the Light Cavalry, Roy Sanders, then decided to move him to Flemish Farm for military duties. In 2005 Larry was leading the LC Annual Inspection under Christopher Robinson's command (2005, pictured), and since then he has (nearly) not put a foot wrong on duties.

Although his age is unknown, he must be about 19 years old. In 2009, he was semi-retired and transferred to Vincent Savolainen, when he started a second life in the dressage arena of Windsor Park Equestrian Club. Larry is a very willing horse who always tries to please his rider. At WPEC he collected his share of rosettes (pictured); he also started to jump again. He loves jumping but he is not good at it – hence the perplexed faces when he goes over 2ft3 without knocking down the pole! (pictured).

Larry knows every corner of Windsor Park and Forest – and although he has 'dumped' a few of us, he is one of the safest horses to hack out. He can be forward in winter, but with sunshine and turn-out he's very relaxed.

He has a skin allergy and is particularly sensitive to midges and horse-flies, so fly repellent is to be used when he goes out. After recent retirements, Larry is now Flemish's longest resident – and without doubt one of its sweetest horses. As Caroline says: "quiet but cheeky underneath!"

