

# From the Horse's Mouth

March/April 2012

A Newsletter for  
The Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC



## Stable Notes



Hello again to all Supporting Riders!

Carrying on with the mud theme from the last issue, we thought you would like to see these before and after pictures of Benson who is clearly embracing his "inner hippo"! I don't think many people would realise that these two pictures are of the same horse!

We've had a busy month, with the arrival of new equine recruits (pages 4-5), the first competition of the year organised by the HAC Saddle Club (full report on page 3) and the Civil Service Riding Club's Cross-Country training day .

I'm sure all Supporting Riders will join me in wishing Kelly a very happy of birthday—21 years on March 2nd.

May we encourage you to attend the Supporting Rider's Drinks Party to be held at Armoury House on Wednesday 4th April. Full details on page 4. Also please put May 6th in your diary for an Open Day at the Horse's Trust. It will be a great chance to catch up with our old equine friends, Ruby, Denzil and Woody. Full details will follow nearer the time.

## Voucher scheme to save you money!

Further to our notice in the last Horse's Mouth. We have now set up a pre paid riding scheme where supporting riders can pay monthly for their rides.

If you would like to purchase vouchers for your riding please ask one of the members of staff.

YOU MUST PURCHASE 4 WEEKS WORTH OF VOUCHERS WHICH WILL BE VALID FOR FOUR WEEKS.

### RIDE TYPE PAY AS YOU GO PRICE VOUCHER PRICE

<b>4X 1HR PRIVATE WEEK LESSON</b>	<b>£168</b>	<b>£126</b>
<b>4 X 1HR PRIVATE WEEKEND LESSON</b>	<b>£176</b>	<b>£132</b>
<b>4 X 1HR WEEK EVENING GROUP</b>	<b>£120</b>	<b>£90</b>
<b>4X 1HR WEEKEND SATURDAY GROUP</b>	<b>£128</b>	<b>£96</b>
<b>4 X 2HR PRIVATE WEEK HACK</b>	<b>£180</b>	<b>£135</b>
<b>4 X 2HR PRIVATE WEEKEND HACK</b>	<b>£200</b>	<b>£150</b>

## Pointers to keep your hacks safe and fun

- Do not split your ride; keep all the horses in your group together.
- If your horse is being strong, do not canter in large open spaces.
- Canter in single file, rather than abreast.
- Stay in a hand canter- This is a park rule and anyone found deliberately going faster than this, will no longer ride with us. The wardens do have CCTV covering the park. (A hand canter is a canter you would do in the school).
- When you start to head home, the horses will become more forward. This will happen wherever you are in the park. If your horse has been strong on the way out, then avoid cantering towards home.
- Do not turn your horse through 180 degrees to head home. Find a tree, a path, anything to go around rather than turning on the spot.
- Do not canter once you have passed Russell's Pond, it is too close to home.
- From the traffic lights back to the yard, walk only.
- Look on the ride sheet to see what else your horse is doing or has done that day and take this into account.
- Do plan your route so you do not have to rush home. Hacking to Blacknest Gate/ Smiths Lawn is NOT a 2hr hack if done at the correct pace.
- Please report back to the staff if you do have any issues with any of the horses.
- If you are unsure of anything please ask.

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# HAC Saddle Club: Combined Training Day: 4th March

Report by Claire Harker:

Despite a cold and rainy day at Flemish Farm, the HAC Saddle Club's Combined Training on Sunday 4th March was really good fun and spirits were as high as ever.

In-house dressage guru Gary, spent the morning wrapped in a granny blanket, judging and scrutinising a record number of entries to Prelim and Novice tests. Some of our younger riders took part with Walk/Trot tests first thing. Gary gave some brilliant feedback which we can all learn a lot from. My personal favourite being Rocky's Novice test comments "A really good try. He gave you Hell!". Special mention to Alice Etheridge who did a fantastic job with Rocky, especially since doing all of her practise on 'sick-note' Boris. The first time she'd ever sat on Rocky was in the dressage test!

After a quick turnaround in the afternoon, the school was transformed in to a show-jumping arena, and 2ft3 and 2ft6 courses claimed back many a point. I think Caroline excelled herself this time in creating small, but perfectly evil course, with those pesky pigs claiming their fair share of run outs and stops! I think we may have to accidentally on purpose 'misplace' that filler for next time, don't you?!

Here are the results from the day:

## Prelim 7

- 1 Kate Robinson - Ebony
- 1 Georgina - Moritz
- 3 Vincent - Benson
- 4 Susie - Cara
- 4 Sharon - Moritz
- 6 Julie - Sam

## Novice 20

- 1 Kel - Harry
- 2 Louise - Vivor
- 3 Lyndsey - Sam
- 4 Jan - Benson
- 5 Georgina - Moritz
- 6 Fiona - Shirley

## Prelim Combined Training

- 1 Georgina - Moritz/Bob
- 2 Victoria - Sam
- 3 Tuuli - Bob
- 4 Susie - Cara
- 5 Natalie - Rocky/Caspar

## Novice Combined Training

- 1 Louise - Vivor
- 2 Jan - benson
- 3 Georgina - Moritz/Bob
- 4 Lyndsey - Sam
- 5 Susie - Cara
- 6 Fiona - Shirley



Kel on Rubin—photo by Julie Percival

Our thanks must go to Jan Glen and the HAC Saddle Club for organising and hosting this event and allowing Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC to participate. Thank you to Caroline, her staff and the lovely horses for making it such a fun day. Finally, a huge well done to all who took part in the day, whether it was in individual dressage or show-jumping classes, as part of the combined training, or even just as a spectator. We'll hopefully see you all again in May for the next instalment of fun at Flemish!

## Supporting Riders Drinks Evening : 4th April

We will be holding a drinks evening at Armoury House to say thank you to all our supporting riders. There will also hopefully be a talk given by Dicky Waygood, ex Household Cavalry Riding Master, and also a drill supper will be available.

Date - Wednesday 4th April 2012

Timings - 6.30pm - 7.00pm arrival

Drinks - 7.00pm

7.30pm - Talk by Dicky Waygood

8.00pm - Drill Supper

Dress Code - No Jeans and men must wear a tie.

Cost - £10 for the drill supper.

If you wish to attend please email me as soon as possible. The closing date will be the 28th March. Look forward to seeing you there.

Many Thanks

Caroline

## New Recruits



Trooper Rubin

## New Recruits (cont)

Trooper Auriel



Trooper Rocky



By Caroline Quested:

We would like to introduce you all to 3 new recruits to the Light Cavalry yard.

Auriel - Auriel is 17yrs young and is an ex Household Cavalry Black. He was retired to the Horse Trust with concussion laminitis. After some rest he came sound and was very lively in the fields, this led Shirley, the yard manager to think that he was feeling too good to retire, so we were contacted and asked if we wanted to give him a home. We jumped at the chance, since he has been with us he has had complete beginners on him and settled in very well. He is, however, very grumpy being tacked up so we are keeping this to staff only which keeps him a lot more relaxed as he is very happy with people he knows. We will need to keep an eye on him with hard ground but his future is looking very bright.

Rubin - Rubin is 5yrs old and was born and bred at a dressage yard in Henly Arden, (we are talking heat lamps). His breeding is pretty amazing but unfortunately due to two flat stifles his dressage career was cut short. His owners were looking for a home for him where he would not be pushed but would have a job. The Light Cavalry purchased him at the beginning of February. Because of his age and never leaving his first yard he was unsettled for the first week but he has now settled in and is a very loving horse. We will be taking our time with him as hopefully he will be with us for a very long time.

Rocky - Rocky is 13yrs old and belongs to Claire Harker. He is on working livery with us. Rocky was being ridden by a 12yr old girl and before that was show jumping. Rocky has proved popular in group hacks but is not so brave on his own. Claire will be working on that one. In the school Rocky doesn't suffer fools gladly and if he can get the better of his rider he will. He has taken to the military roll like a pro and we were able to tent peg him after one session of introducing the lance. Rocky is very cute in his stable if you are going to do something with him, if not, please pass him by as he would rather be eating his hay or sleeping!!

## Diary of Events 2012

SR = Light Cavalry HAC Supporting Riders

LC = Light Cavalry HAD

HACSC = HAC Saddle Club Members

CSRC = Civil Service Riding Club Members

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	PARTICIPANTS
WED 4th APRIL	SUPPORTING RIDERS DRINKS	ARMOURY HOUSE	SR, LC,
SUN 22 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL	CSRC COMBINED TRAINING SHOW	FLEMISH FARM	CSRC
SUN 6 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	HORSE TRUST FUND RAISER OPEN DAY WITH DSMTG	HORSE TRUST	LC. EVERYONE WELCOME TO THE EVENT
TUE 8 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	HAC OPEN EVENING	ARMOURY HOUSE	LC. EVERYONE WELCOME TO THE EVENT
SUN 13 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	HACSC JOHN PALMER/ PYRAMID TROPHY SHOW	FLEMISH FARM	HACSC. SR.LC
SUN 20 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	LC ANNUAL INSPECTION	FLEMISH FARM	LC. EVERYONE WELCOME TO WATCH
FRI 1 <sup>ST</sup> JUNE	ETON CCF TATTOO	ETON	ETON CCF
2 <sup>ND</sup> /3 <sup>RD</sup> JUNE TBC	QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE	LONDON	LC
4 <sup>TH</sup> /5 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	CHILTERN OPEN AIR MUSEUM SAA DISPLAY	CHILTERN OPEN AIR MUSEUM	LC. EVERYONE WELCOME TO THE EVENT
SUN 17 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	POLO PARADE	SMITHS LAWN	LC
SUN 24 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	POLO PARADE	SMITHS LAWN	LC
THUR 19 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	ANNUAL DINNER	ARMOURY HOUSE	EVERYONE WELCOME
SUN 5 <sup>TH</sup> AUG	CSRC SUMMER SHOW	FLEMISH FARM	CSRC
6 <sup>TH</sup> /19 <sup>TH</sup> AUG TBC	CLOSED FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS	FLEMISH FARM	EVERYONE
SEPT TBC	CADET QUALIFIERS	FLEMISH FARM	CCF'S
OCT TBC	UNIFORMED SERVICES SHOW	KINGS TROOP	LC EVERYONE WELCOME TO WATCH
SAT 10 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	LORD MAYORS PARADE	LONDON	LC
SAT 8 <sup>TH</sup> DEC TBC	LC XMAS DINNER	ARMOURY HOUSE	EVERYONE WELCOME
SAT 22 <sup>ND</sup> DEC	LC XMAS SHOW	FLEMISH FARM	SR. LC. HACSC.
24 <sup>TH</sup> /28 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	CLOSED FOR XMAS HOLIDAYS	FLEMISH FARM	EVERYONE

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