

From the Horse's Mouth



**A Newsletter for
The Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC**

Stable Notes

Welcome to our new riders and hello again to all the supporting riders! Last time I produced a newsletter Caroline had just joined the stables—and since then the activities at Flemish Farm seem to have expanded exponentially. Show-jumping and dressage competitions which culminated in the John Palmer Trophy, (well done Roger Boyd for his win, and also to Leslie Holiday who won the Pyramid Trophy). Evening rides are filled with military riding groups learning skill at arms, and active groups involved in side-saddle and driving and the Tuesday night ride for anyone.

New horses have arrived at the stables whilst Apollo and soon Amada leave for well earned

rests or retirement.

Caroline asked me to add two points for your attention.

1. The HAC LC website can be found on www.lchac.org.uk which will help you keep up to date with forthcoming events.
2. It is important to give 24hrs notice if you wish to cancel a ride. This is for the sake of the horse who needs to have a regular plan of exercise. Caroline

*The wind of heaven is that which blows
between a horse's ears.*
-Arabian proverb

Forthcoming Events : 2005

24th July: Guard at Smith's Lawn , Cartier Championship, polo match

28th July: Light Cavalry Ladies Night Dinner is CANCELLED

13th & 14th August: Skill at Arms display Chertsey Agricultural Show

24th September: Annual Inspection at Flemish Farm, and families day.

6th October: Supporting Riders

Drinks Party

22nd October: Uniformed Services Show Jumping competition at the Kings Troup RHA, St John's Wood Followed by dinner at Armoury House

12th November: Lord Mayor's Show

We would encourage all supporting riders to attend these events. Please visit the website for the most up-to-date list of events.

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New Members

A very warm welcome to our new members who joined since January's issue:

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Light Cavalry HAC and Supporting Riders Driving Group

There is now a group of about 30 people who are actively involved in driving at Flemish Farm. Every 2nd Friday the Persons (Mr and Mrs) bring horses and carriages to Flemish Farm for driving instruction.

The driving group are looking to train up one or two horses at Flemish Farm—so far though only Ruby is having a latter day career as a driving horse!

Jeremy Page, who organises the group says that they anticipate more driving opportunities to become available in the Autumn. You can meet him and a number of the "Military Arm" of the driving group headed by Roy Barwick when he brings his magnificent shire horses to the General's Inspection and Families Day on the 24th September.

Anyone with an interest in driving instruction should contact Jeremy on : 07768 977 392.



Light Cavalry HAC on Parade:

This Spring has seen 3 major parades so far beginning in April with St George (AKA Paul Allison on Osaka) leading a parade of Aston Martin Cars through the streets of Windsor for inspection by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. This was followed by a display of skill at arms by our men and horses at Windsor Home Park with a display by the driving troop and for the first time a ladies side-saddle quadrille.

This was followed by two parades at Smith's Lawn where the Light Cavalry (mounted and dismounted) form a Guard for the Queen. Anybody who has accompanied the Light Cavalry on one of these days must appreciate the hard work and dedication that goes into putting on one of these events.



Volunteers Programme

This Spring, Supporting Riders Sue Burrows and Chloe Spencer, initiated a series of training sessions for people who wish to volunteer their services at one of the Light Cavalry's various activities. The series of training sessions included learning about military tack, (where are all those bits and pieces supposed to go?) and how to groom a horse to military perfection as well as some good basic tips about horse care and stable safety. There is now a thriving team of volunteers who somehow manage to assemble horse and rider—and then keep them together (no mean feat!)

Volunteers are always welcome, and just to whet your appetite the two major events of the year are approaching with Cartier Polo on the 24th July and then the Lord Mayor's Show in November. The next volunteer training sessions will be held in August and September. Anyone wishing to take part should contact Sue on : su.burrows@manpower.co.uk

The horses, the men and our volunteers. What a magnificent sight!



Ladies Side Saddle

This season saw the first major success for the ladies side-saddle—our first public display at Windsor Home Farm. This success was largely due to the kind efforts of Ros Bowley who put in many hours of her own time. Special thanks should also be given to her groom for the day Katy who came along to make sure we all looked perfect—and to Ros's mother who as hostess of the horse-box—fed us delicious smoked salmon sandwiches and also supplied gin and tonic for the nerves!

The lady side-saddlers are now actively preparing for another quadrille to be performed with 4 members of the Light Cavalry as a musical ride at the Chertsey Show on 13th and 14th August. There is also a side-saddle competition arranged for the Families Day in September. Anyone wishing to get involved with side-saddle—from taking lessons to putting on displays should contact Kate Robinson on : 07956 409328. We also run a smart group to coordinate activities and if you wish to be invited to join please email Kate on mrsrw1h@yahoo.co.uk.



Star of the show : Bleu (with Pam Swift and Kate Robinson)

Results of the Combined Training Day

The combined training day was well attended with two classes for Dressage, Novice and Prelim and one class for Show Jumping. Congratulations go to all the participants. It was a very sociable day. Special thanks should go to Victoria and Nick Canham for providing a delicious ham!



Roger Boyd learns the course
Now was that trot a 20 metre
circle at C

Winner of the Novice class Sebastian St. John Parker with Louise von Blixen who won her own rosette in the Prelim



Ladies Night Dinner

This slot in the newsletter was originally for the Ladies Night Dinner. Unfortunately we had to cancel this event owing to the use of the Regimental Headquarters grounds by the emergency services in the recent spate of bombings in London. However opportunities to visit the House will resume in the Autumn and we would encourage you all to note the date of the dinner following the Uniformed Services Jumping Competition on 22nd October to which all supporting riders and their guests are invited.

STOP PRESS !!

Caroline has just informed me that the Horses will be taking their holiday from Monday 15th August until Sunday 28th August. This naturally means that there will be no lessons or hacks available during this period.

We wish our horses happy holidays !!
