

# From the Horse's Mouth



A Newsletter for the Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC

June 2008

## Stable Notes

Hello again and welcome to our new Supporting Riders!

First of all apologies! You will doubtless have been waiting with some anticipation for May's edition of the Horse's Mouth - alas it never came about. On 18th April I celebrated my 10th wedding anniversary which was followed with a cruise on the Queen Mary 2 to New York, this in turn was followed by the Royal Windsor Show where I entered Ebony into the side saddle class and suddenly somehow the month was gone! By way of penance, I have included some wonderful pictures of the Show (IMHO)!

While in New York, we caught up with Richard Feldman, a stalwart supporter of all things equine, but particularly the Light Cavalry stables in Windsor. Regular riders will be interested to know that we named Richard (the horse!) in his honour. Richard Feldman (the human!) is Chairman of the Lake Placid Horse Show, New York State (which was the site of the Olympics when the USA hosted the event). This year the show runs from June 24th-July 7th and they expect over 900 horses to attend. It is my ambition to visit this show one year and it would be great to get a group together to visit en-masse. In the meantime, I invite you to live vicariously and visit the website. [www.lakeplacidhorseshow.com](http://www.lakeplacidhorseshow.com).

All our horses remain well and are now enjoying their summer routine which includes summer grazing. It is amazing how this alters their personalities. It seems as if almost over-night they become fat and docile. I think the most striking change is to see them dozing during the day to catch up on the sleep lost while eating grass all night in the field!

Please note that the Light Cavalry's Ladies Night Dinner at Armoury House is on 24th July. All Supporting Riders are encouraged to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the Headquarters of the Regiment, which is a magnificent historical location and of course it is a good excuse to don the finery and get the family jewels out of the vault!

Finally, we are always looking for volunteers to help during the various shows and activities put on by the Light Cavalry. Please let Caroline know if you are able to offer your time and help.

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## Forthcoming Events: 2008

### June

- 7th-8th: Skill at Arms Display at Usk  
15th: Queens Cup at Smiths Lawn Polo  
22nd: Royal Windsor Cup Polo Guard Smiths Lawn

### July

- 24th: Annual Light Cavalry Dinner at Armoury House  
27th: Cartier Polo

### August

- 16th-17th SAA Display Ragley Hall  
24th-25th SAA Display at Chetwynd House  
9th-23rd Horses on holiday (dates TBC)

### September

- 13th General's Inspection

### October

- 25th Uniformed Services Show followed by dinner at Armoury House.

### November

- 8th Lord Mayor's Show

Experienced riders are not prone to brag. And usually newcomers, if they start out being boastful, end up modest. (A quiet rider)



## Results: John Palmer Cup and Pyramid Trophy

Well Done to Everyone who competed on Sunday 13th April at Flemish Farm. One of the great things about these competitions is the great camaraderie and the communal desire that everyone should do their best. We extend our thanks to Beverley Cressman our judge and of course Caroline and her team for their ceaseless help and enthusiasm.

### Prelim Dressage

1. Caroline Quested : Ebony
2. Mike Smith on Denzil and Clare Bower on Amos
3. Fiona Charman : Shirley

### Novice Dressage:

1. Bex Harris : Sox
2. Ashish Singh : Sox
3. Fiona Charman : Shirley

### Jumping

1. Fiona Charman : Shirley
2. Debbie Pengelly : Harriet
3. Christopher Robinson : Amos

# The Windsor Horse Show

By Fiona Charman

Kate Robinson and Ebony put their best feet forward at their first outing in the Ladies Side Saddle Class. As you can see, they both looked fabulous and I can vouch that they performed beautifully in a class of 12 other very professional riders and horses. Kate and Ebony had the largest group of supporters of all the competitors. About 15 supporting riders and saddle club friends, family and members of the King's Troop all cheered her on at the ringside!! Kate was ably assisted by Clare Russell who polished and preened Ebony until she shone. Kate was a picture of poise and elegance and was definitely one of the best riders there.

*What Fiona kindly omits to say is that we were eliminated in the second part of the competition. As we lined up to wait for the judge to ride her, Ebony started to stress out. So that when it came time for the judge to mount her she would not stand still. This unfortunately caused the elimination, however, there is always next year..... (Ed)*



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# Visit to Flemish Farm by the National Trust

By Christopher Robinson

Last year a member of the National Trust visited Flemish Farm with our friends from Horse World (the charity who rescued Bleu and presented him to the Light Cavalry), and she was keen to organise a similar visit for her colleagues. Thus on Wednesday 21st May forty Members of The National Trust paid a visit to learn more about the Light Cavalry and its activities. The party was received by Capt. Reg Howe, OC Light Cavalry, who escorted the party to the riding manege where they were seated on bales of bedding. Captain Howe gave a short lecture on the HAC and the Light Cavalry and its role in recruiting for the Active Unit. His talk prompted a number of interesting questions from the audience. Members of the Light Cavalry were on hand in the various uniforms used by the Light Cavalry, and the purpose of their various accoutrements was explained. Denzil was brought in to show a Light Cavalry Horse in full kit as a splendid example of a fully dressed Cavalry Horse.

Caroline Quested, our Stable Manager, gave a talk and demonstration on the preparation of a horse for skill at arms showing how to familiarise it with the sword and lance. Finally, Christopher Robinson mounted on Harriet gave a short demonstration of tent pegging. The party had a tour of the stables visiting the various horses escorted by our grooms, and left us with a generous donation towards their upkeep.

## HAC Open Day: Tuesday May 20th

By Fiona Charman

Little did we know that Kate would be riding side saddle so soon after the Royal Windsor? Ever game for a laugh, Kate traded her beautiful mare for a bucking bull hired for the evening on the Saddle Club stand where Kate and I were helping to promote the facilities at Flemish Farm. How does she still look so elegant? Ebony is reported to be saying she is 'shocked' that her owner could be so fickle!

The Light Cavalry were also on show at the Open Evening. Catherine Smith on Bleu and Charles Gillow on Hattie demonstrated Skill at Arms with lance and sword. Several cabbages were demolished as they were sliced through at speed! The cricket pitch also took a pounding but I am sure it will recover eventually. The Dismounted Troop too was put through their paces demonstrating marching skills.



Photos by Fiona Charman



## Light Cavalry HAC Annual Dinner

Armoury House, the Regimental Headquarters of the HAC, is located just outside the square mile that is the City of London. The Long Room is on the first floor and extends the full length of the original building of 1735. It has a magnificent view as all the windows overlook the Artillery Garden. It is a magnificent setting for a dinner. All Supporting Riders are invited to join members of the Light Cavalry at their Annual Dinner.

Dress for the evening is formal. For men and women in the armed services the dress is : Mess kit preferred but alternatives acceptable to the OC are : Blue Patrols, Full Dress Tunic less cross belt, sword and sabretache slings or Black Tie. For mere mortals (!) Black Tie for men and a long evening dress for women.

If you wish to drive to this event, parking is available, but please submit your car registration number with your application form.

It is a great opportunity to review the activities of the past year, meet other Supporting Riders and talk horses all evening! Please bring your friends and partners to what should be an excellent evening.

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## Application form: Light Cavalry HAC Annual Dinner

To be held at Armoury House, City Road, London on Thursday 24th July

I.....

Wish to attend the Annual Dinner in the Long Room on Thursday 24th July and I would like to bring the following guests:

Guests : ..... (please include rank and decorations)

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Tel No..... Email address.....

I enclose a cheque made out to **Light Cavalry HAC** for £.....(£28 per head)

My car registration is .....

Please send to : Rennie Simon Coleman's Cottage, West Langdon, Kent CT15 5HQ