

# From the Horse's Mouth



A Newsletter for the Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC

October 2008

## Stable Notes

Hello again, and welcome to our new Supporting Riders.

As many of you will know, Tiger Sox has been moved to a new stable in Wiltshire. Ashish, his owner, is getting married in November and his fiancée Francesca keeps a number of her competition horses there. Ashish tells me that he wants to keep Sox in his schooling regime to augment the "help of the angels of Flemish" who have put in so much work in already. However, I understand it will not be all work and no play as there is some lovely hacking to be had around his new barn. The big plan is that next year Ashish and Sox will compete seriously in dressage. Caroline has already said that she wants to come and support; Ashish tells me that the "truth is, she just wants to come and see if I will ever get to grips with sitting to his trot"! Sox's first few days at his new place were spent adjusting in the field and he apparently was loving the sun and getting some sleep and overall is a happy boy.

Otherwise all the horses remain well. In September, Christopher Robinson became a "loaner" of Amos. The two seem ideally suited to each other and Christopher will work with him at skill at arms and show-jumping—although I'm sure a number of long lazy hacks will also be in both their futures.

Also, a huge welcome back to Clare Russell has returned from working in America for the last 5 months. She is about to take on a new job (working with horses) - but we hope that, once she has settled back in, she will soon be able to announce some more of her fantastic riding courses .

Finally, callina all dressage divas! Caroline has agreed that Wednesday nights can be used for dressage instruction by Gary Hault. Gary teaches one-on-one and charges £30 for his services (cost of the horse would be on top of this). The evenings are organised by Kate Robinson and please her by e-mail in the first instance if you would like to learn more or book a lesson.

## Contact Details : Flemish Farm

### Manager and Chief Instructor

Caroline Quested

Louise Brown

Kerri Cox

### Military Instructor

Danny Kendall

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Newsletter contributions, comments and photos always welcome

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## Forthcoming Events: 2008

### October

- 25th Uniformed Services Show at The King's Troop RHA at St John's Wood  
25th Uniformed Services Show dinner at Armoury House

### November

- 8th Lord Mayor's Show

### December

- 13th Light Cavalry Christmas Party, Bisley Hut  
21st Christmas Show at Flemish Farm

### February

- 5th Supporting Riders' Drinks Party at Armoury House with a slide show given by photographer Henry Dallal

**Sell the cow, buy the sheep  
but never be without the horse.**

*Irish Proverb and good advice for the credit crunch*



## The Uniformed Services Show: Saturday October 25th

All Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC would be most welcome to attend the Uniformed Services Show at St John's Wood Barracks. This show jumping competition, hosted by the Kings' Troop and organised by the Light Cavalry HAC is on Saturday 25th October. Competitors are drawn from across the Armed Services and come from as far afield as India, Oman, Argentina, Brazil and all over Europe. The Light Cavalry will be putting up a team comprising Charles Gillow, Christopher Robinson, Fred Southey and Gareth Thomas, as will the HAC Active Unit, so Supporting Riders should recognise some familiar faces.

The jumping competition starts at about 10am and finishes at around 2-2.30pm. Once the competition is over, it is followed by a curry lunch and prize-giving ceremony (tickets for lunch can be bought on the day at the forge). Attendance at the show is free and free parking is available.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Security is, understandably, extremely tight at the barracks and you must arrange for your details to be on the security gate ahead of the day. To do this please supply to me, Kate Robinson via email: [mrsrw1h@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mrsrw1h@yahoo.co.uk) **NO LATER THAN** Wednesday 22nd October.

Full Names of all visitors, Car Registration, Make, Model, Colour

On the day, each person should carry photo id.

Also, please be advised that, as guests of the Kings Troop, you should confine yourselves to the indoor school and forge area. Please do not wander around or invite yourself on a tour of the stables (tempting as it is). The loos are signposted and please ask, if you are not sure, where you can or cannot go. Smoking is not permitted in any building in the barracks (including the forge).

We would encourage everyone to attend—especially as the future of the site as a barracks is not certain and it is a great opportunity to see a piece of history that may be about to vanish. On a personal note, I would also advise you to wrap up warm!

## The Annual Inspection: 13th September

By Reg Howe, Officer Commanding the Light Cavalry HAC

Our Annual Inspection was held on Saturday 13th September. We were blessed with a fine day (it was the Summer—an amazing one day only offer) and a good turnout of Supporting Riders, family and friends. We were also very pleased to see so many members (past and present) of the HAC Court of Assistants. The Windsor horse rangers were also there in force. This is a marvellous youth organisation which we are proud to support.

This year was rather special as we had parading alongside us member of the Mounted Band of the City of London Police. As ever, the horses looked magnificent thanks to the hard work of Caroline, Kerri and Louise, and an amazing effort by so many of our helpers.

Our inspecting officers were the Deputy commander of London District, Brigadier David Paterson and Assistant Commissioner Frank Armstrong of the City of London Police. They were very impressed by all they saw and both commented upon the skill and panache of our Skill at Arms Team..

The HAC Saddle Club was also there in force playing polo against 47 Regt RA and the Adjutant General's Corps—and winning both matches.

Altogether a really good day.



Photo courtesy of Peter Meade Photography

The photo above, and the two following, were taken by Peter Meade, a professional photographer who very kindly donated these pictures for use in the Horse's Mouth. To see all the photos he took on the day I would encourage everyone to check out his web-site <http://www.petermeadephotography.co.uk/> and go into "gallery" and then "events". If you wish to buy any of these marvellous photographs please contact Peter through his website.



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<http://www.petermeadephotography.co.uk/>



## Light Cavalry Calendars 2009!



The professionally produced, full colour  
2009 Light Cavalry calendar is now available!

You can purchase the calendars in a variety of ways.

1. At Flemish Farm from the Light Cavalry office (please ask the Light Cavalry staff)
2. At the Uniformed Services Show and Dinner on 25<sup>th</sup> October,
3. At Armoury House at the Lord Mayor's Parade on 8<sup>th</sup> November
4. At the Light Cavalry Christmas Dinner at Bisley Hut on 13<sup>th</sup> December.
5. By post. Please make cheques payable to Fiona Charman and send it with the order form to the address below. Please add £0.50 for one calendar or £1.00 for two calendars to cover postage and packing. (Please allow 7-10 days for delivery)

All proceeds go to the Light Cavalry.

All the entries will be on display at the Uniformed Services Show on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

If you have any queries please contact Fiona Charman on 07970 176411

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To: Ms Fiona Charman, 4 Garrick Court, 31 Theatre Street, London, SW11 5ND

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ calendar(s) at £10 each and add £0.75 for one calendar or £1.00 for two calendars to cover postage and packing (p&p). If you require more than 2 please add a further £0.50 per calendar.

I enclose a cheque made payable to **Fiona Charman** for total £ \_\_\_\_\_

From:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Uniformed Services Dinner at Armoury House

The HAC Uniformed Services Show Committee requests the pleasure of your company at the Uniformed Services Show Dinner on Saturday, 25th October 2008. The Dinner, with music provided by the HAC Brass Quintet, will take place in the splendour of the Long Room at Armoury House, Headquarters of the HAC. The HAC Light Cavalry will provide the Carpet Guard. This year, and in response to requests from guests last year, there will be no disco so that, after formal proceedings are over, there is more time for conversation and socialising. Please note that no tickets will be sent out for this event.

Time : 7.15pm for 7.45 pm  
Dress: Mess Dress, Blue Patrols or Black Tie. Medals will be worn.  
Carriages 0100hrs  
Tickets £50 per person

Please note that the closing date for application is 15th October 2008

**We regret that no refund for cancellations is possible after this date**

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## Application form: Uniformed Services Dinner at Armoury House

To be held at Armoury House, City Road, London on Saturday 25th October 2008

I, ..... Telephone no .....

Email .....

Wish to attend the Uniformed Services Dinner in the Long Room at the HAC on Saturday 25th October and I would like to bring the following guests:

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

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I enclose a cheque made out to **Light Cavalry HAC** for £..... (£50 per head)

My car registration is .....

Please send to : Miss Lenore Russell, 39 Highbury Hill, London, N5 1SU

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