

From the Horse's Mouth



A Newsletter for the Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC

November 2008

Stable Notes

Hello again, and welcome to our new Supporting Riders.

This month finds us with quite a few horses out of work. Both Bleu and Denzil are lame and we are somewhat concerned about Shirley who has had a series of bouts of colic. He has been taken to the vets and placed under observation and been given a number of tests. We are waiting for the results to come in and hopefully then will be able to treat his condition. With three horses out of action, there may be a shortage of rides available. Please bear with us until all the horses are back on form.

On the plus side, there seem to be a very good number of volunteers to help out with the Lord Mayor's Show on the 8th November. Well done everyone who has volunteered for the early start! If you are not volunteering do come and cheer the Light Cavalry on the day. The Lord Mayor's Show is an excellent, free, day out! If you do take photos please do submit them for the Horse's Mouth so that we can all enjoy them.

The date of the Christmas Show is Sunday 21st December. It will primarily be a jumping competition, followed by some pony club games. There will be a sheet on the notice board at Flemish Farm for you to sign up to compete. Please also note that the stables will be closed from 23rd to the 30th December, although it will be possible to book some hacks—except of course on Christmas Day.

Talking of Christmas, do remember that the Light Cavalry calendars, mugs and clothing make excellent gifts—all can be obtained from the office at Flemish Farm. Also the time has come to book your places for the Light Cavalry Christmas party held at the Bisley Hut! An application form and further information can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the tea-ladies and gentlemen who manned the tea stall at the Uniformed Services Show. Another excellent effort from the Supporting Riders!

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Forthcoming Events: 2008

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

The Uniformed Services Show: Saturday October 25th

What a wonderful day! For once the rain stayed away and the sun shone. Teams from various units of the armed forces from the UK, France, Holland and Belgium gathered at the St. John's Wood Barracks for what turned out to be an excellent day of competition.

The Light Cavalry team of Christopher Robinson, Fred Southey and Charles Gillow performed well and although collected some penalty points, certainly held their own. The ultimate winners are in the table below. The event is organised by the Light Cavalry and the competition has been held every year since 1977 (except 2002, when the Barracks were turned into a fire station). As a result, there are many familiar faces—and a family atmosphere has been created.

Special mention must go this year to Kate Pink who is retiring from her position as Honourary Show Secretary. She has been helping organise the show in one capacity or another for the past 12 years. For the 2009 competition she is handing over the reins to Catherine Smith—but I know that everyone involved in the Show would like to thank Kate for all her sterling work.

This is also a good time to mention the newest volunteer to the Uniformed Services team. Jessica Percival attended with her mother, Julie, and worked in the forge where the Light Cavalry tea ladies (and gentleman!) were in action dispensing tea coffee and mulled wine (all for the benefit of our horses at Flemish Farm). Jessica won all our hearts with her enthusiasm—and her boundless energy carried us through the day. I am also happy to report that we raised £160 through our joint efforts.

The next two pages give a taster of some wonderful photographs taken by Peter Zanatta and Matthew Hunt. Do follow the links to their other photographs on the web—they are really excellent.

The party in the evening at Armoury House gave us more time to catch up with friends old and new. I would encourage any Supporting Rider to attend this event next year as it is such a friendly warm occasion.

Team competition	Winners
The Richard Edmonston-Low Challenge Cup	King's School Bruton and RLC
Best Non UK team on King's Troop horses	French Reserve Forces
Best UK team on hired horses	King's School Bruton and RLC
Best individual	CES Gery Bailliard (France)
Best Lady Rider The Brigitte Van Loo Memorial Cup	Cdt Daisy Challier King's School, Bruton
Best non UK rider	CES Gery Bailliard (France)
Best HAC rider Sir Rodney Moore Tankard	LSgt Alex Neld
Fault & Out competition	
The Hugh Auger Memorial Plate	SAC Mel Stoner RAF
Best Lady Rider The Charlotte Heppel Memorial Bowl	SAC Mel Stoner RAF

The Uniformed Services Show

These photographs were taken by Peter Zanatta. Further photographs taken on the day can be found on the light cavalry website : <http://www.lchac.org.uk/Album29/index.html>. I would also encourage you to follow this link <http://www.flickr.com/photos/pzanatta/sets/72157608458103780/> to an even larger album of the Annual Inspection held in September.

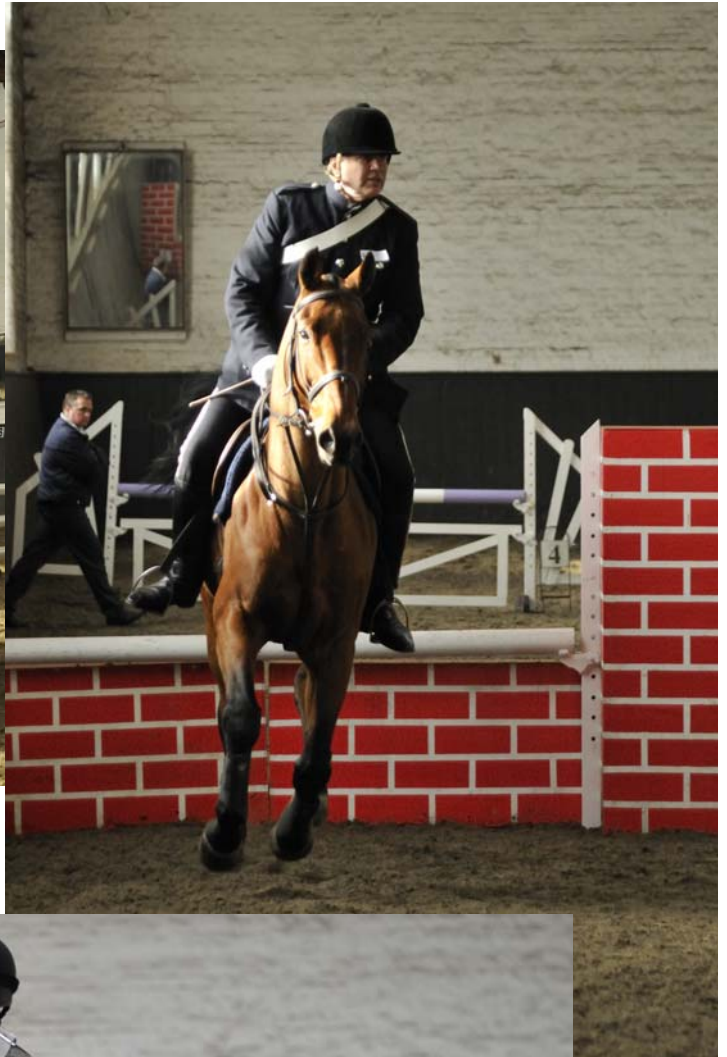


Uniformed Services Show

These photos were taken by Matthew Hunt whose photographs can be found at :

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/reactivefilm/sets/72157608356043658/>

If you would like to order prints £10 for an 10"x8" print and £5 for a 5"x7" print please contact Matt at Matthew.Hunt@fandc.com.



General's Inspection:

These photos were kindly send it by Steve Katu who attended the General's Inspection with Yvette and Nicola—two of our most stalwart volunteers. I only wish I had more room to show more of his fabulous photos of a fabulous day.



Light Cavalry Christmas Party : Bisley Hut : 13th December

For those who have not attended a Christmas Party at the Bisley Hut perhaps some background would be helpful. Bisley in Surrey is the "premier shooting centre" in the UK. A number of rifle associations are based there and, as a consequence, the army uses the facilities extensively. The Honourable Artillery Company's shooting pavilion or clubhouse at Bisley Camp near Brookwood in Surrey is familiarly known to members of the Company as 'The Bisley Hut'. The pavilion was built in 1928 on land leased from the National Rifle Association. Replacing a far less grand building that had been purchased by the HAC in 1904, it was designed by the architect Burrough De Carle Jackson (1889-1968), who had served with the Company during the First World War. The HAC pavilion is considered by many to be one of the finest buildings at Bisley Camp. The Christmas Party starts with mulled wine, is followed by a traditional Christmas dinner, which in turn is followed by toasts and sometimes the odd song or recitation. It is a wonderful opportunity to dress up and meet riding friends in a convivial atmosphere. The cost is £38 per person and an application form is below.

DIRECTIONS:

By Car

The Post Code is : GU24 0NY

a map can be printed from the HAC website :

<http://www.hac.org.uk/html/corporate-private-events-venue/venues-at-the-hac/hac-shooting-lodge-bisley/getting-to-the-hac-shooting-lodge/>

From London take the M3 south (or the M25 to the M3), take exit 3 towards Guildford (A322) and follow signs to Bisley. Turn right onto Queens Road and then right into Kingsway at the National Rifle Association (NRA) ground. Once on the grounds, turn left into Elcho Road and follow road to the HAC Shooting Lodge on the left. There is plentiful free parking at the Lodge

By Rail

The closest station is Brookwood Station which is on London Waterloo main line Taxis are generally available at station.

Application form: Christmas Party : Bisley Hut

To be held at the Bisley Hut on Saturday 13th December, from 7.30pm onwards

I, Telephone no

Email

Wish to attend the Light Cavalry Christmas Party on Saturday 13th December 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 £..... (£38 per head)

NB your application must reach Tpr Simon by Friday 28th November at the latest (send to Tpr Simon, Coleman's Cottage, West Langdon, Kent CT15 5HQ or renniesimon@btconnect.com Tel: 01304 826883)