

From the Horse's Mouth

August 2011

A Newsletter for
The Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC



Stable Notes

Hello again to all the Supporting Riders!

As I write we are beginning to wind down for the horse's well deserved summer holiday which starts on Monday 8th August and ends when Flemish Farm reopens on 22nd August. Although the horses will be lolling about, we humans use the Summer break to spruce up the stables.

One sad piece of news is that we are saying goodbye to Lauren Elms. This is a very sad day for Flemish Farm but of course a very lucky one for her next place of employment. We wish Lauren every success in her career—we will all miss you—and expect to see you back here on social visits on a regular basis!

July was a busy month with the Haileybury Military Tournament on 3rd July, the Light Cavalry Annual Dinner at Armoury House on 21st July and the Cartier International Day on 24th July.

For the new season, one date I would encourage all Supporting Riders to put in their diaries is the Uniformed Services Show held at St John's Wood Barracks. On Saturday 1st October. You may not be aware but the St John's Wood Barracks is closing and the Regiment is moving to Woolwich. The beautiful riding school built in the 18th Century will be re-developed into a leisure complex. The Uniformed Services Show will be the last opportunity to see horses in the school. (Full details on page 6). After the competition a dinner is held at Armoury House. Supporting Riders and their guest are most welcome to attend.

Also, congratulations must go to Louise Mottola and Susie Flook who won the pairs competition at the National Side Saddle Show on Vivor and Hattie. Well Done!

Dates for your Diary : 2011

August 22nd	Flemish Farm Reopens
September 4th	Cadet Qualifier for Uniformed Services Show, Flemish Farm
September 10th	Henley Show, Henley
September 15th	Mounted torch-lit procession, Mansion House
October 1 st	Uniformed Services Show, St John's Wood Barracks Uniformed Services Show Dinner, Armoury House RA Hunt: Hunting Clinic/Newcomers weekend, Larkhill
October 9th	Harriet's Reef Trophy, Flemish Farm
November 1 st	Fund raising dinner, Armoury House
November 12th	Lord Mayor's Show, City of London
December 10 th	Christmas Party, Armoury House

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

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

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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The Cartier International Day : Sunday 24th July



A huge thank you to all Supporting Riders who gave their time and energy getting the horses ready, keeping them looking beautiful during the day and of course putting them to bed at the end of it. These fabulous photos are a testament to your hard work and effort.

Photos kindly supplied by
Vincent Savolainen



Haileybury Military Tattoo

The Light Cavalry participated in the Army Benevolent Fund's Military Tournament at Haileybury College on 3 July. Bob, Leo and Sam took part in a British Tent Pegging Association competition and a grand finale which included massed bands playing the 1812 Overture and accompanied by gunfire.

Photos kindly supplied
by Julie Percival



Harriet's Reef Trophy: Sunday 9th October

SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2011

10.00AM START

THE HARRIET'S REEF TROPHY WAS DONATED BY SUSIE FLOOK WHO IS NOW THE OWNER OF A LIGHT CAVALRY HORSE CALLED HATTIE.

HATTIE RETIRED FROM US IN 2009 AND LOVED HER JUMPING. THE CLASS IS NORMALLY HELD AT THE XMAS SHOW BUT DUE TO THE SNOW IN 2010 WE WERE UNABLE TO HOLD IT.

CLASSES

- ◆ RIDDEN BEST TURNED OUT HORSE AND RIDER, JUDGED BY SUSIE FLOOK.
- ◆ CLEAR ROUND MAX 2FT6
- ◆ HATTIE TROPHY MINIMUM 3FT

TO ENTER PLEASE EMAIL OR RING CAROLINE WITH THE CLASS NUMBERS YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO AND CLASS 1 **ONLY** THE HORSE YOU WOULD LIKE.

The Light Cavalry HAC Hosts Baxter Bear



Photos kindly supplied by Charles Gillow

Not that any of us need convincing that our horses are very special—here are photos of Bob and Sam enjoying the company of Baxter Bear, a military charities mascot.

Charles Gillow tells me that neither Sam nor Bob were particularly phased by a large fluffy bear turning up to practice tent-pegging. Perhaps they intuitively knew that they were helping a good cause! Baxter's website details the work he does with the ABF (Army Benevolent Fund). You will see he gets everywhere—including Flemish Farm! www.baxterbear.com



Uniformed Services Show & Dinner: Saturday 1st October

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 1st 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 and a cadet team formed from cadets who ride regularly at Flemish Farm will also compete, so Supporting Riders should recognise some familiar faces.

We would encourage everyone to attend—especially as this is the last Uniformed Services Show to be held at St John's Wood Barracks. The King's Troop RHA is moving to Woolwich and the barracks at St John's Wood will be redeveloped. This includes the magnificent 18th century riding school which is to be converted into a leisure complex. This is our last opportunity to see horses being ridden in this beautiful historic building.

The jumping competition starts at 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). As always, we would love to hear from anyone who would be prepared to help on the day. We are particularly looking for people who would be able to help on the tea/coffee/mulled wine stall which is always a sociable place to be! Contact Fiona Charman on charmanfma@aol.com if you would like to volunteer an hour of your time. Attendance at the show is free and free parking is available.

In the evening, a dinner will be held at Armoury House for competitors and spectators. All Supporting Riders their family and friends are invited to attend. At the time of going to press we could not locate an application form—please contact John Tunesi on liongam@supanet.com if you wish to attend. For those who have not attended before it is an extremely jolly occasion when the competitors of the day can finally relax in the elegant surroundings of Armoury House the Headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company in the City of London. Please apply for place(s) at the dinner early.

NOTE FOR THE UNIFORMED SERVICES SHOW

Understandably, security is extremely tight at the St John's Wood Barracks and you must arrange for your details to be on the security gate ahead of the day. To do this please contact Catherine Smith via email: csmith2007@talktalk.net **NO LATER THAN** Wednesday 28th September. Please provide

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

On the day, each person must carry photo id.

Also, please be advised that, as guests of the King's Troop, you should confine yourselves to the indoor school and forge area. Please do not wander around the stables or in any way interrupt the work of the King's Troop. If you are not sure where you can or cannot go please ask. Smoking is not permitted in any building in the barracks (including the forge).





ROYAL ARTILLERY HUNT HUNTING CLINIC/NEWCOMERS WEEKEND

at Larkhill, Wiltshire

Saturday & Sunday 1 & 2 October 2011

The RA Hunt (the only remaining Military Foxhound Pack) is delighted to extend a very warm welcome to all at its annual Hunting Clinic on Salisbury Plain. This established event is especially designed as a taster for those new to hunting but is equally challenging for ‘old hands’!

Participants are invited to join the Friday evening pub supper beforehand. Early morning autumn hunting follows the next day.

As usual the programme will include riding cross country over the British Eventing course with the encouragement and guidance of experienced Kings Troop instructors. The weekend will give an overview of how hounds work, hunt staff roles, horn calls, history and etiquette together with talks, practical demonstrations and a visit to the RA Hunt Kennels. All levels of experience catered for with a few places for non riding partners (at discounted cost).

An action packed weekend guaranteed! Course fee £195 to include meals on both Saturday and Sunday. For all enquiries and booking forms please contact Pippa Grob MFH on bmgrob@aol.com or tel 07780 547696.



34th International Uniformed Services Show Jumping Competition

Saturday 1st October, 2011



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The Light Cavalry HAC presents the annual
Uniformed Services Show-Jumping Competition,
held at
The Kings Troop, RHA,
followed by dinner at Armoury House.

Adrenalin, thrills (and maybe spills) guaranteed for spectators and competitors!

For further details about participation, attendance at the show, please contact:

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