

# From the Horse's Mouth

February 2012

A Newsletter for  
The Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC



## Stable Notes

Hello again to all the Supporting Riders!

The horses are newly returned from their Christmas holiday. I thought I would share this glorious picture of Mo and Sam chilling out in the field. It turned out that Sam had the longest holiday of all because he refused to be caught.



Caroline Kelly and Kells are also rested and returned from their well earned break. We must extend the warmest congratulations to them for getting another highly commended when inspected by the BHS in December.

The Supporting Riders had an active December with an excellent turn-out for a rather chilly Christmas Show. Supporting Riders were also present at the Light Cavalry HAC Christmas Dinner and helped out at the Horse Trust's stand at Olympia.

The Mounted section of the HAC had a quiet month but we are proud to report that the dismounted section performed at the British Military Tournament. If someone has a photo of this—please email me and I will print in in the next issue.

For all those Supporting Riders who overdid the Christmas fare and are now wondering how to burn it off, I'm pleased to announce an action packed year! The calendar is so full that I have given it a full page in the Horse's Mouth (which I believe is a first!). It makes you realise the diverse activities we get involved in. We are particularly glad to see the participation of so many cadet corps—both taking riding courses and participating in their own and adult equestrian competitions (and usually winning hands down!). Anyway, we are always looking for volunteers, so please contact Caroline and discuss what you might be able to do.

## 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

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

## 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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## Xmas Show and Harriet's Reef Trophy: By Claire Harker

December 18th saw the very cold, but very fun Christmas show at Flemish Farm. We had tinselly ponies and a couple of Santa's competing for clear round's in 2ft and 3ft classes, as well as the highly sought after (and pretty daunting) Hattie Trophy.

The Show welcomed many of Flemish Farm's supporting riders, and the LC horses and visiting ponies had a great time jumping Christmas themed jumps (including tinsel covered poles). The course's many twists and turns saw plenty of pole's toppled, and a couple of honourable dismounts (A special mention goes to Joy and her dislocated finger...Ouch!), but the eventual victor of the Hattie Trophy was Fiona, riding Shirley. Much deserved and I think everyone would agree, it was a pleasure to watch the pair at work. All in all it was a great day, and fantastic to see so many coming out in the cold to ride or support. Thanks everyone!

### Harriets Reef Trophy: Results

1. Fiona Charman on Shirley
2. Susie Flook on Cara
3. Juanita Coulson on Leo
4. Kell Speakman on Ebony
5. Stephen Caulson on Bob
6. Joy Montgomery on Boris



Ebony takes a bow

Jan gets into the Christmas Spirit



## Diary of Events 2012

SR = Light Cavalry HAC Supporting Riders

LC = Light Cavalry HAD

HACSC = HAC Saddle Club Members

CSRC = Civil Service Riding Club Members

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	PARTICIPANTS
SUN 26 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	CSRC XC TRAINING DAY	FLEMISH FARM	CSRC. SR & LC IF AVAILABILITY
SUN 4 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	HACSC COMBINED TRAINING SHOW	FLEMISH FARM	HACSC. SR. LC
SUN 22 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL	CSRC COMBINED TRAINING SHOW	FLEMISH FARM	CSRC
SUN 6 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	HORSE TRUST FUND RAISER OPEN DAY WITH DSMTG	HORSE TRUST	LC. EVERYONE WELCOME TO THE EVENT
TUE 8 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	HAC OPEN EVENING	ARMOURY HOUSE	LC. EVERYONE WELCOME TO THE EVENT
SUN 13 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	HACSC JOHN PALMER/PYRAMID TROPHY SHOW	FLEMISH FARM	HACSC. SR.LC
SUN 20 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	LC ANNUAL INSPECTION	FLEMISH FARM	LC. EVERYONE WELCOME TO WATCH
FRI 1 <sup>ST</sup> JUNE	ETON CCF TATTOO	ETON	ETON CCF
2 <sup>ND</sup> /3 <sup>RD</sup> JUNE TBC	QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE	LONDON	LC
4 <sup>TH</sup> /5 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	CHILTERN OPEN AIR MUSEUM SAA DISPLAY	CHILTERN OPEN AIR MUSEUM	LC. EVERYONE WELCOME TO THE EVENT
SUN 17 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	POLO PARADE	SMITHS LAWN	LC
SUN 24 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	POLO PARADE	SMITHS LAWN	LC
THUR 19 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	ANNUAL DINNER	ARMOURY HOUSE	EVERYONE WELCOME
SUN 5 <sup>TH</sup> AUG	CSRC SUMMER SHOW	FLEMISH FARM	CSRC
6 <sup>TH</sup> /19 <sup>TH</sup> AUG TBC	CLOSED FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS	FLEMISH FARM	EVERYONE
SEPT TBC	CADET QUALIFIERS	FLEMISH FARM	CCF'S
OCT TBC	UNIFORMED SERVICES SHOW	KINGS TROOP	LC EVERYONE WELCOME TO WATCH
SAT 10 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	LORD MAYORS PARADE	LONDON	LC
SAT 8 <sup>TH</sup> DEC TBC	LC XMAS DINNER	ARMOURY HOUSE	EVERYONE WELCOME
SAT 22 <sup>ND</sup> DEC	LC XMAS SHOW	FLEMISH FARM	SR. LC. HACSC.
24 <sup>TH</sup> /28 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	CLOSED FOR XMAS HOLIDAYS	FLEMISH FARM	EVERYONE

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