



MAJOR RICHARD WAYGOOD

Major Richard Waygood has held the highly prestigious job of being the Riding Master for the Household Cavalry. This is the culmination of a military career spanning twenty seven years. He started as a trooper with the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment and has held every rank available to the riding staff from trooper to major. His posts have included instructing at the Guards Depot, Pirbright, instructing at the Household Cavalry Training Wing at Windsor, instructing at the Defence Animal Centre at Melton Mowbay as well as being an integral part of the riding staff with the Household Cavalry in London. He has been the Services subject matter expert on matters equitation.

Major Waygood has been utterly committed to equitation. He has been tireless in furthering the sport within the Army. As a competitor he has lead the way by example. He has won all the various classes at the Royal Tournament Show Jumping, and has won the celebrated King's and Queen's Cups on more occasions than any other rider. He is the first Services rider to compete at Badminton in over twenty years and was placed in the top twenty on his first attempt. He has ridden internationally, in both FEI and military competitions, representing Britain, the Services and the Army where he has had significant success. He has been selected to attend the Elite World Class Coaching Development Programme. He has evented and show jumped horses belonging to HM The Queen.

He has been tireless in developing equitation at many levels. For the military he has organised and been instrumental in introducing military classes at Gatcombe Park, Tweeseldown and the Services Jumping Championships at Olympia. He has taught and remains in demand in Oman, France, Malaysia, India and Spain. He has introduced over two thousand individuals to riding throughout his military career and trained and mentored over one hundred soldiers to Advanced Instructor (AI) level. He has been a masterful choreographer and trainer for the Household Cavalry's world renowned Musical Ride. Outside the military he has been tireless in developing equitation. He has been team trainer and Chef d'Equipe for the two star European Championship Teams. He carries out cross-country course walks on behalf of European Horse Owners Association at the World, European and Olympic Games. He has been presented with the BHS Award of Merit for services to the Riding Club. He is much in demand as a speaker at BHS and Pony Club events, as well as appearing on television promoting both horses and riding.

Major Waygood has been selfless in his outstanding commitment to equitation. He is full of zeal and is completely dedicated to furthering and improving standards in the horse world. He has been a shining example to his pupils, to his students, to his regiment, to equitation and the general public. He is held in the greatest respect and it is recognised widely that his expertise is unrivalled. He has been an informal and hugely successful ambassador for British Equitation and the British Armed Services.

Colonel Ralph Griffin L.G.

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