



NORFOLK FARM VETS

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## BVD Eradication Scheme Update

Since the last newsletter we have had more herds join the scheme and received more results. The farmers who have passed the first test are listed below.

Please remember, you are not accredited free until a second free test. It is very important that you do not "buy in" or hire any animals without testing them first or sourcing them from other free herds.

Individual farms are liable for the membership fees, billed to you direct. However, for dairies on the dairy scheme we will credit your account with the cost of the bulk milk antibody testing.

The following herds have passed the initial screen:

### Dairy

Heaton  
Joice  
Palmer  
Wales  
Pointen

### Beef

K.A and A.G Gray  
Grove Farm, Langham  
Moore, Copper Beeches  
Savory, Centre Farm  
Houghton Organic Farm

## *Calling all gamekeepers ~ Preventing gut Disease*

**Broilact is a preparation of freeze dried bacteria from normal adult fowl which has been prepared to help prevent gut damage in chicks and poults and help improve gut repair after disease in older birds. It is an in water preparation which costs approx 1p per dose.**

**Health & Safety** – we are all sometimes guilty of being very blasé about handling drugs and dead tissues, however, please be careful as we have had several occasions in the last month to make us stop and think....

Will had a nasty reaction to a dead lambing and had badly infected hands, which made him look like Coco the clown for a month, and were, I'm told very painful.

We have had 2 clients inject themselves accidentally with vaccines—where the vaccine itself is rarely harmful to people what it is mixed with can be. In one case one client had an anaphylactic reaction and required a check over in hospital..

Mineral preparations if injected accidentally, especially copper, can cause severe damage.

The take home message is that if you are at all concerned please contact your doctor with all the details of the drugs you have used.

## Runners Corner



Thanks to all of you who made it to Shouldham on the 25th. As ever, the times are listed below. This was the last Shouldham meet of the season, and everyone who ran three distances received a bookmark (only to keep your page in Runners' World!) and some of the more speedy received medals for placing in the races.

As this was the last Shouldham, we have to get more imaginative with our monthly meets. We're hoping to start running some of the actual legs of the Round Norfolk Relay over the summer. The next dates for you diary are:

April 22nd—Chase the train. (8.3 miles)

April 29th—Breckland 10Km.

**May 6th—Great East Anglian Run—10Km.**

**We're hoping that the entire team might be able to enter the Great East Anglian Run in King's Lynn—a chance to all get together. Entry forms are available online now. At this point we have to decide who is running which leg.** Otherwise, we are still meeting every Sunday either at Holt or nearby. Please just give us a ring about any of the above and let us know if you are coming along.

### Times:

#### Boys Under 15

Sam Phelps 11.41

#### Veteran Men 45

Andy Marsh 26.45

John Phelps 28.23

Simon Dann 35.39

#### Vet Men 40

Roger Sayle 26.45

#### Ladies 35:

Molly McKay 27.1

## North Norfolk Livestock Club Meeting

The evening was a huge success with more than 65 Norfolk farmers out to enjoy an informative evening. Stephen Temple clearly demonstrated how you have to invest to save, showing the huge savings he has made in both drugs and increased growth rates since investing in calf hutches. He also showed other new 'gadgets' on farm—tilting water troughs, back scratchers and rubber matting etc.

Geraldine Hale and Ann Jones spoke on pneumonia and parasites. Geraldine had a particularly good metaphor when talking about the importance of preventing pneumonia explaining how recovered calves were at a severe disadvantage to those calves never to have had pneumonia as the lining of the trachea had changed from normal cilia (carpet like and good at catching bugs before they reached the lungs) to flat undifferentiated tissue (lino like and incapable of keeping out bugs). Hence prevention is *always* better than cure.

We spoke on the huge savings that can be made by routine pregnancy diagnosis and about issuing prescriptions for medications. Prescriptions suit some but not others and it is very much down to the individual but everyone should have the choice.

Contact details: Telephone 01485 609031 Fax: 01485 609029. Emergency: 07920104174

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## FOR SALE:

**Rice Trailer** 6ft x 12ft Twin Axle New wood floor with extra stays. £500. Contact: - Colin Grimes - Tel : 01485 600 059

**10 x 3 teat, plastic calf feeders** £5 each. Contact - Colin Grimes Tel: 01485 600 059

**Aberdeen Angus Stock Bull.** Contact:- Duncan Jeary 07880 508104

**Limousin Stock Bull:** - Contact:- Charlie Collison 01362 655068.

**Freelander:** 1.8 XEi '05, 15 months warranty, £9000 ono, call Molly on: 07977564882.

**6 Aberdeen Angus Bulls 14-23 months;** Please call Trevor Stebbings on 01553 630603

**Poll BSH Bulls for sale;** 4 year old and 2 year old bulls ideal for crossing, easy calving, please call Nick Barrett on 07789 764117

**Pigs for sale** 2 Saddle back x Old spot boars, born August 2006, Fed on mixed fresh fruit & veg & pinenuts, friendly to handle perfect size for meat or stud, eaz tagged and registered £65 each ONO please call Rudi on 07771994098

## WANTED:

**Local stock sought** by two different calf rearing & finishing units. Stock must come from local high health status animals and prices paid to reflect this. Please contact Molly for further details.

**Stockman**—Houghton Organic are looking for someone to cover every other weekend—tractor driving essential. Call Carwyn on: 07793 208655.

**Lambing help;** Any one who is willing to have a go for 1 night a week please call Nick Barrett on 07789 764117

## Need a hand?

**Andrew Barrett** Is available for work with livestock. He has lots of experience handling both cattle and sheep. He can be contacted on 07717 821891.

**Andrew Spinks** Agriculture student from the university of Nottingham looking for farm work from the beginning of June end of Sept. I have experience with pigs, sheep & cattle and am able to handle a tractor, trailer and front end loader. Please contact Andrew on 077890 20927

## Local Produce:



As most of you are aware we are strongly behind the campaign to encourage people to buy locally and reduce food miles, hence we recommend that everyone buy locally either via the Fakenham Farmers Market on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month or directly from the producers listed below:

Duncan Jeary	Beef	07880508104
Trevor Stebbings	Beef	01553630603
Mrs Temple	Cheese	01328820224
Pointen Bros.	Dairy Produce	01263860338
John Garner	Game, lamb & turkeys	01328700277
Houghton Hall	Lamb, Mutton, Beef, Pork and Eggs	07793208655
Tony Barratt	Beef and Lamb—West Newton Shop	01485542219
Courtyard Farms Ltd.	Beef, Lamb and Pork	07789366080
Mr Day, Hindolveston	Beef, Lamb and Vegetables	Farmers Market.

If your name is missing just call the office and we will get your details added.

**Please Note: Our bank has requested that you write "Ltd" on all cheques. We would also be grateful if you could advise us of your VAT reg. no. Thank you for your help in these matters.**

## A New Member to our Team!!



I would like to introduce myself as a new member of the team, my name is Rachel Garnish. Some of you may remember me from Wensum Valley Vets when I used to work as a receptionist, I am 19 years old and I live in a hotel in Fakenham which is where I spend most of my time!

I have lived in Norfolk for over 2 years and it was the best move I ever made! I love the people, my social life is much more fulfilled especially a Saturday night in Norwich!!!

I have been working her for nearly a month now and I am really enjoying working here with Molly and Will and I am looking forward to meeting all of you.

Bye for now - Rach



### ABERDEEN ANGUS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TRUST PRESENTS SHOW SEASON PARTY 2007

You are invited to the pre-show season party on Saturday 21st April 2007 at West Rudham

Village Hall, Pockthorpe, nears Kings Lynn

Beef Roast, Live Music and Bar available

Tickets are £15 per head Friends and relatives welcome

Any queries please contact Kate or Trevor on 01553 630603

*From 9th April DEFRA will no longer require routine Brucella testing to be undertaken.*

Tuberculin testing will carry on as normal (neck test) but we will no longer do whole herd Brucella (blood) tests. Remember you are still required by law to notify us of abortions so Brucella tests can be undertaken on these animals at DEFRA's expense.

### North Norfolk Livestock Club

**PHOTOGRAPHS** are **NOW** available on the Internet. Please take time to browse at your will and make orders! The site is in [theimagefile.com/web//nancypalmer](http://theimagefile.com/web//nancypalmer). Next click **Gallery** along the top buttons and enter the password:- **stockman**. Next click on **Slide Show**. Price £6 each.7" x 5". Larger sizes may be available. All monies raised, after expenses, will be donated to the **Farmers Benevolent Fund**. If you don't see yourself contact Nancy on 01485 601383 or 07828 724146. To view some of Nancy's other photography Click on: **Portfolio**.

