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NORFOLK FARM VETS

Happy New Year

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to **Roger Rudd, Ropers Farm**, Briston & **Peter Claxton**, shepherd, Whissonsett

Who were the winners of our two Christmas hampers. The hampers were filled with local produce bought from the following Norfolk Farm Vets clients:

- Diced mutton from Houghton Organic Farm, Houghton
- Braising steak from Duncan Jeary, Briston
- Mrs Temples Binham Blue cheese from J. F. Temple & Son
- Tray of yoghurts from Pointen Bros
- Merino wool socks and chutney from Erpingham House Farm
- Leg of Goat from The Halls, West Walton & Marina Scharf, Briston
- Loin of Pork from Courtyard Farms, Ringstead
- Brussel sprout stalks, from the Moore's, Pott Row
- Beef from Sandringham Beef and Lamb, West Newton Shop
- Treacle and Beer Bacon from Elsegood Butchers, Pott Row

We hope they enjoyed their hampers and that everyone had a good Christmas and will have a prosperous New Year.

Bluetongue Restrictions

Due to the weather becoming cooler, the Bluetongue restrictions on movements of live animals are being lifted under certain conditions;

The major restriction is that animals must be bled to show they are not carrying Bluetongue virus and results received prior to transport.

2 tests are available; PCR from 4th January & ELISA from the 18th January. The PCR costs £15 + handling and the ELISA £2.95 + handling.

Both tests are blood tests and have at least a 4 day turnaround at the Government designated laboratory.

Animals testing negative will be eligible for movement/export; animals testing positive will not be eligible and those testing inconclusive will be required to be retested 10-14 days after the first test.

For further information please see the Defra website on www.defra.gov.uk or ring the practice.

Disease Focus Coccidiosis in Cattle

- **Cause:** Protozoa (Eimeria sp.)
- **Risk group:** Calves less than a year old
- **Source:** Environment. (Indoors in crowded or contaminated areas. Outdoors around feeding troughs)
- **Symptoms:** Diarrhoea, blood stained faeces & straining
- **Consequences of coccidiosis:** weight loss, dehydration and death. Low long term growth rates. It is a disease of a group rather than an individual animal. If one animal is showing clinical signs then it is very likely that many more have subclinical disease.
- **Differential diagnosis:** Bacterial causes (e.g. clostridial enterotoxaemia, e.coli) and in young calves viral causes (e.g. rota and coronavirus)
- **Diagnosis:** History, clinical signs & faeces sample. Although there may be low numbers of oocysts in faeces despite the presence of disease
- **Treatment:** If clinical signs are present then oral electrolytes (Energaid, Lectade, Rehydion) and an appropriate coccidiocide or coccidiostat should be used (Baycox bovis or Vecoxan).
- **Prevention:** PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE. Baycox bovis or Vecoxan can be used to prevent disease. The key to preventing disease is knowing when your stock are at risk and treating before they develop clinical signs. Calves under a year, housed at high stocking densities in unhygienic yards with damp bedding are at high risk of developing disease. Calves out at pasture are also at risk of disease, this risk is increased when there are damp areas around water troughs. Experience of problems in previous years and faecal samples can be used to make decisions on when to use preventative treatment.
- For more info call the practice

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FOR SALE

34 continental cross cows in calf to Bazadais bull due to calve in April. Cows and bull for sale.
Defender 110 HiCap pickup. M Reg (300Tdi), 147K, New BFG All Terrains. £4000 +VAT.
Range Rover Classic Vogue, K Reg (200Tdi), Manual, 166K, New transfer box and alternator. £2500 +VAT. Contact James Murrell on: 07770692891.

Norfolk Farm Vets Ltd.

Will is doing a talk for Fenland Smallholders on **24th February**, organised by Tiff & Judith Hall in West Walton. For further details contact them 01945 588451.

We are also running a series of practical afternoon courses starting on January 9th in North Norfolk on;

Sheep & Goat Foot trimming	Jan 9th
Safe injecting & use of medicines	Jan 16th
Lambing & Kidding techniques	Jan 23rd

£30 per person per course; max 10 per course. These are practical courses held on farm with everyone getting a chance to hone their skills.

www.norfolkfarmvets.co.uk

Our new website is now up and running, go to the above address and investigate it yourself! It has a archive of our newsletters and information on the services we offer. You can also e-mail us through the website & get links to local suppliers of produce and livestock

Royal Norfolk Show

We are pleased to announce that this summer we are sponsoring the Aberdeen Angus cattle and Goats sections at the Norfolk Show. So the hat and the high heels will be out again...well for Will anyway, & we shall look forward to seeing you all there.

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 4th Saturday of the month or directly from the producers listed below:

Duncan Jeary	Beef	07880 508104
Mrs Temple	Cheese	01328 820224
Pointen Bros.	Dairy Produce	01263 860338
John Garner	Game, lamb, turkeys	01328 700277
Houghton Hall	Lamb, Mutton, Beef, Pork and Eggs	07793 208655
Sandringham Beef and Lamb	West Newton Shop	01485 542219
Courtyard Farms Ltd.	Beef, Lamb and Pork	07789 366080
Perfick Pork	Pork & Lamb	01328 829317
Mr Day, Hindolveston	Beef, Lamb and Vegetables	Farmers Market.
Simon Dann	Norfolk Farmhouse Ice-cream	On Farm/Local Shops.
Gavin Lane	Salt Marsh Beef	sales@saltmarshbeef.co.uk
Van Beuningen	Ash Farm Organics	On Farm and Markets
Erpingham House Farms	Mohair socks, Jams etc	01263 761208



Central England Herd Health Planning Group & Norfolk Farm Vets

Invite you to:
Lameness in dairy cattle
"No foot no Cow"

Thursday 31st January 2008 - 7.30pm
At Copys Green Farm, Wighton
Wells-Next-The-Sea, Norfolk
By kind permission of
Stephen & Catherine Temple

Speakers:

Nick Bell MA VetMB MRCVS

Division of Farm Animal Science- University of Bristol
"Cattle Lameness Project"

Dr Mike Overend

Forum Animal Health "Preventing Lameness in a Dairy Farm"

Russell Vanhinsbergh

"Waterbeds for cows- a case study"

Practical Demonstration

Ian Poole MP Cattle Service – Foot Trimmer

Refreshments & Drinks provided

Please call Rachel to let her know numbers for catering on
01485 609031

Scanning Sheep/Goats

We have recently bought a new scanner ideal for pregnancy diagnosis in sheep and goats. On Tuesday 18th December we had a goat morning where people could drop in and get their goats scanned. The ideal time to scan is between 50—90 days in kid/lamb as at this time we are able to count the individual foetuses. However, in order just to confirm pregnancy, scanning can be done from 35 days. If you are interested in this service then phone us and we can make arrangements and discuss prices.

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