

NEWSLETTER

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Bluetongue Vaccination

We purchased 40,000 doses of BTV8 vaccine for our clients and we are pleased to say that the majority of clients have decided to vaccinate! As we have stated several times we believe that this is the **only way** to prevent animals in our area being struck down by this debilitating disease.

Don't forget that those of you who have cattle and goats need to remember to give the second dose of vaccine, 1ml per animal, 3-4 weeks after the first dose. The vaccine in these animals is not effective until up to 3 weeks after the second dose. Also don't forget calves that are born this summer will need 2 doses, starting with the first jab at approx 4 weeks of age and a second 3-4 weeks later.

Why is it different in cattle and sheep? It is due to the adjuvant, which is the carrier molecule. (Not just the vaccine company/DEFRA making life as awkward as possible). There are 2 adjuvants in the vaccine one for sheep and one for all other species. The sheep adjuvant allows sheep only to have 1 dose of the vaccine to be covered but cattle etc. must have an initial course of 2 doses to get effective cover.

If you need help catching animals up for the second dose give us a call and we will put you in touch with other farmers and stockman who have offered to help people out who are short of help. Remember to change the sterivax cap on your vaccine gun before you start the second doses then after every 100 animals to ensure there is no risk of spreading disease from animal to animal.

Skin Reactions have been reported in some sheep and goats, but these are mild and neither we nor the British Cattle Veterinary Association have had any reports of severe adverse reactions in cattle. So despite some peoples initial fears there are no reports of abortions or illness in heavily pregnant stock.

For **next year** we will have the vaccine in advance of the grazing season, so all animals that have been dosed this year will need boosting next year with a single jab and all youngstock joining the herd/flock will need the initial course, prior to turnout.

Runners Corner

At the end of May part of our intrepid running team crossed the border into a "midge free" Scotland to compete in the Edinburgh Marathon and Hairy Haggis Relay.



Despite, or perhaps because of, a "warm up" in the bar on Saturday night the boys all ran a storming race on Sunday. Andy smashed his predicted marathon time to run 3.34.37 for the full marathon and the team of Gavin Lane(8.1miles—1.11), Carwyn James (5.4miles-41.21), David Coleman (8.0miles-58.17) & Julian Howard (4.7miles-32.31) completed the course in 3.12.20.

I believe the "warm down" was more extensive than the "warm up", and we have pictures to prove it!!, but all in all they all proved themselves to be more than capable of competing in this year's Round Norfolk Relay.

For all those competing or supporting in this years RNR please let me know whether you need running vests or T shirts as we have to order these 8 weeks in advance.

As ever new members to the NFKV are welcome with open arms, whether you fancy a gentle jog, no competition required, a bike ride or just to feel part of what is be coming a rapidly growing farming social network. Give us a call.

Next runs;

5 Mile at Gavin's North Lynn Farm, Sunday 8th June 10am
5 k at Gavin's North Lynn Farm Thurs 12th June 7.30pm.
See you there.

Sports stars—in addition to the runners we have recently found we have another sporting star in the practice. Jonathon Hall of Old Grange Farm is presently shooting his way into the England Clay Pigeon Shooting team. Last month he shot 199/200 and on the first weekend of July he will be shooting again to try and confirm his selection.



Caption Competition...the 4 best captions for this photo win tickets for this years Norfolk Show— call the office or e-mail.

We will be there all day Wednesday and Thursday so hopefully we will see you there.

We are sponsoring the Aberdeen Angus Classes and the Goat Classes this year so the hat and the heels will be out again!

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POSITIVE PRESS FOR ALL.....

for those of you that have yet to see it there is an article in **Country Living** June 2008, highlighting Norfolk produce. It is great to see our clients getting the credit they deserve in the National Press for what they produce. Featured are Gavin Lane of Salt Marsh Beef, Simon Dann of Norfolk Farmhouse Ice Cream and Catherine Temple of Temple's Cheese.

Norfolk Farm Vets were honoured to be invited to talk at a combined event for **Dovecote Park and Waitrose at Beckhithe Farms** on May 7th. The whole day was a wonderful success, with approx 300 farmers from all over the country attending, and it proved a great showcase for Barry Brooks, Gary Gray and their team showing everyone how it can be done with small numbers of staff and large numbers of stock.

The **show season** is now here with a vengeance;

South Suffolk Show was a first outing for **Duncan Jeary's** show team and amongst other prizes he won 3rds with both his 2007 born heifer and bull.

The Suffolk Show was the next outing for most and there were some good results for our cattle clients but the greatest success went to the show team of **Susannah Coke and Kerry Long** who stole the show with their Norfolk Horns, winning across the board and capping it all off with Champion Male and Champion Female.

Other winners:

Ruby Wright was on characteristic winning form winning the young handler (Beef cattle) 14-19years

Collison and associates had a good day with a 2nd for their 2 shear Long Horn ram, a 4th for their group of 3 and a 3rd for **Tom Collison** in the young handlers (sheep)

There was a 3rd for **Tony Barratt** in the Red Polls with his bull, a 3rd for **Houghton Organic Farm** with their 2006 born Long Horn heifer and a reserve for **Peter Muffett** with his pre 2006 Long Horn cow.

FOR HIRE –brand new mobile cattle handling system, £30 per hour. Contact Will Hancock on 07979641597 or e-mail will@churchfarmlandrovers.co.uk

WANTED:

12 Sim X Dairy (Holstein/Friesian) bulling heifers. Must be 'disease free'

Contact James Ashworth on: 07715 464832

6-10 Hereford type heifers at 22-24 months

Contact the Newells on: 01366 500357

Charolais Bull contact Andrew Masters on 01485 518216

Equine Vaccinations - there appears to be some confusion over us administering equine vaccinations. We have done and will continue to offer a vaccination service to our farm clients who have horses at a cost of £16.31 + VAT per flu tet vaccine + the usual visit fee (if applicable).



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	Organic Beef, Lamb and Pork	01485 525251 or courtyardfarm.organic@virgin.net
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	01362 683228 www.ashfarmorganics.co.uk
Mrs. Willcox	Mohair Socks, Preserves, Eggs	Erpingham House Farm

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

Local Produce

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