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Royal Norfolk Show 2008



At this year's Royal Norfolk Show we were delighted to be sponsoring both the Aberdeen Angus classes and the Dairy Goat classes. The sun shone both days boosting the numbers ring side. There was an excellent turn out of cattle in the majority of classes keeping the crowds entertained all Wednesday and on Thursday morning. Molly dusted off the skirt, yes for those of you who commented the legs are hers, and hat and presented the prizes in the Angus ring on Wednesday. The turnout in the youngstock classes was excellent and there was stiff competition, however, all others struggled to compete with Hardwick Farms who won all the Angus classes except the cow and calf which went to Duncan and Tracy Jeary with their cow Briston Echo, who also won the female championship. This was a reversal of fortunes for the Jeary's who had won the Native Interbreed title at the East of England Show 10 days before.



There was enormous satisfaction in presenting the Angus Prizes to such a good array of cattle, especially when we presented the top prizes in every class to clients of Norfolk Farm Vets!

It was also an excellent day for the Glenariff Herd who were reserve champion in the Beef Shorthorn classes with their big white bull Glenariff Washington, who then went on to delight us all by winning the Native Beef Interbreed.

Other clients with success in the Beef Classes were; Tony Barratt with his Red Polls who, after missing the East of England Show, had a good outing getting two 2nds and a 3rd in well supported classes, Charlie Collison who, in addition to having great success with the Abram's Simmental heifer, was showing his own young Limousin bull to get 3rd, Trevor and Kate Stebbings who followed up their success at the East of England with a 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the Aberdeen Angus youngstock classes and both Houghton Hall and Peter Muffett had success with their Longhorns.

We also had clients and colleagues showing sheep. John Garner had success in the Suffolk classes, Bridget's Castlemilk Moorit's had their usual outstanding success with, amongst other prizes, Reserve Champion Primitive Male and 1st in the Primitive Group of Three. Lynn Collison also had success with both the Norfolk Horns and the Shetlands. However, it was Suzannah Coke and Kerry Long who stole the show with their Champion Norfolk Horn Ram.



Will was honoured to present the plate in the goat championship where again he was surrounded by winning Norfolk Farm Vet clients in their respective breeds. The Chaffe's had a string of 1st and 2nds with their Toggenburgs, and success was also had by Lucy Cole & Jayne Parsey. Tiff Hall was also to be found in the goat tent and ring where he was presenting his demonstration of his Boer meat goats.



It was nice to see so many clients at this years show both showing and just enjoying a day out meeting up with friends and admiring the cattle. We at Norfolk Farm Vets always enjoy our time at the show where we can spend time chatting to clients and celebrating their success. We are committed to supporting the Royal Norfolk Show and will be sponsoring and supporting classes again next year.

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Bluetongue Vaccination

The uptake of Bluetongue vaccine in our practice has been absolutely excellent—and we hope that this will mean that we are not blighted with the problems encountered on the Continent last year.

Please remember that it was not until last September that we saw problems in the UK so please don't relax quite yet!! It is important to remember to vaccinate those calves born this spring/summer to ensure they are covered because, as with most diseases, it is the young and the old that are most likely to succumb to illness.

If you need further doses of vaccine please contact the practice.

WHAT'S NEWS.....

Cephaguard LC is changing it's name to Cobactan MC otherwise it is exactly the same.

There is evidence in recent literature that a 2nd dose of Iron at weaning can improve growth rates in piglets between day 34-50 giving an average of an extra 20g per day. Call for further information.

We have a new 'toy' in the practice—a Wopa 6 bladed hoof knife which fits to an angle-grinder to speed up correction of those grossly overgrown hooves. So give us a call to get rid of those overgrown feet.

For Sale: Cast-iron bath—call John at the practice.

Caption Competition Winners....some were unprintable but the winners were Gavin Lane, Paul Duffy, Andy Marsh, Alan Heaton & Andy Gray. Molly's favourite "Will wondered where to plug in the hair transplanter" from Alan Heaton & Will's favourite "No Molly you're not pregnant" from Andy Gray.

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.

Runners Corner

The Round Norfolk Relay is just 3 months away! This year's intrepid team is made up predominantly of last year's team with a few new additions.



Most are therefore fully aware of what they are putting themselves through! but they will still be in need of support to prop up flagging spirits around the 193 miles .

Gary Gray from Beckhithe has offered his services on a bicycle or in the bus as have Catherine Colman, Roger Rudd, Wendy Marsh, Jayne Parsey and Jim Moss all of who helped out last year. Anyone else who feels like a lengthy cycle ride accompanying a runner, particularly in the early hours of the morning, would be much appreciated!

Carwyn, John, Jim and Gavin are organising some weekend runs—if you're running the RNR or just fancy a run with some friends then give Carwyn a call on 07793208655.

Also, those who want support t-shirts or running vests should contact John at the practice ASAP as we have to order them some considerable time in advance.

West Norfolk Ride.

A sponsored ride at the Wagg's, Manor Farm, Tattersett, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Duckworth Chadd, Pinkney Estates. Saturday 13th September, 9:30-1pm. For more details phone Fiona Wagg on : 07990574955, or Sue Williams on: 07887617903.

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