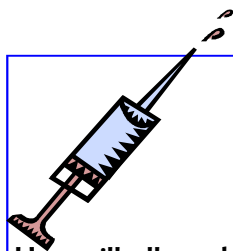


# NEWSLETTER

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NORFOLK FARM VETS



### Bluetongue vaccine

You will all no doubt remember the difficulties with the supply and administration of Bluetongue vaccine last spring. The good news is that there are plenty of supplies of BTv8 available now so the problems with stock being turned out etc. should be avoidable.

#### Who to do?

All **cattle** that received a primary course (2 doses 3 weeks apart) last spring will require a single booster injection. Any new additions and calves will require the initial course of 2 doses three weeks apart.

All **sheep**, whether vaccinated last year or not, require a single dose to provide protection.

**Goats.** The Goat Veterinary Society has recently published data that suggests that goats should be boosted every 6 months to ensure ongoing protection. As with other species, the initial course consists of 2 doses 3 weeks apart, followed by 6 monthly boosters.

#### When?

Vaccine is available now so plan a convenient time for you to administer the vaccine, when you are handling for another reason for example, and order your doses.

Don't forget that the vaccine is available in bottles of 20, 50 or 100 doses, but once opened each bottle must be used within 8 hours.

#### Cost?

Presently there are still supplies of the DEFRA purchased vaccine which cost 82p a dose for 20ml bottles and 55p a dose for 50ml bottles.

**Note**—There is no limitation on stock this year so 20ml bottles are available regardless of the number of stock to be dosed.

Once this vaccine supply is exhausted we will purchase BTv Vaccine from our usual wholesaler at the going commercial rate. The cost is likely to be higher than the DEFRA prices quoted above—so if you plan to vaccinate stock early (before the end of February) we highly recommend that you purchase stock soon to guarantee the price.

### Christmas Raffle.

Hopefully everyone has had a good Christmas and managed to sit down even if just for a turkey dinner. We bought for the hampers this year:

Binham Blue Cheese from Mrs Temple,  
Shoulder of Lamb from Houghton Organic Farm,  
Goat leg from the Halls,  
Ice Cream from Norfolk Farmhouse Ice Cream,  
Jams and socks from Erpingham House Farm,  
Bacon from Sandringham Beef and Lamb,  
Stewing Beef from Duncan Jeary,  
Sprout stalks from Moore's Livestock,  
Sausages from Courtyard Farm  
Yogurts from Pointen Bros.

So they were as full as ever. The two lucky winners were John Smith of Chalk Hill Farm, Holkham, and The Rivetts of Windmill Farm, Wood Norton.

### NFV Quiz

We hope you've all kept:

**Wednesday 4th February**

free as this is the date for the winter quiz  
(one smarty pants noted the deliberate date error on last months newsletter).

We will be holding it in Fakenham at 7.30pm.

**1st Prize— Case of Champagne**

**& we will also present the**

**NFV shield to Farm of the Year,**

*This will be presented to the farm which we feel has made the most improvement, maintained highest standards or overcome the biggest hurdles in 2008.*

Please could you let us know at the office whether you are able to make it and how many people are coming. This just helps with catering and tables etc. and we can then let you know the exact location. If you want to come as teams of 4-5 please do so, otherwise we'll be able to group people together when they arrive.

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## For Sale:

**Tubar Cattle crush**—excellent working order complete with weigh scales. **EB Feed Hopper**—13 tonne, fibreglass with low level discharge. Perfect condition. EB feeder system also available. Contact James Ashworth on: 07715 464832.

## People:

**Charlie Collison** is available for professional stockmanship, sheep & cattle, and preparation of show cattle. 07810106095

### Overdue accounts—a reminder

Unless you discuss any issues with your account with us or we have arranged an alternative, we will be adding late payment charges to all accounts that have not been paid by the end of each month. If you are having difficulty paying please get in touch and talk to us about it and we can try

### EBLEX Meeting

#### Better Returns from Out-Wintering Cattle

By kind invitation of Grove Farm Partners and Ian Spinks, Farm Manager.

Grove Farm, Langham, Holt, Norfolk, NR25 7BU  
Wednesday 28th January. 10.00am—1.30pm

In conjunction with British Seed Houses, this event allows beef producers to understand how out-wintering on a variety of brassicas can be extremely useful in extending forage supplies to reduce feeding costs.

**E-mail newsletters.** If it suits you to receive newsletters by e-mail then just let the office know.

The end of 2008 brought some very **sad news** for two local families:

**Nancy Thomas**, wife of Glynn from Field Dalling passed away in early December. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends as well as everyone in the farming community.

**Jane Palmer** of Railway Farm, Sporle also passed away suddenly on the family farm between Christmas and New Year. Jane was a pillar of the local community and was devoted to her family and the farm.

Both will be sorely missed and our thoughts are with their families at this sad time.

### What's New.....

**Enzaprost.** Is the new Estrumate! We are changing our prostaglandin from Estrumate to Enzaprost, the only difference is the dose size 5ml rather than 2ml... oh, and its cheaper!

End of the Fallen Stock Scheme. As of the 12th January, fallen stock will no longer be collected for free. The cost of collection will then be between £160 and £180.

### House Auction

Molly, Carwyn and Beth are moving off the Houghton Estate and into a home of their own in King's Lynn. As a consequence, they have a whole house full of furniture and stuff which is no longer required. Hence they are having a whole house auction—beds, sofas, trampoline, bikes, lawn mowers, chests etc. etc. on Sunday January 18th at 11am. All welcome at 4 Cross Street, Harpley.

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	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, Chicken & Beef	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
Linda Cletheroe	Seasonal Fresh Vegetable	01263 587466 / 07780930903 Lindafreshveg.vpweb.co.uk Farmers Market

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

Local Produce

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