

# NEWSLETTER

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NORFOLK FARM VETS



Again we were honoured to be sponsoring classes at this year's Royal Norfolk Show where the large number of entrants in the livestock sections made for highly competitive classes. As ever Norfolk Farm Vets' clients were often to be found at the head of the line up and the following were of particular note;

In the Aberdeen Angus classes where competition was particularly stiff Hardwick Farm won 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in the junior heifer class & 1<sup>st</sup> with their junior bull who went on to win reserve in the male championship. Duncan Jeary won the cow class with Briston Echo who went on to win Reserve Champion female and Shadwell Estates'



exceptional senior heifer won her class, the female championship and went on to Reserve Champion overall.

Peter Muffett had an excellent day winning the Longhorn cow class and Wereham Destiny, the Newell's junior British Blue bull, swept the board winning his class, the male championship and reserve British Blue champion. In the British Charolais classes Mrs Rix of Wissington Charolais had a very successful day picking up reserve champion with Wissington Diva. Ian Brown did well to fend off the mighty Smiths of Bloxham to be awarded reserve male champion with his junior Limousin bull. Glenariff Livestock swept the board with their team of Beef shorthorns winning almost every class culminating in both breed champion and reserve champion, quite an achievement.

Moore's Livestocks' newly acquired pedigree Blonde's did them proud with a win in both the senior heifer and the cow class in the any other beef breed category which led in turn to a win in the championship.

In the dairy cattle section Easton College had a first with their second calved cow Marlingford Melody Sharon and in the dairy goats there were wins for Lynn Jermy with her Anglo Nubian, Maggie Wright with her Golden Guernsey and Brenda Chaffe with her Toggenburg in the female goat categories. The goatling classes were well supported with wins for Lynn Jermy with her British Saneen and Anglo Nubian, Lucy Cole with British Alpine, Brenda Chaffe with her Toggenburg, Jane Parsey with her British Toggenburg, Maggie Wright with her Golden Guernsey and Di Parker with her AOV. Lynn and Jane also had wins with their kids – of the goat variety that is!

The sheep tents were filled to the brim ensuring good competition across the breeds. Bridget dominated the prizes in the primitive breed classes with her Castlemilk Moorit winning the championship whilst also taking reserve champion and the group of three. Lynn Collison was a close 2<sup>nd</sup> in the group of three with her Shetlands. John Garner showed that commercial farmers can win in the show ring with a win for his pair of Suffolk ram lambs and the McInnes Skinner's had an excellent day with their Bleu de Maine winning breed champion and reserve champion. Suzanne Coke had a hugely successful day as ever with her Norfolk Horn's with male champion and reserve, female reserve champion and champion overall.



Kerry Long, John Garner & Nick Barrett were all honoured at the show for their services to cattle, sheep or in Kerry's case both being made fellows of the Royal Norfolk Show. A great honour, much deserved.

As many of you will be aware we ran a competition at the Norfolk show to highlight the wide diversity of commercial livestock farming today in Norfolk with first prize of a £100 hamper made up of produce from our clients. The winner this year was Mrs Harvey from Frenches Farm, Waxham and a hamper will be winging its way to her in the next few weeks. A correct answer sheet will be forwarded to all those who entered and can be collected from the office for anyone else who is interested. As ever no-one got all 8 questions right! A big thank you to Tiff Hall who gave up his usual demonstration with his Boer goats to give us a hand handing out competition entries and flier.

Runners Corner may have been on holiday last month but the runners were not! Andy Marsh travelled up to Edinburgh at the end of May to compete in the Edinburgh marathon and ran a very credible time of 3:53.49 in warm conditions. Everyone else is in serious training for this year's RNR on 19th /20th September!



**D.** The Dairy co. Mastitis Control plan is one of the most exciting software innovations in Dairy farming in the past few years. This software allows us to highlight areas on your dairy unit, in order of priority, that are likely to be having an impact on your cell count and/or cases of clinical mastitis. The software also has the ability to determine the likely outcome of treatment in a particular case of mastitis given the cows parity, SCC, yield etc. allowing us to make more rational decisions. See Molly for more info.

## For Sale:

**Young Beef Shorthorn Bulls**—Red Rhone and White. High Health Status, Polled, Ready for use.

NJ & AM Barrett. Call Nick on: 07789 764117.

**Land Rover**—110 HiCap pick-up. 51 Plate. TD5. Only 47,000. MOT until October.

Call Nigel Carey on: 07850 823850.

**EB Feed Hopper**—13 tonne, fibreglass with low level discharge. Perfect condition.

EB feeder system also available.

Contact James Ashworth on: 07715 464832.

**25 North Country Mule Shearlings and 10 Pure Texel Ram Lambs**—Vaccinated incl. BTV8.

Contact Philip on: 01366 385982 or 07788 131508.

## People/Equipment:

**Mobile Sheep Handling**—Pratley mobile sheep handling system. For hire with operator.

Call Mr. Fletcher on: 07977040358.

**Molecatcher**—for hire. Tracey Palmer: 01485 600717.

## Wanted:

**2 Goats**—milkers or castrated males. Contact the office.

## Royal Norfolk Show Caption Competition Winners

As ever we had quite a few entries for the chance to win tickets to this year's show. There were the inevitable unprintable suggestions, but the winners included Andy Gray, the Macks and Paul Duffy, with entries such as "No Maisie, that is NOT a strawberry, it is my new hat" and "Does Molly know your wearing her hat".



## Bluetongue vaccine.

Just a reminder that the half price Bovilis BTV8 offer is still running. This means that a 20 dose bottle is £6.75 + VAT and a 50 dose bottle is only £16.88 + VAT.

At prices like this it pays to vaccinate. Please remember all the calves, lambs and kids as it may be too late to establish protection if you wait for an outbreak before you vaccinate.

Contact the office to get your half price vaccine before stocks run out.

## Lungworm

Lungworm infection in cattle and sheep can be a very serious condition. It is most commonly seen in young stock, although the disease can occur in adult animals.

The disease can be seen throughout the grazing season from May through November, but this note is going out now as July and August are the most important months.

The disease is normally first noticed as coughing in stock at pasture, especially if they are driven. This can progress to coughing when at rest and increased respiratory rates, to dyspnoea (difficulty breathing) and predisposes to other respiratory pathogens.

Diagnosis is normally made on faeces or blood tests, the timings of which are important. Once a diagnosis has been reached, treatment is with appropriate wormers, and plans regarding vaccination can be made for future years.

If you are concerned about this condition, please give us a ring at the practice.

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	Pork, Lamb, Veg, Knitting wool	Hindolveston. 01263 860578
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
Moore's Livestock, Oak Farm	Beef, Pork, Free Range Eggs	Farmers Market
Rudi Jennings	Free range goat meat	01553 630772/07900 491679 01945 585467

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

Local Produce