



The Norfolk and Suffolk BVD eradication scheme is up and running and we have a significant number of dairy and beef herds registered. On the beef side the scheme works by testing animals for an initial check test. If negative, the next crop of calves are tested when they reach 9 months old. If they are also negative, the herd is accredited BVD free, which is then monitored annually.

The following farms have completed their initial check test and have negative results (i.e. no BVD). They will be accredited if still negative after a second test:

J.C. Savory, Centre Farm, Gateley Grove Farm Partnership, Langham

We are awaiting results from numerous other submitted samples and will add these to this list as they arrive.

North Norfolk Livestock Club are holding an open meeting on:

**Tuesday March 13th @ 7pm
Binham Village Hall.**

Keep your Bank Manager Happy—Cut your Drug Bill by Half.

It is open to all farmers—beef, sheep & dairy.

Speakers:

Stephen Temple (RADBF Gold Cup contender):

Cost benefits of new calf housing

Geraldine Hale, Leeds Vet Labs:

Prevention of pneumonia is cheaper and better than cure.

Why waste money on wormer?

Norfolk Farm Vets Ltd:

Why PD and when?

Prescriptions—are they worth the hassle?

Buffet and drinks

Tickets call Andy 07810 624352.

Runners Corner



Another sunny day at Shouldham on 14th January saw a record turn out for the running team—thanks to everyone who made it. Again we split with some training with Jim and some trying the race. The times of everyone who ran the 9km are shown below, although once again, Laura, Beth and Sam showed us all how it's done.

Some of you have already joined The West Norfolk Athletics Club, and I would urge anyone else who intends to run any of the Shouldham races to sign up. It's free until subs are due in April, it helps the club and also means you get your name in the sports section of the paper— "Andy Marsh headed the field" etc!

The Houghton Hall cross country 6.5km is to be held on the 4th February, - Please come along if you're free—it's a shorter race again at 6,5km. Otherwise keep on running and follow Duncan's example—he was spotted running through the dark at 7.30pm on a Friday evening—that's the sort of dedication we expect from the Norfolk Farm Vets Running Team!

The Sunday run at Holt has started meeting at different locations—give us a ring if you want to see if we're meeting nearer you.

Times:

Senior Men:

David Knight 38.32
Will Stevenson 42.03
Gavin Lane 42.46

Vet Men 45:

Andy Marsh 38.39
Carwyn James 40.18
John Phelps 42.19

Vet Men 40:

Roger Sayle 33.11
Gary Zoller 33.21

Vet Ladies 35:

Molly McKay 35.11

ARE YOU READY FOR LAMBING?

Lambing Boxes available from the practice
A basic box = £57.23 + VAT and includes:

- Arm length gloves (100 gloves)
- Lube 2.5 litre
- Collate Twin Lamb 225ml & CMD 400ml (6.5 doses) for pregnancy toxæmia
- Prolapse retainer
- Duphamox LA 100ml (20 doses) (long acting, broad spectrum antibiotic)
- Terramycin Aerosol.

Please remember ...

It is a legal requirement to notify us if you have any cow that aborts or have any animal that suddenly dies. DEFRA will usually ask us to visit and take samples from the animal at *their expense*. It may be a hassle but it does give you a free visit on farm and obviously we can also look at other sick animals or do routine work at the same time. So remember to call us...

Local stock sought by two different calf rearing & finishing units. Stock must come from local high health status animals and prices paid to reflect this. Please contact Molly for further details.

Herd Health Plans.....

Do you have a Herd Health Plan prepared by either Will or Molly when they were at Wensum Valley Vets? We are happy to transfer these over to Norfolk Farm Vets for you at no charge and then these can be updated and renewed by us when required by your Farm Assurance Scheme provider. Just drop them into the office when passing or put them in the post.

LAMBING HELP—Do you need help with lambing this spring?? Remember veterinary students are required to do lambing for up to 5 weeks—and they can be a good, keen, cheap source of help. If you want to be on the student list just call.

How are we doing? Would you like us to do anything differently? Any comments or suggestions much appreciated. Polite suggestions only please!

We are also thinking of offering the following additional services: We presently offer a scanning service for sheep/goats for smallholders however we are thinking of investing in an Oviscanner for doing large numbers of sheep and goat pregnancy scanning; In house blood analysis for down cows & sick cows/sheep—you would be able to drop samples in, have a cuppa and wait for the results. What do you think?

Local Produce:

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	07880508104
Trevor Stebbings	Beef	01553630603
Mrs Temple	Cheese	01328820224
Pointen Bros.	Dairy Produce	01263860338
John Garner	Game, lamb & turkeys	01328700277
Houghton Hall	Lamb, Mutton, Beef, Pork and Eggs	07793208655
Tony Barratt	Beef and Lamb—West Newton Shop	01485542219
Courtyard Farms Ltd.	Beef, Lamb and Pork	07789366080
Mr Day, Hindolveston	Beef, Lamb and Vegetables	Farmers Market.

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

FOR SALE

- Rice Trailer 6ft x 12ft Twin Axle New wood floor with extra stays. £600. Contact:- Colin Grimes Tel : 01485 600 059
- 10 x 3 teat, plastic calf feeders £5 each. Contact :- Colin Grimes Tel: 01485 600 059
- Aberdeen Angus Stock Bull. Contact:- Duncan Jeary 07880 508104

Please Note: Our bank has requested that you write “Ltd” on all cheques. We would also be grateful if you could advise us of your VAT reg. no. Thank you for your help in these matters.