



NORFOLK FARM VETS

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BVD Eradication Scheme Update

Since the last newsletter we have received more results and the farmers who have passed the first test be it milk antibody for the dairies or blood samples for the beef herds are listed below.

Please remember, you are not accredited free, until a second free test. It is very important that you do not "buy in" or hire any animals without testing them first or sourcing them from other free herds.

Individual farms are liable for the membership fees, billed to you direct, however for dairies on the dairy scheme we will credit your account with the cost of the bulk milk antibody testing.

The following herds have passed the initial screen:

Dairy

Heaton
Joice
Palmer
Wales
Pointen

Beef

K.A and A.G Gray
Grove Farm, Langham
Moore, Copper Beeches
Savory, Centre Farm

North Norfolk Livestock Club

Invite all farmers to

Keep your Bank Manager Happy ~ Can you drop your drug bill by half?

Speakers

Stephen Temple (RABDF Gold Cup contender 2006 & 7)

Cost-benefits of new calf housing



Preventing pneumonia & are you wasting money & time on worming?



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Why pregnancy diagnosis can save you money & are prescriptions worth the hassle?

Binham Village Hall, Norfolk

March 13th 2007 @ 7pm.

Free buffet & Bar

For tickets call Andy 07810624352

Contact details: Telephone 01485 609031 Fax: 01485 609029.

Emergency: 07920104174

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Runners Corner



We are *entered* for the Round Norfolk Relay, September 15/16th September 2007, so there is no going back now! Presently we are called Norfolk Farm Vet Knackers but any better suggestions welcome. NFV have paid for the entrance fee but anyone wanting to put a donation towards the support costs: shirts, minibus, refreshments etc. would be welcomed.

We are running to raise the profile of Norfolk Produce and Food Miles and hence we won't be pushing sponsorship forms under your noses however we will have collection tins for the Farmers Benevolent Fund who have been very supportive to Tony Moore since his spinal stroke for anyone who wishes to donate.

Training is going well with 9 competing at Shouldham on Feb 18th and 3 under 9's all out to show up their dads! In addition Molly and Charlie trained with Jim. Freddie French & Gary Zoller gallantly turned up for the photo (much appreciated) and Roger Sayle was away competing elsewhere.

The team entered for the RNR are:

John Bray V55 24.45 (NFV), Charlie Collison (Meadow Farm), Simon Dann (F.S. Dann & Son), Freddie French (Janssen), Ross Haddow (Stody Estate), Julian Howard V40 20.39 (Howards Butchers), Carwyn James V45 22.38 (Houghton Organic Farm), Duncan Jeary SM 27.06 (Hawthorn Farm), Gavin Lane SM 22.15 (AGA Lane), Andy Marsh V45 20.09 (Abbey Farm), Molly McKay V35 (NFV), Roger Moore 007 (Copper Beeches), Catherine Coleman (Railway Farm), John Phelps V45 21.14 (Grove Farm), Sam Phelps U15 11.46 (Grove Farm), Roger Sayle (Compton Hall), Phillipa Sprake (RVC), Will Stevenson SM 21.42 (NFV), Catherine Temple (J.F. Temple & Son), Ruth Thomas (The Chase) & Gary Zoller (TTA).

Times are for those who ran at Shouldham, where Duncan put in a sterling performance for a 1st competitive outing, Andy came 3rd in V45 and Julian just missed out on 3rd in V40. We are meeting again for those who are up to 6 miles on March 18th and again for those who want a slightly shorter distance of 4 miles on March 25th at Shouldham. See you there!

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...

FOR SALE:

Rice Trailer 6ft x 12ft Twin Axle New wood floor with extra stays. £500. 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

Beef Shorthorn Stock Bulls:- Contact :- Andrew Barrett 07717821891.

Limousin Stock Bull: - Contact Charlie Collison Tel:01362 655068.

Bateman Cattle Crush: Good condition. £500 Call James Murrell on: 07770692891.

Freelander: 1.8 XEi '05, 16 months warranty, one small angry dirty lady owner, very few driving skills. £9000 ono, call Molly on: 07977564882

WANTED:

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.

Stockman—Houghton Organic are looking for someone to cover every other weekend—tractor driving essential. Call Carwyn on: 07793 208655.

Need a hand?

Lambing Assistance or Other Farm Work

Andrew Spinks is looking for lambing or any other farm work for his Easter Holiday. The dates are Monday 26th March to Friday 23rd April. His mobile number is : 07789020927

Andrew Barrett

Is available for work with livestock. He has lots of experience handling both cattle and sheep. He can be contacted on 07717 821891.

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.

Diseases around lambing.

Ewes pre-lambing:

- Pregnancy toxemia (twin lamb) - energy deficiency in late pregnancy when the lambs are growing rapidly. Signs vary with severity from hanging back to recumbency and death. Treatment with and twin lamb drench +/- CMD. NB - prevention is better than cure - nutrition.
- Hypocalcaemia - lack of calcium in late pregnancy. Signs similar to twin lamb. Treat with CMD under the skin.
- Prolapsed vagina - Last month pre-lamb. Vagina protrudes from lips of vulva. Clean, replace with lubricant and secure with prolapse retainer.
- Abortion - many and varied causes. Please get in touch if you're having a problem so we can investigate.

Ewes at lambing:

- Dystocia - difficult lambings. Know when to intervene and when to call for help!
- Metritis - Inflammation of the uterus due to infection. Veterinary treatment is best, prevention is better.
- Retained placenta - Numerous causes. Can lead to metritis. Gentle traction and antibiotics.
- Prolapsed uterus - Call the vet and protect from damage until they arrive.
- Mastitis - infection of the udder - treatment is necessary to help save the udder.

New-born lambs:

- Watery mouth - Caused by E.Coli, ensure adequate colostrum in first few hours of life. Prophylactic antibiotics can be given at birth in 'problem' flocks.
- Navel ill and joint ill - navel dipping with 10% iodine is effective prevention. Treatment is with a long course of antibiotics.
- Scours - Clean out the lambing pens regularly to prevent build up of bacteria. Take samples to find the cause.
- Hypothermia - Chilling of lambs. Ensure adequate colostrum after birth and always feed hypothermic lambs before warming them.
- Entropion - a turning in of the eyelid. This condition is hereditary so be aware of breeding policies. We can supply you with Michel clips to correct it.

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.

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.