



**Lanes**  
farm vets

**Newsletter**  
November 2021

## **Dates for the diary:**

### **Foot Trimming course**

At Arnside Tower Farm. Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec followed by two days of practical (Tues 7<sup>th</sup> & Weds 8<sup>th</sup> or Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> & Fri 10<sup>th</sup>). Call the office on 01995 602468 for more details and to book.

### **Medicines courses**

12-2pm Wed 10<sup>th</sup> November—call to secure your place on 01995 602468

Cost is £75 per person (£50 for extra staff members attending from the same farm). Held at Garstang Surgery with lunch & refreshments provided.

### **Flock Health Club**

12-2pm Wed 17<sup>th</sup> November at Garstang Surgery. Changes to farm payments—what it may mean for you and the new schemes including carbon auditing. Also review of lamb growth rates and factors affecting. Call 01995 602468 to book your lunch.

If anyone is interested in joining the Flock health Club give Janet a call on 01995 602468 for more info.

### **Ignite Agri-forum launch meeting**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm  
(food served at 7.30pm)

At The Crofters Tavern, PR3 1PH

Talk from Richard Bower.

See over page for more details.



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**Ignite Agri-Forum** is a brand new agri-business discussion group for young people in their 20s and 30s in agriculture or related industry. The group is founded and sponsored by Lanes Vets, alongside Armistead Barnett and Alta Genetics, with the aim of providing a platform for young people to generate ideas and socialise whilst learning from guest speakers as they walk through their route to successful business.

If you think you may be interested in joining (or know someone who is) come along **FREE** to the **LAUNCH NIGHT! Wednesday 24th November 2021 at the Crofters Hotel, Garstang**. Our guest speaker for the evening is Richard Bower from Staffordshire who will talk to us about his novel farm diversification venture. Food served at 7.30pm. Please RSVP via the facebook event page or at the practice on 01995 602468.

## **There are changes to Red Tractor standards from 1st November.**

The full list of updates can be found on the red tractor website, the main being:

### **Dairy:**

Should include a breeding policy which avoids euthanasia of calves

### **Beef & sheep:**

At least one farmer should have attended a medicines course (we regularly host them at the practice or can organise one on farm - call for more info)

### **Beef & Dairy:**

Pain relief (analgesia) is recommended for all painful routine procedures

A BVD control plan is compulsory to show how you plan to eradicate BVD

## Mind the Gap- Controlling BVD spread

Bovine Viral Diarrhea virus is an expensive disease to catch on your farm as it causes milk drop, abortions and makes animals more likely to catch other diseases while their immune system is down. The actual cost can vary depending on your set up: beef or dairy, high or low input, heifer rearing or finishing all makes getting a true estimate hard but most agree it will cost between £30 and £60 per cow. A recent study from Bovella found it was costing each cow almost a litre every day of her lactation.

Many of our readers no doubt know about the spread from Persistently Infected animals (PIs) who act as super-spreaders of the disease around the farm. But don't forget the importance of spread from neighbours. Work in Ireland has found that if one farm has a PI, their neighbours are almost twice as likely to have a BVD breakdown in the following months. This is why it's important to mind the gap with double fence boundaries with at least a 3m between to stop nose to nose contact as saliva, urine and muck can spread the virus (which is why cleaning any machinery that has left the farm, and asking visitors to boot wash is so important).



**Introducing new stock is the biggest risk for BVD entering a herd.**



**Contact with neighbouring stock and visitors (especially dirty ones!) are the next biggest risks.**



Securing your farm against disease entry is vital in the management of other costly diseases too such as Johnes, Leptospirosis, infectious causes of lameness, Salmonella, Mycoplasma and IBR.

## Congratulations to Lora!

Lora has successfully completed a 3 year course at Harper Adams resulting in her gaining a Masters degree in ruminant nutrition. We hope to all benefit from her hard work... after all, good nutrition is the root of ruminant health!



## Parasite forecast

Please don't hesitate to call Helen to discuss your housing treatments to address over-wintering gut worms, lungworm and fluke—all of which need considering at this time of year. Consider testing to help determine the best product and timing to get maximum benefit with reduced risk of resistance.

## Product updates

Ubrostar Red dry cow tubes are currently unavailable. Please contact us to discuss a suitable alternative.

The saga goes on... Norodine, Riketron, Duphatrim and Bimoxl Co are all currently unavailable so the replacement is called Diatrim (another one for your medicines book sorry!). The dose remains 1 ml per 16kg into muscle or slow intravenous. Withdrawal periods in cattle are 12 days meat and 48 hours milk.

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