



**Lanes**  
farm vets

Newsletter  
December 2021

**Dates for the diary:**



**CHRISTMAS DRINKS!!**



**Thursday 9th December at Owd Nell's Tavern**

Drinks & snacks 8-10pm—hope to see you there for a bit of festive fun!

### **Flock Health Club meeting**

**12-2pm Wed 5th January at Garstang Surgery—Feeding the ewe**

Back by popular demand: Debby Brown (Dugdales) on Feeding the Ewe & any other feed related questions. Bring any silage analysis, soil analysis etc and all your queries for an open discussion. 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.

### **Next Medicines course**

**12-2pm Wed 12th January 2022—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.

### **Transition cow management meeting**

**11am Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Summerer Farm, Singleton FY6 8NQ**  
by kind permission of the Fryars family.

LUNCH provided. Please phone the surgery to book your place by Fri 14th Jan.



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Ignite Agri-Forum is a brand new Agri-business discussion group aimed at young people in agriculture in their 20s and 30s. The very first Ignite Agri-Forum meeting took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November and was a very successful evening with around 120 people in attendance. Richard Bower took us through his last 10 years developing the many enterprises on his Staffordshire farm sparking plenty of discussion from attendees.

If you were unable to attend the meeting but want to get involved, the next meeting is 7pm (food at 7.30pm) on the 19<sup>th</sup> January, The Crofters Garstang. Young farmer of the year 2021 finalist and first generation dairy farmer Emma Redfern will talk about the development of 'Upper Farm' since she took on the tenancy with her husband 4 years ago. Emma is focused on efficiency and profitability with a keen nutrition interest. Please let us know at the practice on 01995 602468 if you are planning to attend but haven't joined the membership.



**Next Ignite Agri-forum meeting:**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**7pm at The Crofters Hotel, Garstang.**

**Talk from first generation dairy farmer Emma Redfern.**

**(RSVP to the practice if you are not a member)**

## **Farming equipment and technology fund—grants available**

Please be aware that round one of this grant is now open (application deadline 7<sup>th</sup> Jan). Grants are between £2000 and £25000 and there are instructions on how to apply on the gov.uk website (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/farming-equipment-and-technology-fund-round-1-manual>). It appears a fairly straightforward procedure taking around 20 mins to complete.

The grant is a contribution towards the cost of buying new technology or equipment from an approved list which:

- improve agricultural productivity
- contribute to improved Animal Health and Welfare
- encourage more sustainable pesticide usage
- improve air and water quality
- reduce GHG emissions in line with Net Zero targets
- reduce unsustainable use of abstracted water
- encourage sustainable management of woodlands

## **Pneumonia season is upon us!**

We have seen a lot of calf pneumonia in the last few weeks. The sudden change in weather and recent storms have taken their toll. Although pneumonia is often seen as inevitable, the impact on youngstock health can be minimised by careful management and vaccination.

I know we bang on all the time about avoiding draughts, ventilation, calf jackets, adequate colostrum and milk, avoiding mixing ages, a good vaccination protocol blah, blah, blah ...but attention to small details really can make a big difference.

Speak to us if you are experiencing issues and we can talk you through the main considerations. Subsidised testing may be available to determine the main bugs present on your farm to aid tailoring your bespoke vaccination protocol. Blocking draughts and separating air spaces between ages can often be easy fixes too.

One thing is for sure in the north west of England we will get the weather so instead of just blaming it, we should be prepared for it.



## Opening hours over Christmas & New Year:

**We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our friends and clients at Lanes Vets a happy, healthy and prosperous Christmas and New Year!**

Friday 24th Dec—close at 3pm

**Saturday 25th Dec to Tuesday 28th December (inc) – closed**

Wednesday 29th December—open as normal

Thursday 30th December—open as normal

Friday 31st December—close at 4pm

**Saturday 1st–Monday 3rd January (inc)—closed**

Tuesday 4th January—open as normal

As usual, our out of hours service will be available over the festive period.  
Call 01995 602468 in case of emergency or if you require urgent medicines.

*Do join us for a few (or more!!) festive drinks on Thurs 9th Dec  
at Owd Nell's Tavern at Guys Thatched Hamlet.  
8-10pm for drinks and snacks!*

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