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**Newsletter**  
February 2022

## **Next meeting.**

**Tues 1st March–Zoom online talk, prompt 7.30pm start (approx. 45mins)**

**James Bretherton presents:**

**What are herbal leys and why will we be paid for them?**

**Register by calling 01995 602468 for your link and goody bag.**

## **Great transition cow talk last month.**

We would like to thank the Fryars family for hosting our transition cow management meeting. It was great to see so many of you attend. The hosts and the weather did us proud! Lots of great information was delivered and discussed thanks to speakers Emma Redfern (nutritionist and young farmer of 2021 finalist) and our vet Lora.

See next page for more details of our Lanes Vets 'transition tracker' package, a tool we hope you will find very useful in getting your cows off to a productive and problem free lactation by focusing on what is the cows' most critical stage of production.



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Introducing a new package...



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## Transition Tracker

In the UK, 75% of clinically sick dairy cows are related to poor management during the transition period. Examples may include LDA (displaced abomasum), slow fever (ketosis), milk fever, metritis, mastitis and others. However, the majority of transition problems are subclinical and cannot be detected easily having a huge impact on milk production, fertility and finances!

Usually, the time taken between the problem occurring in the dry period and the problem being detected is 6-12 weeks for clinical disease such as high incidence of LDA or metritis - but can be vastly longer for subclinical issues such as fertility. For this reason we have developed 'Transition Tracker' to help you monitor and manage your transition period in a proactive way.

Transition tracker uses blood samples to assess energy, protein and mineral levels of transition cows to give an immediate assessment of dietary performance and predict the outcome of the current management system. Body condition scores and rumen fill are also monitored to assess intakes and indicate overall herd management. The 'Transition Tracker' scheme is based on an annual membership with the cost split evenly throughout the year at £60 per month and includes....



- ⇒ 8 weekly BCS and rumen fill check by vet or vet tech
- ⇒ Twice yearly full transition blood profile (adaptive) — Including: BHB, NEFA, Urea, Albumin and Magnesium on 5 dry cows and 5 early lactation cows
- ⇒ Vet report
- ⇒ 2.5% discount on vet services
- ⇒ Optional extra: Copper & Selenium blood samples +£145 one off annual fee or £10 per month (discounted)

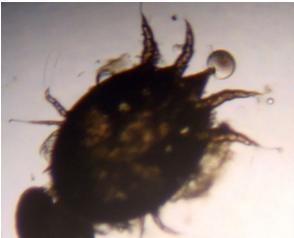
**If you want to know more about the 'Transition Tracker' package please speak to one of our vets.**

## Trace element forage check—free testing!

We have a limited number of free trace element tests for forage or grass. This is a valuable service from Bimeda (suppliers of Cosecure & Cosecure trace element boluses). Please contact the office or Janet for more information.

## Scab / Lice

We are seeing a lot of itchy sheep at the moment. Scab is certainly on the rise but some of the cases have been lice. In the early stages it is impossible to differentiate between the two clinically. Wool loss and rubbing or nibbling are the common presenting symptoms. Early diagnosis is essential to ensure the correct treatment is given—call us to arrange a skin scrape and wool examination under the microscope.



Psoroptes ovis causes scab



Bovicola ovis, main sheep louse

## Udder health survey for a donation to Farming Community Network

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/99Y9PQB>

The survey is anonymous but they do require what vet practice you use, so we can receive an overall response report and a report showing the response of just our clients. It will help us to improve our service regarding mastitis control.

For every survey that is completed, Zoetis will be making a donation to the Farming Community Network; a national charity and voluntary organisation supporting farmers and members of the farming community in times of difficulty. Whether the issue is personal or business-related, FCN can support you via their confidential e-helpline [help@fcn.org.uk](mailto:help@fcn.org.uk), or national telephone helpline (03000111999) which is open every day of the year 7am to 11pm. Find out more at [fcn.org.uk](http://fcn.org.uk)

## Introducing our new TB tester... Martin Edwards.

DEFRA have changed the regulations regarding TB testing and have created a new qualification for non-vets to train as approved TB testers (ATTs) as part of a veterinary-led team. Martin is currently undergoing his training and audits before being allowed to test solo. Many of you will be familiar with Martin who runs his farming business just down the road from our Garstang branch.



## Heptavac P Plus

In light of the recent issues regarding Heptavac P Plus availability we have managed to obtain a limited supply of 125 dose and 25 dose packs. Supply is expected to return to normal in 2 weeks so please contact us asap with your requirements and lambing start date so we can ensure we distribute stock appropriately in the interim.

Vaccination should be given to all pregnant ewes 4-6 weeks prior to lambing for optimum efficacy.

If you are unsure about the most appropriate vaccine or timing of vaccination for your flock please don't hesitate to contact us for advice.

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