



Lanes
farm vets

Newsletter
August 2022

Lots of social dates for your diary...

OPEN EVENING

BROCKHOLES ARMS AUCTION MART

MON 15TH AUG 7PM



In conjunction with the auction we are hosting fun & entertainment for all the family including a butchering demo. Food (from Auction Eats café) & refreshments on us, what's not to like?



SUMMER BBQ

Saturday 6th August
Summerer Farm, Singleton, FY68NQ
6.30pm 'til midnight

DJ

CASH-ONLY
bar

Total
Wipeout

Non-members
welcome

BBQ

Sponsors:



join us at

GARSTANG SHOW

on stand E13

The beers, prosecco, cider, tea and coffee
are on us!

See you on the show field on Saturday 6th August!



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Blitz or Bath?

Digital dermatitis (DD) is a problem we see a lot on farm, and that's not surprising when the bacteria that cause it being able to survive for long periods on dirty hoof knives and in slurry spreading between cows easily. Although cheaper than sole ulcers or white line disease, which between the three make up most feet problems, each case of DD will cost you around £100. Apart from the money, it will cause a lot of discomfort especially since



the bacteria never really go away but rather become dormant meaning DD can return to the same foot if the skin is damaged or immune system weakened.

Footbathing is very important to prevent spread from one cow to another. It's key

that footbathing itself should not be seen as treating cases but just stopping new cases from starting and stopping old cases from reigniting. For footbaths to work effectively feet should be clean when they go in, either spraying feet in the parlour (but keep the udders clean too!) or having a pre-wash footbath can



help. Be careful to use the right concentration of product in your footbath- no stronger than 4% formalin and 10% copper and start with weaker concentrations for the first week to allow feet to get accustomed to it. It should also be noted formalin is not a good chemical to inhale, so use in well ventilated areas and handle with caution. A well designed footbath, see image, will quickly pay for itself with better cow flow and cure rates.

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The best way to treat an active case is to pick the affected foot up, clean and dry it then spray it with an approved product (for example an antibiotic like Cyclo Spray or copper based sprays). Bandaging can keep the foot warm and moist so isn't recommended unless changed frequently and antibiotic powder for footbathing or direct application is illegal and ineffective and has been known to cause bulk tank failures.

If you feel cases are getting worse and you're struggling to keep on top of it a Blitz approach might be needed. In this every foot is cleaned and inspected in the parlour picking up cases before they go lame and any showing signs are sprayed twice a day for three days (and not footbathed, to prevent spray being washed off). Finding the



early cases can be hard, but using mirrors and lights to examine deep between the claws Helen can spot sores before they grow.

If you have any more questions, or want a thorough lameness work up, chat to Harry or Seth, our Healthy Feet Mentors.

Emailing Invoices

Would you like your invoice emailing?

We have the facility to email your monthly invoices and newsletter if you would prefer to receive it this way.

Please call us on 01995 602468/01995 641000 or email us at farmteam@lanesfarmvets.com with your details and we can put you on the mailing list.

Welcome to Ben.

Ben has joined us for 12 months from Harper Adams. He is assisting Helen with our Vet Tech service whilst completing his 'year in industry'.

Here is a lowdown of everything you need to know about him:

Where are you from?

- Linton in North Yorkshire

Why are you working at Lanes?

- I am here for the year on placement working with Helen and learning more about the industry

Favourite food & drink?

- Beer and any food—I'm not fussy!

Greatest achievement?

- Getting through rugby season with no injuries

Hobbies?

- I really enjoy rugby and also working on a local farm whilst home from uni.



Please be reminded of changes to bank details for online payments:

Account name: **Lanes Farm Vets (t/a Lanes Vets Ltd)**

Account number: **28745353** Sort code: **01-03-33**

Please also be reminded that cheques must now be sent to our new address which is listed below.

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