



Lanes
farm vets

Newsletter

January 2023

Dates for your diary...

Feeding your ewes—Wed 4th January 12-2pm

Flock health club members.

Please bring forage/grass analysis if you have them so you can devise your bespoke feeding plan for cost efficient lamb vigour and milk production

Ignite Agri—forum next meeting—Wednesday 11th January

7.30pm Garstang Golf Club. Food provided

Dot McCarthy will share how her story of farming, education and trying novel ideas has led to winning 'best attraction' in the Rossendale business awards and a nomination for outstanding entrepreneur in the Northern Power Women awards.

Check out our facebook page for more details. Interested in joining? Turn up on the night and we can register you then.

NEW! Sheep husbandry course for beginners and improvers

4 seasonally appropriate sessions throughout the sheep calendar year

Part 1: Practical lambing & improving lamb survival rates

Improve your knowledge to achieve better sheep health & production

Mon 23rd Jan, lunch included 12-2pm

at Lanes Farm Vets, Brockholes Auction Mart PR3 OPH

£50 per course or £150 for all 4. Call 01995 602468 for more details or to book.



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Home and Away

Sending heifers away is a common and cost effective way of ensuring your farm's next generation has a good start. To keep your farm disease secure, and to ensure your heifers are not at risk, it's important to check a few things first.

We work with plenty of farms who consider themselves 'closed,' and being closed brings many advantages; you can eradicate diseases such as IBR, BVD, Johnes and Neospora. By stopping movement of animals in and keeping farm boundaries secure you can keep those disease out. But often when we dig down into the life stages of a cow on the farm it can become clear that being closed isn't as black and white as it appears. Sending heifers away either to your own holding away from farm or to another holding can mean being blind to the risks. Do you know if they are sharing a building with someone else's heifers? Are they sharing a boundary where they can touch other cows of unknown origin, maybe even have a few visits from a cheeky bull belonging to another farm? Are they being fed or mucked out by staff who work on another premises and share machinery? All of these can present disease and breeding risks that until there's a problem you may not know about.

Asking these questions can help you and your vet identify potential problems and with some good planning ahead you can keep the risk as low as possible. Here are a few things to make sure you do before you send them away:

- Protect from BVD before they are served. Make sure the vaccine has had time to work before they are served, as BVD can enter the foetus and stay there despite the vaccine. So a few months down the line that heifer which has been vaccinated (but at the wrong time) can give birth to a super spreading calf. We see too many farms that have kicked BVD out only for it to return via a pregnant heifer sneaking in a PI like a trojan horse.
- Bovilis BVD vaccine needs 4 weeks from end of the 2nd jab before serving, and Bovela needs 3 weeks and only needs 1 jab.
- Check the TB risk of the holding. Even if the holding they're off to is clear of TB, what do you know about the neighbours? You can check the history of TB online using the [ibTB map](#) which shows when farms went under restrictions and how long they were under for. If the holding went under restriction, or your main farm did and they couldn't be moved back, could you calve them down there and milk them?

And when they return to your main farm...

- When heifers return, isolate them as best you can. Housing returnees in a different airspace in a building that can be washed out and that doesn't share drainage with other animals would be ideal, but even ensuring they can't mingle and have nose to nose contact with other animals for a week is good.
- It can be a big stress for heifers to return from a quiet small holding to the main farm, so isolating them can be good for managing stress as well as disease control.

As always, if you have any queries please don't hesitate to ask.



Come along to our SELEKT Pump Servicing Clinic to have your SELEKT Pump serviced free of charge.



Free SELEKT
Pump Servicing
Clinic

Date Wednesday 18th January 2023
Time 11am to 3pm
Venue Lanes Farm Vets at Brockholes Arms, Auction Mart, Garstang Road,
Claughton-On-Brock, Preston, PR3 0PH

Servicing Drop off your SELEKT pump prior to the clinic or come along on the day.
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on cleaning and maintaining it and answer any questions you may have about using
the SELEKT System.

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Sheep dip course

Wynnstay at Lancaster North West Auction are running a sheep dipping course on Tuesday 24th January with a one hour practical assessment on Thursday 26th Jan.

Lunch is included on Tuesday.

Please call 01524 62480 to book your place.

Free TB advisory (TBAS) visits

Don't forget you can register for a free TB advisory visit from one of our vets. We can go through ways to reduce the risk specifically on your farm. The visit takes around 1.5h to complete and you will receive a bespoke action plan to help reduce the impact on your farm business.

Visits are on a first come first served basis so if interested call the office 01995 602468 to book yours now.



Check out our Facebook page for up to date information on meetings, news and topical updates. Just search for Lanes Farm Vets and give us a like!

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