



Lanes
farm vets

Newsletter

February 2023

Dates for your diary...

Ignite Agri-forum—Wed 8th March, 7.30pm. On farm meeting at Sudell's Farm, Preston Rd, Alston, PR3 3BL. Please car share where possible.

Speaker Nick Eccles; winner of Young Dairy Farmer of the Year 2021. Nick manages a high-yielding herd of pedigree Holsteins through a robotic system with a focus on cow comfort.

Flock management course 2nd module—Friday 14th April 12-2.30pm at Lanes Farm Vets, Brockholes Auction Mart.

The growing lamb—worming and growth rates. £50 per module inc. lunch

Also introducing...

'Shed loads of opportunity' series of meetings looking at the impact of buildings and management on reducing disease. First meeting will focus on Lameness in April including benchmarking mobility scores and lameness for dairy contracts. Follow our Facebook page (Lanes Farm Vets) for more details or call 01995 602468.

Future meetings will focus on mastitis, calf health and fertility.

DIY AI training—we are now an approved AI training practice and can offer AI training on your own farm or look out for one of the organised training sessions throughout the year. Contact Emmie for more information on 07552122819



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Animal Health and Welfare Review free funding

As part of the government Animal Health pathway initiative we are pleased to inform you the Animal Health and Welfare review is now open for registrations.

The initiative provides funding for a vet visit (approx. 2 hours) to complete some disease testing (BVD for cattle and worm drench resistance in sheep) and discuss any other health or production questions you may have.

The total pot of money for each farm is £522 for beef farms, £436 for sheep and £372 for dairy farms to reflect the relative lab costs.

To be eligible to apply you must have one of the following:

- 11 or more beef cattle
- 11 or more dairy cattle
- 21 or more sheep
- (51 or more pigs)

The livestock must be registered in England and you must be responsible for their welfare. Your business must have a single business identifier (SBI) linked to a county parish holding (CPH) number registered in England.

Vets will carry out the testing as per the scheme requirements and write up any discussions into plan for future reference. This document is confidential to the farm and does not have to be returned to APHA, however it can also be used as evidence in the next step of the pathway where grant funding will be available to improve health and welfare. Vets will also complete a review summary (including evidence of lab testing and visit) which is returned to APHA as evidence the work has been carried out.

Please use the following link to register if you are interested.

If you have further questions please contact us on 01995 602468.

<https://apply-for-an-annual-health-and-welfare-review.defra.gov.uk/apply/register-your-interest>

Congratulations

Well done to all our clients who received awards at the Blackpool Dairy Farmers Ball . It was great to see so many of you recognised for your hard work.



A new buzz in town (fly control without chemicals)

An increasing number of farms are finding chemical products against flies just aren't working anymore. Others are mindful of the side effects of the chemicals on vital insects, like beetles and bees, that are essential to break down dung and pollinate food plants. There is an alternative we can offer that has proved to be effective and environmentally friendly reducing flies in and around the livestock farm. Helen, our vet tech is being trained on their use.

Flies cause a serious nuisance and are known spreaders of disease, costing the livestock industry thousands in control methods as well as production losses (decreased yields, growth rates & early culling from blindness or summer mastitis).

During the summer a female fly can lay up to 1000 eggs within 10 days. This rapid life cycle means that an infestation of nuisance flies can happen extremely quickly therefore it is important to **gain control early on in the season**. Numbers within the fly population are represented by a pyramid where the youngest life stages are the most abundant, meaning that even when only a small number of adult flies are visible, a much larger number of larvae and eggs are already developing on the farm and you'll know about it in a few weeks!



The Biowasp is a parasitic mini wasp which controls flies in and around livestock units without the use of insecticides and chemicals. The Biowasp naturally controls flies by targeting fly pupae in and around dairy farm buildings with straw bedding or where dry manure is present. They target the housefly (*Musca domestica*), the lesser house fly (*Fannia canicularis*) and the stable fly (*Stomoxys calcitrans*). These 3 species represent about 95% of the nuisance flies present on the farm.

They work by drilling a small hole inside the pupae of a nuisance fly, where they lay their eggs. These eggs will develop into a mini wasp larvae, which will feed on the contents of the fly pupa. A new mini wasp will grow inside the fly pupa and about 3 weeks later only mini wasps can hatch from it, breaking the life cycle of the fly whilst increasing the population of beneficial wasps.

Call the practice for more information or Scan the QR code to see the parasitic wasps at work:



Welcome to Aimee

We are really pleased to introduce Aimee Lownsborough, the newest member of our TB team. Aimee is training to qualify as an ATT (approved TB tester) to join Martin. You may see Aimee out with one of our vets whilst she completes her training.



Huskvac reminder

There is no predicted issue with supply of Huskvac this year as long as batches pass quality control. Huskvac is manufactured in the UK so no Brexit import/export issues!

However this year they are only selling it in boxes of 12 doses. If you order early enough we will split boxes to enable individual dose ordering where possible. Please be aware it is delivered through a different company to our usual medicine orders and the timing of delivery is somewhat irregular—it is often afternoon before they arrive. We suggest calling before coming.



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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