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Newsletter

June 2023

Dates for your diary...

Flock Health Club—annual trip out! Tuesday 27th June. 1.30pm at Richard Carruthers, Rawfoot Farm Nr Shap. In conjunction with AHDB, Richard is hosting this event (as an AHDB strategic farm) discussing his successful grazing strategies and reduction in fertiliser use whilst improving grass utilisation.

Transport can be provided leaving Brock at 12 noon—please book your place. It is possible we can take a few extra if anyone not a member of the Flock Health Club is interested.

'Shed loads of opportunity' meeting will be focusing on improving fertility in the dairy herd. 12th July 2023— see overleaf for details.

Next Ignite Agri-forum—27th September 7.30 for 8pm

Throstlenest Farm, Goosnargh PR3 2EQ—Nicola Green presenting 'Rosy Goat' ice cream. Watch out on facebook for more details nearer the time.

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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Shed Loads of Opportunity Series

Our second meeting in this series is,
Fertility
Observing, serving and conceiving.

Wednesday
12th July
11am - 2pm

Heaton Hall Farm,
LA3 3EU

What 3 Words:
digitally.estimated.
clouds

Don't be clutching at straws, join us for a farm walk, discussion and free lunch on how small changes can make a big difference to improving your on-farm fertility. Forget serving the cows, let us serve you knowledge as you stand to learn new concepts on conceptions.

Kindly hosted by the Wannop family & supported by  **Bimeda**

Buzz off!

As cattle are turned out and buildings are emptied the sooner you clean them out the better. Reducing organic matter and fly habitat early in their breeding season will vastly reduce summer fly populations. Waiting until insects are bothering livestock allows breeding populations to become established.

Nuisance flies can reduce growth rates by up to 0.3kg/head/day and milk yields up to 0.5L per head per day.

Cleaning out thoroughly now also gives housing a long rest period to reduce other bacterial / parasitic levels in buildings.



Toxovax—early bird discount

Don't forget the **5% discount** on any toxovax orders made between 1st May and 30th July. This is to help them spread the manufacturing of the product, hopefully ensuring good availability.

Call us if this is an offer you can take advantage of. Be aware it is a live vaccine therefore the shelf life is short (usually approximately 1 week) so you need to be in a position to use it soon after delivery.

Toxoplasmosis abortion is one of the main causes of infectious abortion in sheep. The single dose of toxovax vaccine gives protection for at least 2 lambings, ideally given at least 3 weeks before first mating to maintain flock immunity. It can be given at the same time as Enzovax to protect against Enzootic abortion, the other main cause of infectious abortion in ewes). Enzovax needs to be given a minimum of 4 weeks prior to tupping.

Catch up on vaccinating ewes that missed a vaccine last year, bought in ewes and replacement gimmers. Call to pre-order now!

Struggled with calf pneumonia over winter?

Calf pneumonia is a lifelong disease. Outwardly, calves may recover, but the internal damage to the lungs is irreversible and will affect lifelong health and productivity.

Treating with antibiotics and anti-inflammatories may keep the calf alive but does not address the underlying damage or prevent further cases. Identifying the causes of pneumonia on your farm will enable better control and reduced losses.

Investigating which of the pneumonia organisms your calves have been exposed to allows time to plan for the next period of bad weather. We can offer a limited number of **free laboratory testing for all major causes of calf pneumonia (worth £320;** small charge applies for collecting blood samples).

Please call the office if interested. Lets face it we can't control the weather but we can arm our calves to deal with the inevitable return of traditional British weather.

Seth Does Another Long Run

If you thought Seth was a bit slow running after cows this month, he's got a good excuse! Following on from his Bob Graham last summer, the Lake District based 24hour challenge, Seth set off on his Snowdonia based Paddy Buckley round shortly after 11am on Saturday 6th May. With 48 summits scattered along the 112km route and more than 8,200m of climbing and descending Seth arrived back after 20 hours 57 minutes a little tired.

Hopefully his legs will recover in time for the Lakeland 100 at end of July, a 105 mile race across the Lake District when Seth is fundraising for the Brain Tumour Charity (see QR code if you want to donate!)



REMINDER

The animal health and welfare grant applications close at midday on 15th June 2023! Get your applications in as soon as possible if you are thinking of applying, we can help if you need any assistance—call us at the surgery on 01995 602468.

Contact numbers

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