



Lanes
farm vets

Newsletter

July 2023

Dates for your diary...

Open evening with BBQ

Mon 10th July from 6pm at Brockholes Auction Mart.

See inside for details

'Shed loads of opportunity' meeting will be focusing on improving fertility in the dairy herd. 6th July 2023— see inside 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.

Garstang Show on Saturday 5th August—come and see us for refreshments and a chat. We are located near the cattle tent and ring.

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.

Thursday 6th 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.

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What to expect!

- Free BBQ by Auction Eats
- Open evening at Lanes Farm Vets
- Post Mortem demonstration by Ben Strugnell in the main ring
- Ice cream stand by Rosy Goat Ice Cream
- Trade stands by local businesses

Managing livestock during hot weather

- ⇒ Fast breathing & drooling suggest cattle are experiencing from heat stress. Panting in sheep with minimal activity suggest suffering
- ⇒ High temperatures will reduce feed intake, growth rates, ovulation & conception rates and bull or tup fertility
- ⇒ Provide plentiful **fresh, clean water** which is essential for alleviating heat stress in livestock. Livestock water intakes are approx. 40% higher in warm weather. Shade water troughs where possible to reduce contamination and keep cooler.
- ⇒ Have a plan for dealing with hot weather including utilising pastures with more shade, installing fans in sheds, increasing water supply and access.
- ⇒ Be aware of fly control in shady areas under trees etc
- ⇒ Reduce stocking densities in sheds where possible
- ⇒ Ensure drainage in buildings keeps as dry as possible to avoid additional heat stress caused by increased humidity
- ⇒ Supplementary feed when grass length <4cm in droughts (avoid acidosis from gorging on concentrates when forage intakes are low)
- ⇒ Provide salt licks or supplements when water intakes are higher to avoid deficiencies from increased urine production
- ⇒ Wean lambs and suckled calves early if grass is short in supply
- ⇒ Feed extra forage in cooler periods (eg evening) to compensate for reduced feeding activity in the heat of the day
- ⇒ Investigate growing drought resistant forages. Chicory, cocksfoot, common vetch, lucerne, red clover, sainfoin and white clover all remain more productive during periods of drought.



Good bye and thank you to Ben

Ben completed his 'year in industry' in June from his course at Harper Adams. We would like to say a big thank you to him for all his hard work, we loved having him with us and he will be missed. We wish him well with his studies and hope he returns to us as a fully qualified vet in the future.



Lanes Farm Vets welcomes a new vet tech apprentice, Anna, at the end of July who will be with us for 12 months. Watch out for more information on Anna in next month's newsletter.

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.

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