



# Farm News

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## Livestock health. Lifetime productivity.

### Total Hoof Care

We are delighted to announce the launch of our cattle hoof care joint venture with Torch Vets and renowned hoof trimmer Dave Rowe.

Please come and meet the team at **Holsworthy & Stratton Show on 24 August**. We will be able to introduce you to Michale Williams, one of our dedicated foot trimmers, and discuss with you your herd's needs.



### The true cost of lameness

Did you know that the true cost of lameness per incident is **£323 per cow!**? Based on the national average of more than 25% of cows at any one time being lame, this cost is likely to be in excess of £8,619 each year per 100 cows. **On that basis, a 300 cow dairy farm could be losing in excess of £25,857 through having lame cows.** And the cost to treat some lesions could be over £600! However by introducing regular foot trimming, cows can be identified and lameness controlled.

**Total Hoof Care** offers you a combined veterinary and hoof trimmer approach which provides a more integrated programme of herd hoof care, treatment and mobility. We believe there are four steps towards happier, more productive cows.



**Total Hoof Care**  
A mobile cow is a productive cow

1. **Monitor mobility**
2. **Carry out routine preventative trimming**
3. **Understand the causes of lameness on your unit**
4. **Introduce a control plan of targeted prevention measures**

Please don't hesitate to contact us on **01409 253418** to book your next foot trimming appointment or ask your vet or VetTech for further information.

Penbode Farm VetTechs Lisa Honey and Megan Brooking are qualified to assess your herd's level of lameness. The results are fed back to your routine vet and to your Farm Assurance scheme (if necessary).

**Mobility scoring by a Penbode VetTech costs £25 for the first 50 cattle and £15 for each 50 thereafter.**

### AI Course

**Congratulations to all of those who participated in the recent AI course held at our Holsworthy practice by Farm Director Sally Ashford.**

All six passed. This means they will receive a DEFRA certificate and will be able to perform AI on their own herd. If this is of interest to you we are holding another AI course from 2-4 October.

**Please call the Holsworthy branch on 01409 253418 to register your interest.**

## Zero milk withdrawal wormer

**Only £400 for 10litres while stocks last. You won't find cheaper!**

**Eprecis is a pour-on eprinomectin** - perfect for peak lungworm time. **Gutworm and lungworm burdens can decrease liveweight gains in youngstock**, leading to increased age to first calving. Adult cows may show **decreased milk yields and quality, reduced DMI, poor fertility and coughing**. Treatment with the correct worming product suitable for your herd can make a big difference.

Special offer



*\* Cash or DD price VAT not included. Prices valid until 31/8/2017*

## Meet...Phil Leighton



**Stratton and Camelford Farm Director, Phil Leighton, has been with Penbode for 22 years now.**

And so we felt it was about time we found out a bit more about him!

"I became a vet because, when I was 12, I enjoyed working with the cows and pigs on the farm I was working on in Cheshire. Earning £5 a week for working three hours a night, five nights a week!"

After training in Edinburgh, Phil joined Penbode in 1995 and promptly fell in love with the area. And about eight years later he also fell in love with Carly who he met in the Bridge Inn pub in Bridgerule. **"She has a real tough time looking after me," he says.** Carly and Phil have two children - Lily, 10 and Alfie, 6 - who are not yet showing signs of following in dad's veterinary footsteps!

A keen golfer, Phil loves to play to win at Bude Golf Club, and when not golfing or fishing off the rocks, you may find him training for the forthcoming Bude Quadrathlon!

Phil believes a good working relationship between vet and farmer is the best way of ensuring great results. "I've seen a lot of changes over the past 22 years. I've seen dairy units disappear and some of those that remain experience both the advantages and disadvantages of an expanding dairy herd."

He is passionate about **Clarifide - the genomic testing service package** Penbode offers via a franchise agreement through XL Vets, and says: "Clarifide enables you to identify which heifers to breed for replacements to best fit into your farming system."

Penbode Farm Vets can help farmers use Clarifide genomic testing as part of their herd health planning. Phil says: **"In less than 10 years' time, every progressive dairy farmer will be genomically testing their heifer replacements."**

If you would like to discuss Clarifide genomic testing, contact **Phil Leighton or Andy Tyrer** for a chat.

## Dates for your diary

**Contact your nearest branch for more information including prices and how to book.**

Date	Time	Event	Venue
16 Aug	From 1pm	Ram Fertility Testing	Penbode Farm Vets, Holsworthy
21 Aug	From 12 noon	Ram Fertility Testing	Penbode Farm Vets, Stratton
15 Sept	10am - 3pm	Talk: Getting the most out your farm medicines (for farmers)	Penbode Farm Vets, Holsworthy
16 Sept	10am - 3pm	Talk: Safe and effective use of veterinary medicines (for smallholders)	Penbode Farm Vets, Holsworthy

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