



# Farm News

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## New Vet: Introducing Matt Evans

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Matt “saw practice” with us as a student. He made such a good impression upon us and our clients, we quickly realised we ought to offer him a job! We are delighted that he will be joining the team on 1<sup>st</sup> August, based at our Bradworthy branch, after graduating from the Royal Vet College, London. Matt is particularly interested in cattle reproduction, infectious disease, and farm economics. Being from South Wales, he’s also spent a lot of time on sheep farms. Continuing the sheep theme, prior to vet school Matt trained and trialled a working border collie, a past-time that he would like to get involved in again.

## Wormers and Fly Repellent

Through our membership of XLVets, Penbode has secured some super seasonal offers for worming and fly treatment products available next day at your nearest branch.

- 2.5 litres Spotinor Fly treatment **£155 with free gun** (enough for 250 cows)
- 5 litres Spotinor treatment **£280 with free gun** (enough for 500 cows)
- Enovex Ivermectin Pour On Wormer for Cattle **2.5L £30 or 5L £55**



**Cash price quoted — EX VAT**

## Show Time

We had a fantastic time at **Woolsery Show** and were over-whelmed by the number of clients that came to see us in the Dairy Marquee. So much so that we ran out of cream teas; we’ll order more next year! This is such a fantastic show in every respect. We are proud to provide both a farm and an equine vet for the day as official veterinary cover and are pleased to support the show any way we can. Despite the morning’s mizzle, we also had a great time at **Launceston Show** last Thursday.



We look forward to seeing more of our clients at **Camelford Show on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August** where again we’re attending as official show vets, and **Okehampton Show the following day**. And not forgetting our usual presence at **Holsworthy & Stratton Show on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August**; come & get your cream tea!

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## Bluetongue Vaccine Now Available

1. Main transmission risk is via midge, but there's also risk of transplacental and possibly ruminant to ruminant (oral) transmission.
2. Weather prediction modelling indicates 3 potential 'plumes' from France: SE Coast, Kent and Devon/Cornwall. We can't rely on 'Sentinels' on SE Coast giving us prior warning as it may come straight here!
3. All vaccines are 2-dose, 3 weeks apart to reach full immunity 25 days after 2nd dose. Vaccinating this week gives full protection by mid September, so we need to get on with it!
4. Pour-on insecticides will kill midges but not before they bite and infect.
5. On confirmation of Bluetongue in the UK, APHA will implement movement control zones around the outbreak. Vaccination should allow animals to be moved from a restricted zone to a free zone.

### Vaccine Guidelines for Zulvac 8 Bovis & Ovis

2ml dose, Intramuscular injection in cattle, subcutaneous injection in sheep

2 doses 3 weeks apart

From 3 months of age in cattle, 1.5 months of age in sheep

Immunity 25 days after 2nd dose

Can be used in pregnancy

Nil withdrawal period

50 dose bottle

**Please speak to us for further advice.....**



## Dairy Fertility Club

A reminder that this is available to you if you pay via direct debit. With our popular Dairy Fertility Club package, you benefit as follows:

- Low hourly rate: only £105 per hour.
- Low call-out fee for routine fertility work: just £15.
- Low/Internet priced drugs. Contact us for a current price list.
- Completion of annual herd health plan, monthly milk recording data analysis and recommendations, bulk milk disease monitoring, vaccine reminder system. All for a monthly fee of only £40.

## BVD Free England Scheme

This is a new national initiative launched at the Dairy Event in July. The long-term goal is to eradicate BVD completely. The scheme will give peace of mind when buying animals in that you are not buying in the virus. Once herd level BVD Free status is achieved this can be promoted and used to differentiate your animals when selling. By joining the scheme you will agree to:-



- ◆ Actively engage in BVD control
- ◆ Report all BVD results to a national database
- ◆ Allow BVD statuses to be accessed through the BVD Free database
- ◆ Not to move persistently infected animals other than directly to slaughter

Visit <https://bvdfree.org.uk/> for more information and to sign up, or give us a call to discuss further.

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