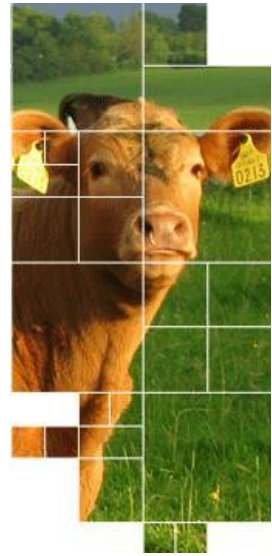


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Newsletter

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Welcome! October brought the first frosts of Autumn, the maize crop coming in and gloriously sunny days. Well attended Livestock Health South East events included an evening in Oxfordshire on mastitis in dairy cows, an Alpaca talk in Ashdown Forest one Sunday, a cattle pneumonia evening at Plumpton College (see the Event Report below for more information) and DIY cattle Artificial Insemination full licence and refresher events in Kent.

The highly acclaimed Dairyman's Certificate series of events at Ashford and Midhurst, kicked off with an excellent talk by independent nutritionist Martin Attwell. Delegates were asked to bring in a sample of the total mixed ration (TMR) from their farm to open discussion on ration options and how they fit with different systems and can help to prevent milk fever and down cows pre-calving.

Martin also talked about the pros and cons of cutting silage mid-May versus end-May. Both events were interactive, with reminders of basic principles along with some new and interesting ideas that will undoubtedly be tried out by the farmers over the winter period. To take part in the Dairyman's Certificate series, please book onto the events published in our Forthcoming Events list.

Event Report

Event: Pneumonia – don't let it choke your profits
Venue: Plumpton, East Sussex
Date: 13 October, 2011

Thirty five farm owners, stockmen and smallholders attended this event delivered by Cliffe Vets at the Rural Business Centre of Plumpton College. The main focus of the event was the important part that farm buildings have to play in preventing pneumonia. Bill Pepper used a laser device that measures the volume of a building and demonstrated its use in the classroom. It turned out that had the classroom been a farm building it would have been considered overstocked!



Meet the Vet!

Ever wondered about the vets involved in the LHSE project? Over the next few newsletters, we will introduce you to the vets involved in delivering our training.

Name:
Steve Glanvill MA, VetMB,
DBR, OVS, MRCVS
Role:
Partner & Practice Principal
Hook Norton Vets



Profile:
Steve qualified from Cambridge in 1981 and joined the practice in 1983, becoming a Partner in 1985. Steve, who holds a Diploma in Bovine Reproduction, now runs the farm side of Hook Norton's practice.

Steve spends his leisure time in the winter months helping to run the local farm shoot, as well as being entertained by client's game shooting on their farms. His is a keen sportsman and although no longer fit enough to play rugby, still plays squash in the competitive Oxfordshire league. When all else fails he tends to his garden and is a keen vegetable and fruit grower. The two Jack Russell terriers that accompany Steve on his rounds also demand a lot of walking and hunting time!

To find out more about Livestock Health South East, or to book a place at an event, please:

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