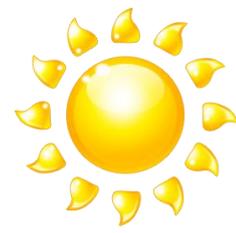




# May Newsletter 2016

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**Don't forget the Bank Holidays! We are closed on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May, although the office is closed please remember we still have a 24hr emergency service, so if you need a vet in an emergency please call 01873 852391**

## Dates for Your Diary – May

2<sup>nd</sup> North Somerset Show  
2<sup>nd</sup> Banwen Miners Point-to-Point, Neath  
4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Badminton Horse Trials  
8<sup>th</sup> Tredegar Farmer Point-to-Point  
11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Royal Windsor Horse Show  
15<sup>th</sup> Golden Valley Point-to-Point  
21<sup>st</sup> Gelligaer Point-to-Point @ Lower Machen  
19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Devon County Show, West Point, Exeter

## Surgery News

**We hope you enjoy this issue of the newsletter.** Now the evenings are lighter and the weather is better (we live in hope!) we're sure you'll be out and about with your horses, so don't forget to keep us updated on any good news or results you may have. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and on the website for practice updates, information and others.

**Veterinary Nurse Awareness Month** – during May practices and colleges throughout the UK are encouraged to get involved with the British Veterinary Nursing Association in highlighting the importance of the role of the veterinary nurse in the practice.

## New Monmouth Practice

As of this week we now have a new Small Animal branch practice in Monmouth (previously Elms Vets). We'd like to welcome everyone - staff and clients to the Abbey Vets group.

## Hestevard Range of Supplements

Here at Abbey Equine we have on display in reception a vast range of high purity supplements to meet all needs under the trusted name of Hestevard. The range consists of both solid and liquid supplements designed to help respiratory, nervous and skeletal systems, along with hoof, hair, skin and water balance. With so many different supplements on the market it is important you have confidence in what you administer so as not to waste your money. The Hestevard range is fully batch tracked and comes with a palatability guarantee so you can rest assured in the high quality supplement you are giving. If you'd like any further information please give Karen a call at the surgery 01873 840069.

## Bumper Sticker Competition

Congratulations to our April Bumper Sticker Competition Winner, Fiona Jones. For just displaying our car sticker in her vehicle, Fiona gets a smashing prize. Remember to display our sticker in your vehicle and if one of our vets spots it, you could be taking home a great prize!

## Vet Profile – David Thompson BSc BVetMed MRCVS

David qualified from London in 1990 and spent the first 2 years in a mixed practice in Welshpool before moving to Chepstow in 1992 to a join a 3 vet mixed practice. David became a partner in 1999 alongside John McEwen and Nick West. He continued in all aspects of the practice until the increased number of vets meant David concentrated on farm and equine side which became based at Cross Country Equine Clinic in Devauden. In April 2014 the Monmouthshire and Gloucestershire side of the practice merged with Abbey Equine and David moved to Llansabbath. He works as an ambulatory vet and participates in all aspects of equine work. He continues as Senior Veterinary Surgeon at both Chepstow and Bath racecourses, which he has been doing now for 20 years. David is married to Sharon (who used to work as a veterinary nurse in Crickhowell) and has two teenage sons. Away from work David particularly enjoys getting down mountains – he has travelled the world in pursuit of white water canoeing, ski's regularly and currently spends a lot of weekends downhill mountain biking with his boys.

## Artificial Insemination

Artificial Insemination packages now available, either fresh or frozen. Give us a call to find out more.... 01873 840069

## Wormer of the Month-Bimectin

Bimectin paste kills the adult and fourth larval stages of most of the important internal parasites including small redworms, lungworms and bots with a single dose. Each syringe treats up to a 600kg horse and cost just £6.50(inc). If you buy 10 we will give you a 10% discount, ask Karen for more details.

## First aid supplies – are you prepared?

Does your tack room first aid box need revamping? Is everything clean and in date? Do you require up to date supplies or the best quality product available? Being caught out when your trusty steed over reaches or cuts himself isn't good practice, so having a well stocked first aid box at the ready whether at home or out and about at shows always pays off! If you need help in putting one together or need a ready made one give the surgery a call.