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Congratulations to Peter & Gilly on the birth of Timothy John Duncalfe. A bouncing baby boy to keep them both awake!! Both mother and baby doing well.



Nantwich Show

It was very good to see so many of you visit our stand at Nantwich Show. I'm sure the beef baps and beer had nothing at all to do with it!

Sara Pedersen was promoting the new **Dairy Co Healthy Feet Program**. There will be further details of this, and a new **Farm Academy** course of training lectures to follow.



Congratulation to John Ward of Darnall who won the £100 worth of Jones Lewis vouchers at our prize draw. Also to Robert Latham of Ridley who won the hour of veterinary time. Well done to you both, prizes will be on the way very soon, and thanks to all for entering.

Bull Testing

How often have you been caught out with an infertile bull? Not very often? What about the bulls which are subfertile? Fertility in the bull is rarely all or nothing.

Even though he has got confirmed positive pregnancies, it doesn't mean his semen is correct. We can now evaluate his semen by collecting a sample and examine it under a microscope. This allows a measure of his fertility to be made. This service is available for only £75. If you have 3 or more bulls to be tested together ring us to get a group discounted price.

A mildly reduced conception rate costs approximately £20/heifer put to the bull, if conception is reduced from 60% to 40%.

Milk Fever

Milk fever is treated as an old, easily curable condition by giving a bottle I/V or Sub/cut. The problem is that for every clinical case of milk fever, there are approximately 3-6 subclinical cases. These cows are not likely to have retained cleansings, metritis, LDA's and slower to get back in calf.



Bovicalc is a new calcium releasing bolus designed to provide in two different ways. There is a quick releasing type and the slow type that provides calcium over a longer period.

Give the 1st bolus at first signs of parturition and the 2nd bolus immediately after calving. Cost is £8.82/2 boluses for a cow verses a bottle of Red top calcium at £2.48/bottle.



Ubroyellow

Ubroyellow, which you all know better as Leo Yellow is back on the market. After a "manufacturing" problem which happened somewhere abroad, it is now available again. It is exactly the same product with the same ingredients and milk withdrawal of 132 hours and meat of 28 days.

David Shaw