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Practice in Lancashire  
Dedicated Entirely to  
Horses*

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# Summer Newsletter

## Practice News

Melissa recently attended a course on stud management and A.I. With the ever increasing amount of A.I and scanning now undertaken by the practice we feel it is important that all three vets are kept fully up to date on the latest procedures.

Sarah attended a course last month on the use of stem cell treatment for tendon injuries in horses. We are now able to offer this pioneering treatment at our practice. Please contact us if you would like to know more.

David has applied to become a member of the panel of veterinary inspectors for riding establishments. After attending a course in Scotland in July he will be able to carry out inspections for licensing of riding schools and livery yards.

Open Day We are planning an open day at our Martholme surgery in early September with tours of the premises and facilities plus talks and demonstrations from the vets, a farrier and a physiotherapist. Full details in our autumn newsletter.

## British Equine Veterinary Association Launch Horse Health Plans

In a drive to raise awareness about routine healthcare and encourage veterinary involvement in preventive healthcare, BEVA have launched two Horse Health Review plans. Our practice philosophy has always been to encourage good quality preventive healthcare and we offer advice on vaccinations, dental health, worming and disease prevention. Our health plans are designed to make preventive healthcare as easy as possible and we intend to incorporate the BEVA Health Review into our future health plans.

## New Stallions at Holden Fold Stud



**Aimby Chevalier**  
7 year old 15.2hh dark bay.

Approved NPS stallion by Wadacre Chicko. Brother to famous breeding stallions Aimby Cabana and Aimby Chester

**Oliver HFD.**  
10 year old 16.2hh dark liver chestnut

Fully approved with the KWPN stud book, the allrounder, show jumped in Holland to 1.40 metres. Now in training at PSG level dressage. Over 200 offspring back in Holland with excellent foal reports from the KWPN inspectors.



See  
[www.holdenfolddressage.com](http://www.holdenfolddressage.com)  
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[www.equine-vet.co.uk](http://www.equine-vet.co.uk)

## Effective Fly and Midge Repellents



As most of you will have found out, finding a really effective fly repellent for your horse an almost impossible task. New repellents are launched every year claiming to be the one that "really works". Many of these contain the same ingredients as other products already available so they are unlikely to be significantly more effective.

We believe that effective control of flies and midges is very important as they are not only a nuisance to your horse but they are responsible for spreading infections and disease. Midges often cause itchiness in horses even if they do not actually suffer from full blown sweet itch.

Our advice is to use a fly rug during turnout. Midge rugs with a very fine mesh are best and prices have come down this year. The more skin area they cover, the better protection they provide. Face nets are useful to reduce the risk of eye infections spread by flies, but they usually require a head collar to be left on.

Any areas of skin not covered by a rug should be treated with repellents. In our opinion, those containing permethrin are best (These include Coopers Fly Repellent Plus sponge-on, Switch Pour-on and Barricade spray.). Permethrin is an insecticide rather than just a repellent. Its effect is longer lasting than the natural products contained in most sprays, but these can be used as well to boost the repellent effect. We sell Flygon LA, a natural repellent spray, for £4.98 for 500ml. Fly repellents now require an EU product licence and those containing citronella will not be granted a licence and must therefore be withdrawn.

Any areas of sensitive or damaged skin are best treated with creams or ointments. A thick layer of cream offers very good protection against insects. Cream should be applied to areas where the hair cover is sparse such as around the umbilicus and also to any cuts, sore skin and sarcoids. We recommend Protection Plus cream for application to damaged or broken skin (£9.38 for a 500g tub).

Many people feed garlic to ward off insects and there are several feed supplements which claim to keep flies away but these are largely unproven and we remain sceptical of their efficacy.

## Look Out for Sarcoids



We are picking up more and more horses with sarcoids which have not previously been noticed by the owner. Treatment for these tumours tends to be more effective if they are caught early so it is worth checking your horse regularly.

The most common areas are between the front legs, on the underside of the belly and on the inner thighs. Many early sarcoids appear as a small patch of hairless skin. If you suspect your horse could have a sarcoid, please contact us for advice.

## Summer Visits

We attend many visits at this time of year only to find the horse we have come to see are out in the field and sometimes (once they know who is waiting for them!), refuse to be caught. This can be very frustrating when we have a schedule to keep to, so when you are expecting the vet, please make sure your horse is brought in, in plenty of time and let us know in advance if they are playing hard to get!

## Half Price Visits Extended to the Bury, Ramsbottom & Rochdale Areas

Jul Dates	Aug Dates	Sept Dates	Area	Postcode of Stables
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Darwen, Tockholes, Hoddlesden	BB3,
5 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>	Accrington, Oswaldtwistle, Church, Huncoat	BB5
17 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	Ribble Valley West (Mellor, Clayton-le-Dale)	BB2
28 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	Ribble Valley East (Clitheroe and Gisburn areas)	BB7
12 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	Burnley, Brierfield, Barrowford, Briercliffe, Cliviger, Nelson	BB9, BB10, BB11, BB12
11 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	Rawtenstall, Haslingden, Waterfoot, Rossendale	BB4
7 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Great Harwood, Rishton, Clayton-le-Moors, Blackburn	BB6, BB1
14 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	East Preston	PR3
4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	Ramsbottom, Edenfield, Bury and Rochdale	BLO, BL9, BL8, OL11, OL12, OL13, OL16.

Please note: The reduced charge applies to visits between 9am and 4pm which have been booked at least 2 days in advance. Visits will be arranged on a first come first served basis and some dates may be booked up well in advance.