

## CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

The Practice will be open until **2:00pm** on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve

We will be closed from Friday 25th to Monday 28th December inclusive and on Friday 1st January 2016

When the practice is closed there is an out of hours service on 016973 42174

**THIS IS FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY**

Please ensure you stock up on any farm drugs before we close

**WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU  
ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR**



## ZERO MILK WITHHOLD WORMER

### EPRIZERO 6 litre promo packs

Price held from last year

**Only £279.99 + VAT**

**WHILE STOCKS LAST**

6 litres will treat 100 cows at 600Kgs



**LOCAL and INDEPENDENT since 1919**

## BELLE VUE VETS DECEMBER 2015



1. Cattle A.I. Training Course
2. Calf Pneumonia
3. Farm Discount Scheme
4. Calf Welfare in Cold Weather  
*(The Weather Outside is Frightful)*
5. Christmas Opening Hours
6. Cattle Wormer Offer



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## CATTLE A.I. TRAINING COURSE

We're holding another artificial insemination training course starting Monday 18th to Thursday 21st January 2016.



The course covers all aspects of cattle reproduction, including anatomy, oestrus detection, semen handling and the insemination technique.

Anyone interested in attending should contact the practice on 016973 42174. Part-funding may be available.

## Calf Pneumonia

With the very mild back end weather continuing so late, there is a risk of conditions in calf sheds becoming ideal for the spread of pneumonia! Attention to environment is vital, with ventilation, drainage and regular bedding key.

The spread and impact of pneumonia can be reduced with appropriate use of vaccines

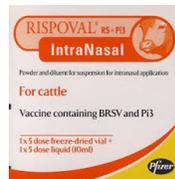
Rispoval 4 covers 4 different viruses and is suitable for calves 3 months or above (can be used from 3 weeks with a 3rd injection).



For younger calves, Rispoval RS & PI3 Intranasal can be used from one week

**SINGLE DOSE VIALS OF INTRANASAL VACCINE ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

**THE PACK CONTAINS 5 DOSES (5 X 1 dose)**



Come and ask a vet if you would like further information about pneumonia vaccination as a new bacterial vaccine is now available.

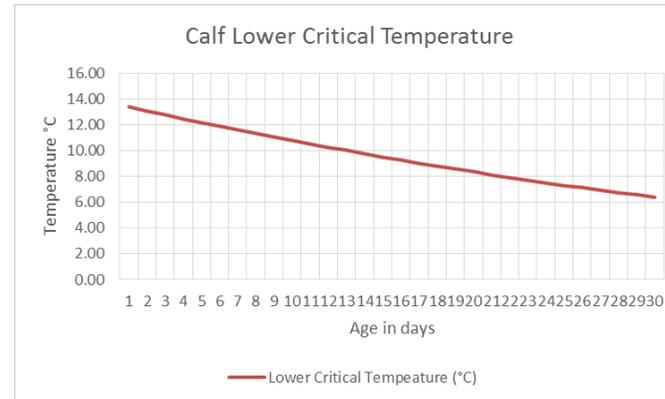
## Farm Discount Scheme

If your bill is paid before the end of the month, excellent discounts are available

## THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL . . .

On writing this, the weather is in fact unseasonably warm, wet and windy, creating a rise in the number of pneumonia cases in the practice. However, winter is just around the corner.

As such we must remain vigilant to maintain our calves' live weight gains during spells of cold weather.



The Lower Critical Temperature is the temperature below which an animal must burn extra energy to keep warm, diverting energy away from growth and production

Unfortunately we cannot control the weather, so we must put other controls in place to maintain our calves' body temperature. The younger the calf the more susceptible it will be to the cold, so our attention should be focused in the first month of life.

Increase energy intake by increasing the amount of milk fed each day

Prevent drafts while maintaining ventilation

Reduce humidity by ensuring adequate drainage from pens, and checking drains and downpipes are working well

Deep bedding in straw should cover the legs of a lying calf, providing good insulation

Calf jackets



As always, ensuring adequate colostrum is a **MUST** when discussing calf health issues, no matter what the season.

We can blood test your calves in the first week of life to see if your colostrum management has been up to scratch!