



## Coombefield Farm & Equine Clinic Newsletter April 2017



**Easter Opening Hours**

Good Friday – Emergencies Only  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April – 10am till 1pm  
Easter Sunday – Emergencies Only  
Easter Monday – Emergencies Only

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY  
PLEASE CALL 01297 630500**



### The Wanderers Return

Tom and Beth have returned safely from their travels around New Zealand and South America. Tom will be returning to work at the Farm Department on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

### A Big Thankyou!

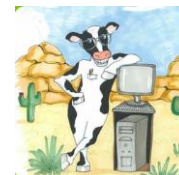
While Tom and Beth were on their travels, James Pattinson has been covering as a locum vet for the Farm Department. James will be sadly leaving us on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March....we all wish him well on his travels, touring around South Africa on his bicycle!



### Ordering Medicines



Please can we remind you to phone or email us with any order for medicines at least 24 hours before you plan to collect them. This is so that the reception team can ask a vet if the requested medicines are appropriate for the intended use.



We can only provide medicine to animals under our care. For those animals to be under our care we must see them on your farm within a year.

An ideal time for a beef or sheep farmer would be on an annual visit, a month before lambing or calving. This visit could then include a health plan and management advice

## Robert's Retirement

As a lot of you will be aware, Robert Sinclair retired from the practice on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March after nearly 30 years.

He first joined the practice in 1988 when we worked out of a Portacabin with 6 vets and has seen Coombefield grow to 18 vets with a Small Animal Hospital and dedicated Farm and Equine Clinic.

Originally we were all Mixed Practice Vets but Robert's main interest has always been cows, so since we split into departments, he has led the farm team. He has also maintained a keen interest in small animal skin conditions which has been invaluable in the hospital.

Robert is a very safe pair of hands, we are really going to miss his calm and measured approach to all the challenges we face running a busy veterinary practice.

As some of you probably know, Robert has a great interest in wine, so we rather suspect he will be spending some more time on this particular hobby.

As you can see by the photograph below, a good evening was had by all at Robert's Retirement Party.



We would like to wish Robert a very long and happy retirement



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### FARM DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

If you would like to speak to a Farm vet or arrange a visit, **please call 01297 630515**

Medicines can be requested via email or by telephone

Email: [farm@axvets.co.uk](mailto:farm@axvets.co.uk)