



## Coombefield Farm Department June 2017 Newsletter



### Message from JJ

As many of you will know by now, I have been off with a bad shoulder for a while. After an initial period of physio, joint injections and rest, I had to have an operation last November to fix the torn tendons and ligaments. The operation I am pleased to say went according to plan and I can now use my shoulder quite well.

However, I have come to realise that my consultant was right when he said that even if the op went well, I might not be able to do my job as a large animal vet to the same level as before the injury.

I am just lacking the strength and manoeuvrability I need to assist you with that difficult calving, the caesarean, the uterine torsion or even a large TB-test. In other words, I would not be able to do my job in a way that I feel you as a Coombefield client deserve and expect.

During last Saturday's Summerleaze Open Evening, it was good to see so many of you and explain my decision. I would like to say a thank you to all who expressed their regret at me leaving the Farm Department to go and play with cats and dogs (and the odd bird or reptile). I can honestly say that I think we have a great team of vets and support staff in the Farm Department, and that they will be able to offer you all an excellent service.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working for and with "our" farmers. I have seen many changes on the farms, witnessed highs and lows, learnt some important life lessons, but most of all had great fun and felt privileged to be part of your lives for over 15 years. I shall miss the banter and friendships, the cups of tea and the calving's that go as planned.

I shall not miss the TB testing and the down cow in a ditch on a wet cold winter day.

Thank you all

JJ



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### FARM DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

If you would like to speak to a Farm vet or arrange a visit, please call 01297 304007

Medicines can be requested via email or by telephone

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

## Open Evening Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Thank you to everyone who came to our Open Evening.

We had a fantastic turn out and hope you all enjoyed it.



## Other Coombefield News

### Lottie Baikie BVSc MRCVS



Lottie is joining the farm team as a permanent member of staff, following JJ's decision.

Lottie graduated from Liverpool University in 2014 and worked in farm animal practice in Cumbria for nearly 3 years before joining the team at Coombefield Vets.

She is interested in all aspects of farm animal medicine and surgery, including infectious diseases, young stock health and beef cattle. She particularly enjoys flock health planning and is keen to get more involved with sheep work within the practice.

### Our Telephone Number Has Changed

# 01297 304007