

**Village Vets  
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**Special offers**

**Free flu vaccinations**

Equine Flu outbreaks happen throughout the Country. Those of you who compete under Jockey Club rules or are in the Pony Club, know the importance of up to date Flu Vaccinations. Sadly less than half the equine population is vaccinated. As a special offer - over the next two months - anyone who has a first vaccination for their horse can receive the second vaccination free, a visit fee is applicable.

**Horse Passports and Microchips**

As of the 1st July all horses and foals applying for passports will need a microchip. At present only Vets can microchip a horse. The normal price for a microchip is £25.30. As a special offer to our clients we are offering a passport and microchip for only £42.55

**Newsflash**

Both I and Debbie Hutton - another of our Equine Vets - were nominated for Equine Vet of the Year Awards. The nominations for this are made by clients and we are very grateful to whoever put us forward. Although we are small we always strive to offer a good service.



**Leahurst Visit**

Once a year I like to organise a talk or meeting which enables us to meet as many of our clients as possible in a more relaxed informal environment.

This year I am arranging a visit to Leahurst Equine Hospital at Liverpool Vet School, Neston, Wirral, on Wednesday 8th July at 7pm.

At Village Vets we are lucky to have a close relationship with Leahurst and refer horses there for colic surgeries, MRI scans and more complex orthopaedic problems. On July 8th we will get a behind the scenes tour of the state of the art facilities. Refreshments will be supplied afterwards. Tickets are £5 and all proceeds will go to SPANA

Please ring the surgery to book a ticket. Places are limited to 40.

**A.I.**

Last year we had another busy year getting horses pregnant with Artificial Insemination (A.I.). We are pleased to announce that we had a 100% success rate and a new crop of foals is just arriving.

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If you are interested in getting your mare pregnant with A.I. the cost is approx. £350 for the first attempt. This includes all drugs and scanning. This cost is reduced by up to 50% for further attempts. Additionally you will need to purchase semen which ranges in price from £250 to several thousand dependent on your choice of stallion



Watt's up aka Ruby

**Introductions**

Debbie (Vet) joined us 2 years ago after working in mixed (farm, equine and small animal) practice since she graduated from Liverpool University in 2003. She has ridden and worked with horses since she was 7, completing BHS stages 1 & II and working as a polo groom in Australia between studying.

She owns Bertie, a standard-bred cross and enjoys taking him to local shows, farm rides and for hacks.



Nikki (Vet) joined us last summer after qualifying from Liverpool University. She has ridden since the age of 5 and owned her own horses and ponies until starting at University. Although Nikki spends most of her time with our small animal clients you may see her on Tuesdays or out of hours.

Katherine (Vet) joined us last Autumn having qualified from the University of Edinburgh and worked in mixed practice in Devon. She has ridden and worked with horses since a youngster including working in stud and horse racing yards before university. She owns a thoroughbred ex-racehorse called 'Another Offer' aka Richard!!

Emily (Equine Nurse) has owned horses and ponies since she was 2 years old. She loves competing, especially at showjumping and cross

country. Before becoming a vet nurse she used to back and school horses for other people. Nowadays she has opted for the quieter life with her Section A ride and drive pony, 'Nimbus'.

The Gilding family has increased to 3 with the arrival of baby Finn. Congratulations to Kate and Tom

### Did you know?.....

We have ample parking, if it's more convenient for you to come to us.

We work on an appointment system and we will always fit you in.

We have x-ray facilities on site enabling us to get your results almost immediately.

If you can't come to us we can bring the x-ray equipment and a nurse to you

We also have large animal endoscopy equipment which gives us an inside look at your horse making some diagnosis more thorough.

Another diagnostic aid we have is our ultrasound scanner also fully portable therefore enabling us to get a possible diagnosis on the spot

Our experienced nurse can chat about worming, feeding and exercise and will even hold your horse for procedures if you are not available



The new Event season is underway and my wife Mandy together with Village Vet's Lomond have completed several Intermediate Novice events. They are now looking forward to their first ever Intermediate at Catton Park on 20th June 2009.

On a more minor scale, Taffy (my horse) and I have been competing at Dressage with the East Clwyd Riding Club. We have been working at Novice level and managed to win the Novice League last year (mainly due to the fact we turned up more often than anyone else).

I hope you all have a successful summer

Cheers

Andy

