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# BCVA Foundation Course 2019

Colliton Barton Events and Training Venue, Colliton Barton, Broadhembury,  
Honiton, Devon, EX14 3LJ

**Who?** This course is aimed at new or recent graduates and those returning to cattle practice.

**What?** Topics include lameness, diagnostics, nutrition, mastitis, fertility and youngstock. This course consists of 6 modules and each one is run over one day. Each of the six sessions will be limited to a maximum of 20 delegates, allowing for a very 'hands-on' approach to key topics in small teaching groups. No question should be left unanswered and there will be plenty of opportunity to discuss particular questions or topics with both the tutors and other delegates.

**Where?** In 2019 the course will run over six sessions (10:00 - 16:00) at Colliton Barton, Devon.

**Why?** Learn about and improve your knowledge of clinical topics alongside picking up tips on communication and interpersonal skills. The outcome – greater self-confidence and client satisfaction.

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# Lameness

**Course Date** - 10th April 2019

**Course Tutor** - Owen Atkinson

## About the Speaker

Owen is a recognised Specialist in Cattle Health and Production.

Owen worked in farm practice for over 20 years before establishing Dairy Veterinary Consultancy in 2013. He provides strategic health advice and training to ruminant and dairy agri-businesses, vet practices and dairy farmers throughout UK.

Owen was awarded the RCVS Diploma in Cattle Health and Production in 2013 and is an RCVS recognised Specialist, a CowSignals® master trainer and a Nuffield Scholar (2010). His interests include lameness; youngstock; building design; rumen health and responsible use of medicines. He is well known for his expertise in bovine lameness; he co-created the AHDB Healthy Feet Programme and authored the lameness section of the latest edition of the popular veterinary textbook, Bovine Surgery and Lameness.

Owen's mission is to improve the lives of cows and the people who care for them.

## Synopsis

- Theory of lameness assessment on farm with analysis of data available.
- Lifting hind and front feet safely and effectively.
- Practical claw trimming.
- Lamé cow treatment skills, including block application.
- Approach to the lame bull including sedation.
- Management of specific conditions (including; Toe necrosis and Vertical Sand Cracks).
- Claw amputation and salvage techniques.
- Digital dermatitis - treatment and control.
- Practical herd lameness evaluation techniques including Mobility Scoring.
- Using marketing techniques to inspire and motivate clients to make improvements.

# Nutrition

**Course Date** - 1st May 2019

**Course Tutor** - Richard Cooper

## About the Speaker

Richard Cooper qualified from Bristol in 2002 before working in Devon, NZ and undertaking a farm animal residency at the University of Bristol. He now works for Evidence Group, providing nutritional consultancy to dairy and beef farmers, and veterinary consultancy to processors and retailers in the food supply chain. He has an interest in epidemiology and cow metabolic health, and currently lives and works out of Exeter in Devon.

## Synopsis

- The 'cow cycle' - importance of feeding at the crucial phases of dry cow management following onto early lactation and 'investment' feeding towards the end of lactation.
- Common forage types and quality; Maize, grass, clover, whole crops.
- Grazing and grass analysis.
- A general introduction to straights including; identification of straights and their relative merits/problems and rules of thumb for inclusions.
- Diet formulation - fag packet calculations - Basic ME and Protein calculations for maintenance and each litre of milk. Dry cow management - Ideal Dry Cow diet!
- Systems of feeding, including; clamp management and feed trough management, feed space, water, TMR mixing mistakes.
- Nutrition problem investigations – devising a checklist.
- Communication opportunities with clients, working with advisors and feed compounders.

# Youngstock

**Course Date** - 15th May 2019

**Course Tutor** - Stuart Young

## About the Speaker

Stuart has been qualified for 25 years working in two dairy practices in the South West. He set up his own farm practice in 2001 but merged with Mount vets in Wellington, Somerset in 2011 where he is now a Director.

Stuart has a keen interest in education and has lectured at the RVC on the Large Animal elective, on the level 3 cattle apprenticeships at Duchy College and for several years on the post graduate programme for BCVA. He was on the BCVA committee and part of the sub committee that established the Foundation programme.

He looks after several large dairies and has a particular focus on all aspects of young stock health and management.

## Synopsis

- Colostrum management.
- Calf feeding and nutritional requirements.
- Calf pneumonia and the impact of housing.
- Calf scour; causes treatments and prevention.
- Common problems seen in the newborn and young calves.
- Common ailments in post weaned animals.
- Practical demonstrations on cadavars including:-
  - » Applying splints and casts
  - » Disbudding and dehorning
  - » Giving oral and IV fluids to calves
  - » Application of trochar
  - » Hernia ops

# Mastitis

**Course Date** - 22nd May 2019

**Course Tutor** - James Breen

## About the Speaker

James Breen qualified as a veterinary surgeon from the University of Bristol in 1998 and worked in mixed and farm animal practice before returning to Bristol to complete a residency in farm animal medicine and work on a national research project investigating mastitis in dairy cows. He subsequently completed a Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Trust residency in production animal medicine and currently divides his time between dairy practice in Glastonbury, research and consultancy at QMMS Ltd and an Associate Professor in cattle health and production at the Nottingham veterinary school. His interests are in bovine mastitis diagnosis and prevention and monitoring dairy herd health & production. He holds the RCVS Certificate and Diploma in Cattle Health and Production and a PhD for studies into risk factors for bovine mastitis. James is an RCVS Recognised Specialist in Cattle Health and Production.

## Synopsis

- The Importance of Mastitis.
- Common clinical presentations and treatment discussion.
- Mastitis Aetiology (detection and diagnostics).
- Mastitis Epidemiology (herd data patterns).
- Mastitis Risk Factors (using on farm examples).
- Mastitis Monitoring and Control.
- The AHDB Dairy Mastitis Control Plan.

# Diagnosics

**Course Date** - 5th June 2019

**Course Tutor** - David Harwood

## About the Speaker

David qualified from the Royal Veterinary College in 1974, and after 11 years in farm animal practice moved to what is now APHA, working as a Veterinary Investigation Officer in Carmarthen and Winchester, before retiring 4 years ago. During his time as a VIO he developed a special interest in the investigation of disease outbreaks in ruminant species by post mortem examination, laboratory testing and field investigations. He was President of BCVA in 2002, and is currently Senior Vice President of the Goat Veterinary Society. He has lectured and mentored widely on gross pathology and laboratory sampling. He is currently a visiting Reader in Veterinary Field Pathology at the University of Surrey. He has been running the BCVA Diagnostics module since its inception, and also helped develop its fore-runner the "BCVA Basic Approach Course".

## Synopsis

- Selection and submission of the correct samples from the most common cattle syndromes. To include:
  - o calf diarrhoea
  - o calf pneumonia
  - o adult cattle diarrhoea
  - o abortion
  - o mastitis
  - o adult cattle
  - o sudden death
- Carrying out an on-farm post mortem and submitting the correct samples.
- Avoiding the common errors made when submitting samples.
- Appreciate the limitations of tests.
- Communication of results to clients.

# Fertility

**Course Date** - 12th June 2019

**Course Tutors** - Paddy Gordon and Martyn Whitehead

## About the Speakers

Paddy qualified from Cambridge in 1991, and joined Shepton Vets in 2000. He is now a Director as well as a hands-on experienced dairy practitioner. He looks after a number of large dairy farms, focussing on milk production through improved health and fertility. He gained the RCVS Certificate in Cattle Health and Production in 1994, and is now an RCVS Advanced Practitioner. He was on the BCVA Council for six years having responsibility for post-graduate education. He has been an independent vet advising Tesco on Dairy Standards since 2012, shaping health and welfare policy affecting 800 dairy farmers across the UK.

After qualifying from Bristol Vet School, Martyn moved straight to his home practice in Cullompton, Devon. Initially working as a mixed practice vet, he developed his enthusiasm for farm work, and specifically dairy practice. He completed the Diploma in Bovine Reproduction at Liverpool University in 2001, and has a particular interest in the financial impact of disease. To maintain his sanity, he is a musician in his spare time.

## Synopsis

- Why do routine fertility?
- What cows do we want to see? PNCs, ONOs, PDs.
- Approach - equipment, clothing, position, how to cope with high numbers.
- Dealing with problems such as, PD not sure/early; PDs presented as PD positive then goes negative; Prostaglandin treatments and no observed activity after; repeat breeder cows; not seen bulling cows; cystic cows.
- Practical - 3 stations, groups of 5/6.
- PD practice - range of stages of pregnancy and some non-pregnant. Practice manipulation and PD skills - accuracy and staging.
- Scanning practice - non-pregnant and early pregnant cows; Identify pregnancy and ovarian structures.
- AI/washout practice.

# Registration Form

## BCVA Foundation Course 2019

Name:	
Practice:	
Address:	
Tel:	Fax:
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*Please tick*

BCVA Member - Full registration to include refreshments and lunch (inc VAT)	<input type="checkbox"/>	£1320
Non BCVA Member - Full registration to include refreshments and lunch (inc VAT)*	<input type="checkbox"/>	£1482
<i>I would like to make a donation to Send A Cow</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£1
<b>Total</b>		<b>£</b> <input type="text"/>

Do you have any dietary requirements? .....

\*Would you like to receive future CPD information from BCVA?    **YES**     **NO**

Your name will be added to a Delegates List which will be distributed to other delegates on this course. Please tick here if you do **NOT** wish to be added to this list.

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- Cancellation made between 7-14 days of the event - 20% of the event fee charged
- Cancellation made within 7 days - event charged in full.

*Transfers - Transfers can be accepted without charge if made at least 14 days before the event. Transfers made at least 7 days before the event attract a 10% charge and within the 7 day period before the event, a 30% charge will be made.*