

## **Endell Veterinary Group Farmer Meeting Dates For 2010**

Should you wish to attend any of the meetings please contact Tanya in the office on  
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Date	Topic	Time and Location
20 <sup>th</sup> January	<p><b>Calf rearing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of heifer rearing for the dairy industry – Jim Willshire, EVG</li> <li>• Bucket feeding calves – Maggie Gould, Volac</li> <li>• Coccidiosis – Keith Cutler, EVG</li> </ul>	7pm for 7.30pm start at Salisbury livestock market (welcome drink and dinner provided)
18 <sup>th</sup> February	<p><b>Flock Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring lambing performance – speaker to be confirmed</li> <li>• The EVG Sheep Health Initiative – Louise Boyns, EVG</li> </ul>	7pm for 7.30pm start at Salisbury livestock market (welcome drink and dinner provided)
28 <sup>th</sup> April	<p><b>Mastitis and SCC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Methods of monitoring performance, benchmarking and our service – Jim Willshire, EVG</li> <li>• <i>Strep. uberis</i> – The changing face of environmental mastitis – Andy Biggs, Vale Vet Group, Tiverton</li> </ul>	7pm for 7.30pm start at Salisbury livestock market (welcome drink and dinner provided)
5 <sup>th</sup> May	<p><b>Suckler Fertility and Bull Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring suckler herd performance and improving efficiency – Keith Cutler, EVG</li> <li>• Assessing bull fertility – Stephen Shiles, EVG</li> </ul>	7pm for 7.30pm start at Salisbury livestock market (welcome drink and dinner provided)
8 <sup>th</sup> June	<p><b>Llama and Alpaca Medicine</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine healthcare of camelids – Will Sheppard, EVG</li> <li>• Tour of Equine Hospital and interesting cases we have seen – EVG Vets</li> </ul>	EVG Equine Hospital 7pm for 7.30pm start (refreshments provided)
9 <sup>th</sup> August	<p><b>Lameness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial presentation from Dr Nick Bell, University of Bristol</li> <li>• On-farm stations from members of EVG and Nick Bell</li> </ul>	Lunchtime meeting on-farm, location to be confirmed

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9 <sup>th</sup> September	<p><b>Parasitology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All wormers kill worms, don't they? – why choice of product matters</li> <li>Update on liver fluke</li> </ul> <p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>	7pm for 7.30pm start at Salisbury livestock market (welcome drink and dinner provided)
10 <sup>th</sup> November	<p><b>Fertility and nutrition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nutrition and management of the transition cow – Jim Willshire, EVG</li> <li>Heat detection – Stewart Barr and Will Sheppard, EVG</li> </ul>	7pm for 7.30pm start at Salisbury livestock market (welcome drink and dinner provided)

## **Speaker Profiles**

### **Maggie Gould**

Maggie is a calf rearing specialist for Volac specialising in bucket rearing calves. She has spent her career focusing on calf nutrition and will bring expert knowledge tempered with practical ideas.

### **Andy Biggs MRCVS**

Andy is a practising vet in Tiverton, Devon where he also runs a mastitis laboratory. Andy has widely published on the topic of mastitis (including his book 'Mastitis in Cattle') and also on the subject of TB. As a past president of the British Cattle Veterinary Association (BCVA) Andy is now an independent advisor to Defra's TB eradication group.

### **Dr Nick Bell MRCVS**

Having been in farm animal practice Nick joined the University of Bristol to undertake a PhD. Following its completion Nick founded the 'Healthy Feet Project' ([www.cattle-lameness.org.uk](http://www.cattle-lameness.org.uk)) and has been actively involved in improving cattle welfare and mobility including helping to develop the DairyCo mobility scoring system and the definitive foot lesion atlas in association with ZinPro. Nick has published widely on lameness and lectures at several of the UK vet schools.