

Christopher Bartle with Alnorthumbria Equine

Alnorthumbria Equine department ran a very successful client event in November, with guest speaker Christopher Bartle. Christopher is the British Eventing Team's High Performance Coach and we were delighted to welcome him to Alnwick Ford Equestrian, Longframlington. Amongst other things Chris has previously won Badminton Horse trials and has represented Britain at World and Olympic level in both dressage and eventing. The night was attended by around 300 clients and staff. Following



some delicious food provided by Fiona Thompson, and the opportunity to do a spot of Christmas shopping at a super range of stalls, provided by local businesses. Christopher gave a presentation on the Tryon 2018 World Equestrian Games, where this year the British team won the individual and Team gold medals. The presentation included a fantastic virtual course walk of the cross country phase with discussion of his approach at each fence. This was followed by a ridden masterclass demonstrations featuring local event riders—Ben Hobday, Emily Parker, Harry Mutch and Jamie Atkinson. The evening was a great opportunity to watch Chris' experience at work with

an impressive group of local talent. It was really interesting to watch the challenges of the different horses, and to see how Chris addressed the individual issues, making corrections and then watching the improvement. The proceeds from the evening, plus an auction and raffle went to support the Great North Air Ambulance raising £2580. Many thanks to the sponsors of the evening, Belsay Horse Trials, Norbrook, Kruise, Carrs Billington, Boehringer Ingelheim, MSD Animal Health and Alnwick Ford Equestrian. Thanks also to the stall holders, Fiona Thompson and her helpers, and for all of the kind prize donations to the raffle and auction, that helped raise this fantastic sum, and of course to Iain Carmichael for his entertaining auctioneering skills.



New qualification at the practice



We are delighted to announce that Meagan Harmison RVN who has been with us as a trainee nurse for nearly 4 years, has passed her final practical exam and is now a fully qualified Equine Veterinary Nurse. Meagan was the only person to qualify in her year at Myerscough college as a dedicated equine nurse this autumn. Which illustrates how tough these exams are, and how hard Meagan has worked.

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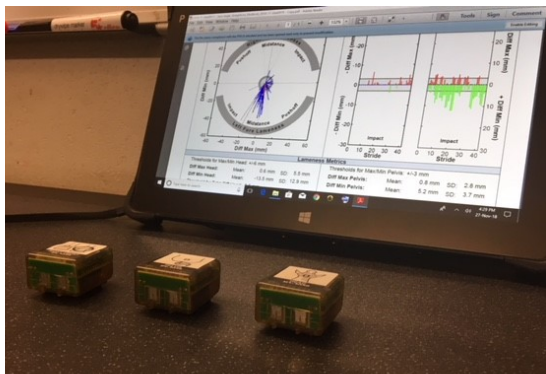


Newest equipment at the practice

Equinosis lameness locator:

Over the last couple of months we have been trialling an Equinosis lameness locator at the practice and are pleased now to be using it for a majority of lameness cases that are present to the practice. The system works on the principal of 3 gyroscopes that are positioned on the horses head, sacroiliac and right fore limb. These sensors work by measuring movement of the horses head in relation to placement of the for limbs and symmetry of the movement of the pelvis. The system is able to assess lameness on a straight line and also on the lunge, on a range of different surfaces. The system also has a sensor that can be placed on the rider in cases where lameness is only seen when ridden.

These sensors send signals to a tablet which has special software that generates the results. The results can then be interpreted by the treating vet in conjunction with their clinical exam and assessment of the lameness. Once the lameness has been identified and graded. Nerve blocks can be placed and the system can be used to objectively measure the affect of each block on the lameness.



Here is a quick reminder of how our very popular Free Zone scheme operates:

- Visits must be pre-booked by 10am the day before the visit at the latest (for Monday 10am on a Friday).
- We will co-ordinate the visits geographically and allocate a 2 hour timeslot. We cannot guarantee you a specific time, but will try to accommodate your requirements. Due to busy Zone days, Vets are unable to call clients on the day with updated times.
- To confirm your appointment and time you need to call us between 3pm and 5pm the day before your visit (Friday for Monday zone visits)
- The scheme is designed for most routine work, for example vaccinations, dentals, microchips, initial examinations. More detailed or prolonged work will need to be booked in the usual way.
- To ensure case continuity with the same Vet, we would advise re-examinations not to be booked on Zones unless unavoidable.
- Zone visits are specifically payment at time or payment in advance, payment can also be made when zone times are given.
- To find out which day of the week your zone day is, you can visit our website or give the clinic a call.

Christmas and New Year Opening Times:

Our 24 hours emergency service will be provided as usual throughout the Festive period.

- Open as usual until 5pm on Christmas Eve
- Closed, except for emergencies, on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.
- Open as usual from 27th – 31st December, closing at 5pm on 31st December.
- Closed, except for emergencies, on New Year's Day.
- Open as usual from 2nd January.

