



# Farm Vet News

December 2019



*Welcome to our latest newsletter! Since our last update, Endell Farm Vets has been through one of our biggest periods of change in our 200-year history and I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our team - there will be some faces you recognise, but also some new ones.*

*2020 is the beginning of a new, exciting era for Endell Farm Vets where we hope to provide you, and your businesses, with the help and support you need for the difficult agricultural horizons ahead - welcome to Endell Farm Vets 2.0!*

*If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact any of our team, including myself directly on 07770 573525.*

*We look forward to working with you!*  
*Jim*

## Meet the Team

**Jim Willshire BVSc DCHP PGDipBA PGCertVetEd FHEA MRCVS**  
■ 07770 573525



Jim graduated from the University of Bristol in 2004 not really sure if he wanted to be a vet! Clinical small animal, mixed then farm roles convinced him that production animals were what interested him and he has since worked in government

and university pathology roles before settling in Salisbury with Endell Farm Vets in 2009. Jim spends most of his time looking after the dairy herds in the practice, but his interest extends into the beef herds. In 2014 Jim joined the Endell partnership and was involved in the transition from independent to CVS ownership.

Jim has completed the RVCS Certificate and Diploma in Cattle Health and Production, is an honorary lecturer at the RVC and sits on various industry boards. In between finishing off an MBA Jim spends time with his two young daughters and trying to keep vaguely fit with CrossFit!

**Lucy Jerram BVetMed BSc MRCVS** ■ 07876 823935



Lucy has been with Endells since 2017, predominately as an RVC Farm Resident. Before that she worked in West Sussex from 2014 where she completed a farm animal internship and then worked as a clinical vet. She has always liked studying more than may be entirely necessary as she completed a degree in Genetics in the middle of vet school.

The residency allows her to combine clinical work with research and study as well as teaching. She particularly enjoys all aspects of cattle work and regularly teaches both dairy and beef related sessions and loves being able to show the students the real side of farm animal veterinary work. Lucy is part of the beef working group and is looking forward to

continuing to provide a high standard of veterinary support to our many and varied beef units.

When not working or studying Lucy enjoys exploring the area with Renly, her Working Cocker Spaniel. She is part of a musical theatre society in Eastleigh where she has just been involved in their recent production of Jack the Ripper - The Musical (no she didn't know that was a show either!) and also tries to run a half marathon each year.

**Joshua Williams BVMed Sci. (Hons) BVM BVS MRCVS**  
■ 07387 261962



Josh always wanted to be a farm vet, joining Endells straight after graduation. His time is mainly spent working with beef and dairy clients, however he still maintains a strong interest in sheep and smallholder work. Josh undertakes all of the bull semen testing for the practice, with fertility, mastitis and emergency work being particular interests of his.

Josh is a trained Mastitis Control Plan deliverer and is currently working towards his Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (Cattle) at the University of Edinburgh.

When not at work he can be found walking his two rescue collies, Maddy and Jay, or playing the viola in the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra.

**Hayley Hickling-Peters BVetMed MRCVS** ■ 07845 666251



Hayley graduated from The Royal Veterinary College in 2012, jumped straight into a farm animal internship and has worked in farm animal practice in the South ever since. During the first few years of her career she worked predominantly with dairy and beef clients, but in 2016 she joined a new venture and helped to start a predominantly smallholder farm practice in Surrey.

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The small farm practice joined forces with Endell Vets in 2017 to expand Endell's client base across into Surrey but also to allow Hayley and her colleague to be part of a large progressive farm animal practice; Endells! Hayley has just recently moved closer to the Newton Wood branch of the practice and looks forward to building working relationships with the Endell clients.

Hayley has a particular interest in the health and welfare of small ruminants and enjoys working with small ruminant clients to improve their productivity. She is also part of the teaching team at Endells and teaches final year RVC students both in the classroom and out on farm. She is currently working towards a post-grad certificate in teaching.

Outside of work Hayley enjoys working her two Labradors, Winston and Clemmie.

#### **Sally Baker BVM&S MRCVS ■ 07767 303221**



Sally qualified from Edinburgh University in 1996 and spent the next few years working her way south looking for sunshine, warmer weather and the right job. After four years in mixed practice she realised she had found it in a three vet 100% farm practice in West Sussex. Sally spent the next 16 years dedicating her time to the local farming community and their animals, building relationships with clients, growing the practice and watching the very nature of farming change and evolve, promoting herd and flock health and disease prevention to progressive and forward thinking farmers.

Finally after 20 years in clinical practice and too many nights and weekends on call, Sally decided a change was needed and joined Endell Farm Vets in December 2016 to set up and run the new core farm rotation for final year vet students from The Royal Veterinary College in London. Sally now splits her time between teaching students, clinical work and student assessment continuing her dedication to the farming industry and clients, advocating animal health and disease control. When not at work, thinking about work or studying for a Masters in Veterinary Education, Sally can be found walking or running around the South Downs with her two brown terriers.

#### **George Lindley BVetMed(Hons) PgDipVCP MRCVS ■ 07557 684086**



George grew up in Surrey and studied at the Royal Veterinary College, graduating in July 2017. He worked in Devon and Norfolk before moving to Basingstoke, where he lives with his partner and six month old Labrador puppy.

He likes cows; and is particularly interested in udder health and fertility in block calving herds.

When not at work George enjoys being outdoors. He is a keen swimmer, cyclist, rock climber and trail runner, and is always keen to explore new parts of the countryside.

#### **Rachel Styles BVetMed MRCVS ■ 07384 258373**



Rachel qualified from the Royal Veterinary College in 2018 and headed straight into clinical farm vetting at Endells. She very much enjoys the wide variety of species and systems that the farm team work with and has a particular interest in small ruminant health and production.

Together with Sally, she runs the Endell Vets Flock Club and is enthusiastic about developing her sheep knowledge through further study with a view to providing a consultancy service in the future.

Outside of work she is a keen musician and can often be found performing gigs and as Musical Director in local theatre productions. She lives near Petersfield with her Labrador and enjoys running, riding and the shooting season!

#### **Joaquin Diaz Galvez MRCVS ■ 07384 116535**



Joaquin grew up helping his grandfather on his small farm in Spain and since childhood he always wanted to be a vet. He started college in Murcia without a specific interest in farm animals. It was shortly after, during a placement in the Czech Republic, when he developed his interests in cattle medicine. Then after graduation, in July 2017, he decided to leave sunny Spain and go abroad in order to develop his veterinary skills. He spent one year in Belgium working with impressive Belgian Blues and joined the Endell vet team in December 2018. Travelling is his other passion and together with his girlfriend he has visited around half of the European countries.

#### **Lillith Walton BVetMed MRCVS ■ 07920 113740**



After graduating from the Royal Veterinary College in July, Lillith came straight to work in the Farm Team at Endells. Originally from North London, Lillith found her interest in Farm Animals whilst lambing at her local farm. Throughout her time at vet school, Lillith always thoroughly enjoyed all of the farm teaching and placements that she went on. This led her to decide that working with production animals was the way forward! She enjoys working with all farm animals but is particularly interested in dairy cattle.

Outside of work Lillith enjoys playing and watching football, as well as taking her family dog Ralph for long walks. Lillith is excited to get a dog of her own in the near future.



**Harry Smith BVMSci MRCVS ■ 07990 835075**

Originally from Buckinghamshire, Harry graduated from the University of Surrey in 2019 and began working at Endells after graduation. Throughout university Harry had a keen interest in farm practice, especially within the poultry industry, and geared his placements towards these areas, seeing practice all over the UK. Harry has an interest in all areas of farm practice, but his main passions are sheep and poultry.

Harry spent a month lambing in the South Downs National Park near Brighton, teaching him about common issues encountered at lambing, ewe nutrition and neonatal care. Seeing practice at multiple poultry vet practices has given him experience in a variety of areas including broilers, laying hens and gamebirds.

Outside of work he races for Salisbury Triathlon Club, is a keen marathon runner and heads to Cornwall to surf when he finds time off from work!

**Conor Barry BVM&S MRCVS ■ 07557 684085**

Conor graduated from the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, Edinburgh in 2019 and joined Endell Farm Vets soon afterwards. Originally from West Cork, Ireland, his passion for farm animals was fostered during his childhood spent on his Uncle's diversified dairy and pig farm.

Conor's clinical interests have been influenced by his background, however, the diversity of clinical work seen by Endell Farm Vets was a major factor in his decision to join the practice. As such, he is a member of our newly formed Beef Focus Group and a facilitator for our Smallholders Club.

Outside of work, Conor plays rugby with Salisbury RFC (when the on-call rota allows!), cooks, and dotes on his Irish Wolfhound Cross called Seamus. Conor looks forward to continuing to build solid working relationships with our clients across all species and production systems.

## Timetable of Talks for 2020

What?	Who?	When?
<b>Are your ewes fit for lambing</b>	SHEEP	28 January, 3pm at Newton Wood
<b>Pre-lambing course</b>	SMALLHOLDER	Early February
<b>AMU and Johne's Updates</b>	DAIRY	February
<b>BRD Talk</b>	BEEF	March
<b>Pet pig health</b>	SMALLHOLDER	March
<b>Block calving performance</b>	DAIRY	April
<b>Getting lambs to grow</b>	SHEEP	May
<b>Beekeeping workshop</b>	SMALLHOLDER	June
<b>Lameness in beef cattle</b>	BEEF	July
<b>Heifer rearing</b>	DAIRY	August
<b>Sustainable Farming</b>	SMALLHOLDER	August
<b>Lamb Selection</b>	SHEEP	September
<b>Cheese Factory visit</b>	SMALLHOLDER	October
<b>TB control and prevention</b>	BEEF	October
<b>Can you afford to have lame sheep?</b>	SHEEP	November
<b>Christmas Quiz 2020</b>	SMALLHOLDER	December

Please call us on 01722 333291 (1) to register your interest.





## On Our Rounds ...

Spastic paresis is a condition that we sporadically see in all breeds of cattle, but more commonly in beef calves at around six months of age. As the affected calves grow the related muscles gradually contract causing the hock and stifle to become extended and the gait to become increasingly stiff.

One or both legs can be affected and recently George and Lucy saw a calf with both legs affected, which meant he was trying to put as much weight as possible onto his forelimbs. His condition was severely affecting his ability to get around, therefore our only options were to attempt treatment or to euthanase. Treatment has a better outcome when only one leg is affected, but as both legs were affected and we did not want to put undue pressure on either limb we elected to carry out surgery for both at the same time.

Surgery can involve cutting nerves, requiring very fine dissection which can be challenging in an on-farm setting, or cutting tendons, which causes a dropped hock but is much quicker and better suited to the field environment. As you can see from the photos we opted for transecting the tendon with the calf heavily sedated. We are pleased to say that despite two dropped hocks the calf is moving much better now. This calf was already castrated but as spastic paresis is considered to be heritable, any cattle suffering from the condition should not be bred.



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***We wish you all a very  
Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year and  
we look forward to continuing  
working with you in 2020!***

