

# Newsletter

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## Garston Proactive Farmers

Hopefully you have all seen the logo for our new and exclusive Garston Proactive Farmers. As the first initiative of its kind in the country we are leading the field in preventative veterinary care. There are three streams covering beef, dairy and sheep which cover a comprehensive health care repertoire. From disease surveillance and prevention to youngstock and nutrition.



Meeting the requirements of farm assurance whilst actively monitoring and improving the health and welfare of your stock is crucial and Garston Proactive Farmers is there to help you structure and manage all of this. It provides a framework for an interactive service between vet and farmer allowing a team approach to problem solving with an emphasis on disease prevention and improving profitability.

For a monthly fee you get a structured calendar of health care co-ordinated by us, along with a host of extra rewards and benefits. All proactive farmers get a branded ring binder and gilet on sign-up, along with entry into the bi-monthly prize draw with some fantastic prizes. If that's not enough there will be an annual corporate day including motorised and country sports full of hospitality and fun! It can't be all work and no play!

We would like to thank our Garston Proactive Farmer Supporters SWHire, Read Agriservices Ltd and Old Mill Accountants along with Bimeda, Elanco and Norbrook.



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# Bluetongue

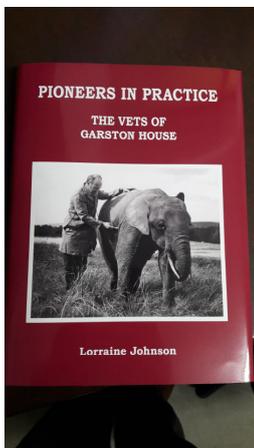
A positive diagnosis of Bluetongue has been confirmed in a group of 32 cattle imported from France. These were picked up during post import testing and the animals will be slaughtered. Restrictions are in place in the local area and further testing will take place. The animals had come from an assembly centre in France that has experienced a number of cases this September.

This acts as a useful reminder that we should be vigilant for signs of Bluetongue, especially at this time of the year. Bluetongue is spread by midges and so it doesn't require the introduction of animals onto your farm for it to spread into your herd. If you are suspicious that any of your animals may be suffering from Bluetongue please do not hesitate to contact the surgery.

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## Garston Museum move

Earlier this year the Garston Museum started its relocation to the Frome Museum where it could be seen by a wider audience as well as being catalogued and archived for Internet access. This took several months of hard work but the display is now completed and open to the public. It was officially opened on 18th July by the Mayor of Frome.



The museum contains one of the largest collections of veterinary artifacts and memorabilia in the UK together with the history of the practice and its activities in the local area. As part of the process Lorraine Johnson has written a book about the collection which not only covers the exhibits themselves but also has chapters on the Garston House building, vets that have worked at the practice and also the links into the farming community as well as the work carried out at Longleat. The book is a fascinating read (Christmas present material if ever there was!) and is available at Frome Museum, Hunting Raven bookshop and the Large Animal reception at Garston House. The book costs £18 with all of the money going to Frome Museum.

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## Greg's Useful Fact!

Finally, after all these years I may be about to come up with a genuinely useful fact. If you haven't already, you soon will hear of what3words which is a way of locating yourself to a 3m square location anywhere in the world based on 3 words. There are 57 trillion squares covering the entire surface of the earth all identified by 3 words. Luckily there are just enough words in the English language to provide the 57 trillion combinations. The front door of Garston House is located at [/// cost.mouse.just](http://cost.mouse.just) [www.what3words.com](http://www.what3words.com)

