

# Farm Animal Newsletter

July 2008



## **Congratulations and thank you.**

Seventeen ladies from “Team Shires” successfully ran in the “race for life” last month at Trentham gardens. Thank you to all of you who sponsored them. It is probably no great surprise that Judith did not achieve her ambition in beating Kate but then Judith is now in the class for those “where life begins at...” Kate, in her anxiety to get to the front, went the wrong way and trashed many of the shrubs in the Italian gardens to get back on course.

**Ellen Binks** joins us on Monday. Many of you will know her as a very bright practical student who has been with us the last two years. She comes from Newport. Dave Ferguson, from Harper Adams, showed his enthusiasm for her joining us by stating “great she can carry on relief milking for us on her weekends off”.

**Newport Show.** We will be having the usual hospitality tent at the show so please do come along and have a drink with us. This year you will also be able to see what a decent South Devon looks like – unfortunately not mine!

**Bluetongue vaccination.** You have probably heard that there have been two batch failures (not unusual for vaccine manufacturing) so the roll out of vaccine has been slowed down. However it is up and running again and we hope Staffordshire will be in the next group of counties to be allowed to vaccinate with Shropshire following soon after. We will contact everyone who has ordered it to confirm exact doses required immediately we have the vaccine here. We will then supply you with both doses at the same time in case there is another batch failure and we cannot get further supplies when the second dose is due.