



NEWSLETTER

We have very much enjoyed completing our first year at Newmarket Equine Hospital - during which we have settled in with facilities and techniques that we have looked forward to for so long. We are thrilled with the design and build, and as a Hospital for people to work, and horses to be treated, it is unrivalled. We were honoured to receive **HRH Princess Haya** at our official opening in May, and many will have attended.



Partnership News



Many will know that **David Ellis** is retiring at the end of 2009. He joined Reynolds and Partners in 1969 and visited South Africa for a season as part of our 'exchange' programme in 1972. He gained a Fellowship of the RCVS in 1984 for his thesis on Foal Limb Problems and one of the first to be awarded a Diploma of Equine Orthopaedics in 1990. He has been President of BEVA, Veterinary Advisor to the Racehorse Owners Association, and Tattersalls, and sat on several important advisory boards. Recently, he has worked tirelessly to bring NEH into being, an enormous task and brilliantly managed. He will be stepping down from routine work but remains available for consultation. We are all hugely grateful for his leadership, example and encouragement.

Stud News

Another busy season for the stud vets, with two long dry spells creating difficult conditions for mares and stud managers. We have seen increasing levels of worm problems in places where management and pasture control is excellent. We believe that resistance to Ivermectin is gradually increasing so monitoring via droppings and blood sampling is recommended.



Our Laboratory will be **PCR** testing for CEM on normal clitoral swabs in 2010. This well tested technique will give same day results with 100% accuracy. Gradually, PCR technology will also be introduced for other diseases, including Strangles, Rhodococcus and Lawsonia.

Racing News

The **Overground Endoscope** has proved popular and very effective for examining elusive wind problems, without the need for a treadmill. Our understanding of the dynamics of laryngeal and pharyngeal function **DURING** exercise has greatly increased, and led to better treatment selection. **Simon Waterhouse, Mark Tunstill** and **Mark Hillyer** have been busy with this here and further afield, and have been very pleased with its ease of use.



Hospital News

The Hospital services have enjoyed their best year ever. The number and range of referrals continue to rise. Over 700 surgeries have been performed at NEH this year and NEH surgeons have, in addition, performed over 150 surgeries at other clinics both in the United Kingdom and abroad. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) services commenced in May. This service is run by **Meredith Smith-Moore MRCVS** who is a leading authority in the subject and completed her PhD in MRI this year.

NEH clinicians remain at the forefront of equine medicine and surgery. They have given 14 international and 15 national scientific presentations throughout 2009. In addition, four refereed and two commissioned articles have been published during the year, one text book has been edited and four text book chapters submitted.