



The Season Update

We expanded our veterinary team to three full time resident reproduction vets, which has given our senior vet, Monica, the support required to manage the increase in AI, donor and recipient mares. Having the additional vets has also supported Nikee (Stud Manager) and her team with the foalings, and the overall care of the mares, foals and young stock

We have now moved our Assisted Reproductive Techniques laboratory from Liverpool University's Leahurst Campus to Twemlows. This will enable us to offer ICSI (Intra Cytoplasmic Sperm Injection) and OPU (Ovum Pick-Up) to breeders in the future.

These advanced techniques offer an alternative route to breed mares similar to IVF in humans, ideal for mares suffering chronic endometrial problems and ovulation failure.



Our 2017 ICSI Foal : Twemlows Gilbert

Going once, going twice, sold!

Talk of Embryo Transfer (ET) went viral following the Elite Foal Auction held at Bolesworth this June when Tinka's Star (Tinka's Serenade X Big Star), pictured, sold for £92k.

This has encouraged further sales of ET foals and a rather new and rising trend, of unborn embryos via online auctions and private sales.

The ET process itself has increased in popularity as we have had more donor mares through our doors this year, necessitating in expanding our recipient herd to over 160 mares. As embryo transfer continues to be in demand, we will be looking for mares aged 4-9, 16.2hh+ from May 2018 through the summer.



Foal Gradings

For the first time ever this year Twemlows Stud Farm was the host for a KWPN and British Hanoverian Grading, as well as hosting our annual Oldenburg grading, for client mares and foals. The dates, held in August,

ran smoothly thanks to the Twemlows team being on hand to assist and run horses on each of the dates.

Following the success of these days we hope to host further stud book gradings next summer, including SHBGB.

Staff Profile: Claire Nicklin BSc (Hons)

Claire joined the team in Winter 2015 as our Stud Administrator and Veterinary Assistant.

Her competition experience has proved very useful in working with the breed societies to organise and help run the various mare and foal gradings hosted at Twemlows.

Having studied Equine Studies (*Breeding and Reproduction*) at Writtle College, she graduated in 2014 and worked in recruitment before joining us at Twemlows.

Outside of work, Claire is kept busy with her two horses and enjoys tackling new challenges.

Claire is on hand to meet clients, looks after the mare and foal records, and assists our resident head vet, Monica, with embryo flushes and transfers. In addition to this Claire is responsible for the running of the training courses held at Twemlows.

Previously Claire has competed on behalf of Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain (SHBGB) in the WBFSH International Young Breeders Championships.



Caroline Leigh with Sir Donnerhall colt "Mr Smart SHS" looking very happy to win "Best Colt in Show" at our KWPN Grading.



Fiona Coleman with mare Summer Hit and Furst Romancier Colt "Furst Summer" at our British Hanoverian grading. Furst Summer later went on to be awarded Reserve Champion at the annual British Hanoverian show.

Our 2017 Twemlows Burghley Embryo Transfer Scholarship was won by Vanir Kamira, ridden by Piggy French, who was placed 2nd overall and was the highest placed British domiciled mare at the Land Rover Burghley Horse Trials.

The scholarship was previously won in 2015 and 2016 by Jonelle Price's ride, Classic Moet, who came to Twemlows this season and produced two embryos by Upsilon in one flush (pictured centre with her two recipient mares and stud manager, Nikee Hudson). We look forward to welcoming Vanir Kamira to the stud in 2018.



Our Open Day 2017 was held in aid of the Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA): East Clywd and Shropshire branches. We raised £5,000 in total, giving £2,500 to each to go towards the incredible work they do.

Our Open Day 2018 will be held on Saturday 21st April and will include a stallion parade, trade stands, food hall and silent auction.

COURSES 2018



ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION TECHNICIANS TRAINING COURSE

- Fresh, Chilled & Frozen Semen Handling
- Reproductive Anatomy
- Preparation of the Mare
- Artificial Insemination
- Record Keeping
- Semen Packaging

27th & 28th February and 13th & 14th March

FOALING THE MARE

- Preparation For Safe Foaling
- Normal Foaling
- Inducing The Mare
- Recognising Problems Early
- Complications
- New Born Foal Examination
- Examination Of The Placenta
- The Orphan Foal & Adoption

17th March

FOALING & YEARLING MANAGEMENT

- Worming & Vaccinations
- Common Diseases
- Foal Handling
- Foot Care
- Examination of a Foal
- Weaning, Nutrition & OCD

18th March



STUD OPEN DAY

Saturday 21st April



• Stallion Show • Trade Stands • Silent Auction • Food Hall •

PRACTICAL ULTRASONOGRAPHY

A series of one day courses designed for vets and new graduates wishing to gain experience in scanning mares for breeding purposes.

March 2018

VETERINARY CPD: PRACTICAL EQUINE GYNAECOLOGY

Interactive workshop style lectures and individual practical's examining mares and stallions.

*Lecturers: Jonathan Pycock MRCVS, James Crabtree MRCVS,
Monica Morganti MRCVS, Tullis Matson (Stallion AI Services)*

13th - 15th February

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK ONTO OUR COURSES PLEASE EMAIL OFFICE@TWEMLAWS.CO.UK

