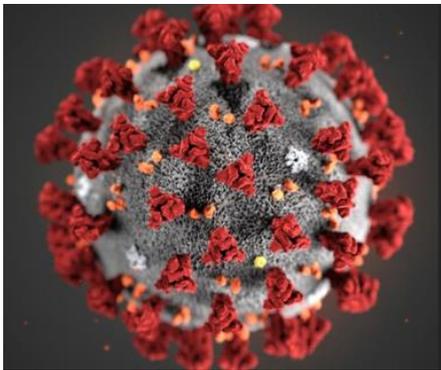


## May Newsletter



*We hope everyone is well. Apologies for the lack of newsletter over the last few months. A strange and worrying time. Everyone at Bishopton is fine and continuing on as best we can, hopefully for most of you you've managed the situation ok so far and at least had chance to enjoy the weather. For those affected, please accept our best wishes and we hope all is well in the longer term.*



### COVID working practice

*In the main, we have taken our lead from our Royal College and the associated bodies – they have given relatively strict guidelines as to what types of work could and should be undertaken. For the initial period of lockdown we were sensibly limited to 'Essential Work', but gradually over the last few weeks we're reaching a better understanding of how we can work safely to provide ongoing veterinary care.*

*From the start of June, we will be able to provide our services in full for our clients and their horses – albeit with the expected safety measures in place. If you have any concerns about how we are working or want to check anything, please just phone or email on [equine@bishoptonequinevets.co.uk](mailto:equine@bishoptonequinevets.co.uk). Further information can be found on the website.*

### Vaccination Amnesty

Any horse, pony or donkey who's vaccinations for equine influenza and/or tetanus have lapsed because of the COVID-19 restrictions is eligible for help with the restart. The first vaccine will be charged as normal, but the second vaccine (as part of the 3 part primary vaccine course) will be free of charge thanks to MSD.



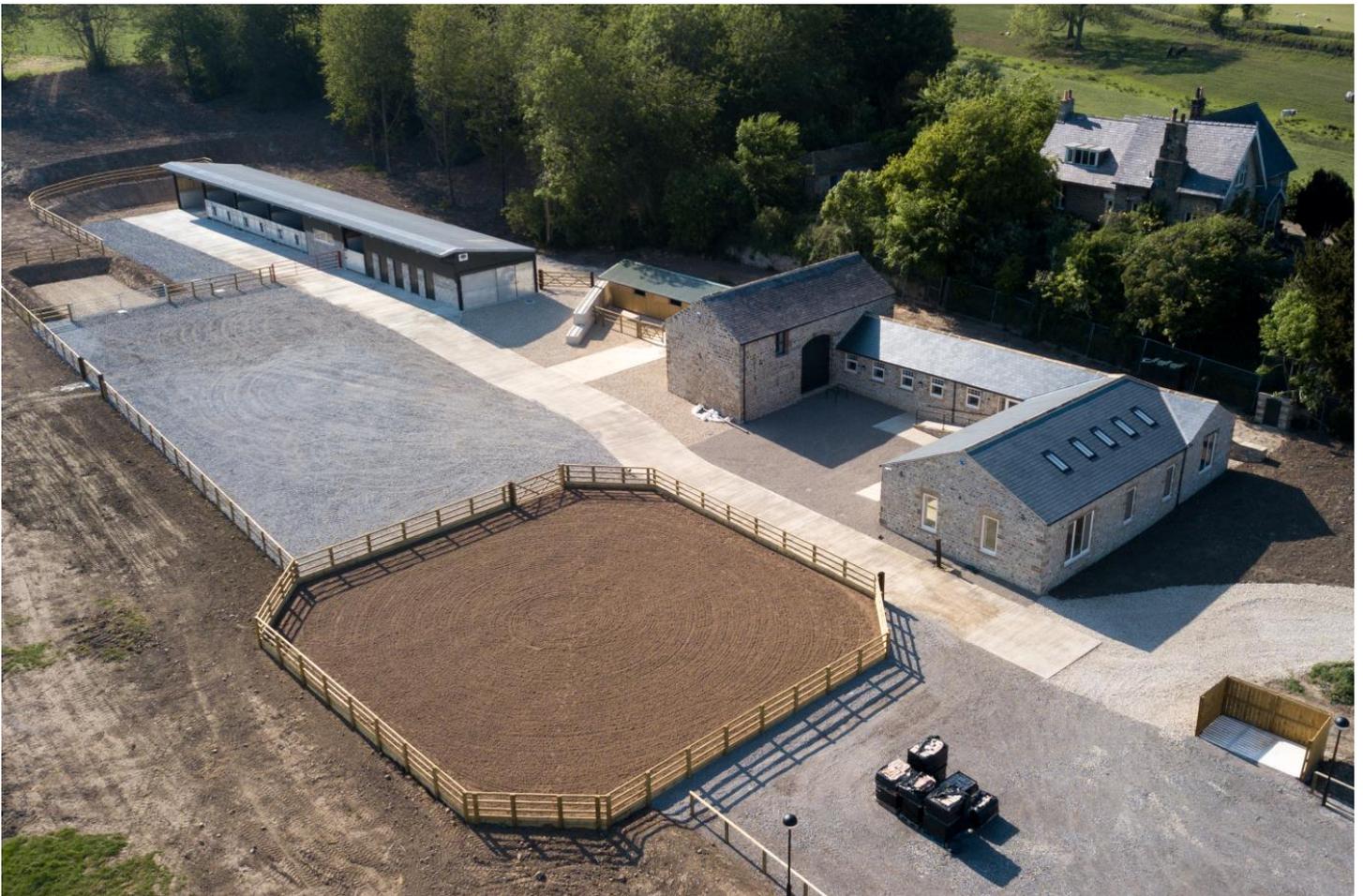
Visits will be charged as usual, or horses can be vaccinated at the surgery in Ripon for no visit charge.

## New Clinic at Sunley Raynes (hopefully in by July!)

*Clearly the works on the new site and our ability to move in have been severely hampered by the restrictions in place at the moment. A minor issue for the world in the grand scheme of things, but it has been frustrating time for the last few months.*

Given luck and a little more lifting of restrictions, we should be able to move in by the end of the month. In the current climate, the new premises will be a better set-up for BEVS to provide veterinary care in line with the working practices and social distancing guidelines in place at the moment.

The biggest issue for us is that we can't have a big opening ceremony as we can't have anybody there! There is a plan to have everybody to the new clinic for a look round as soon as we are able, and of course, clients who come to the site will see some of it for themselves. We expect the usual teething issues, it wouldn't be normal to not have a few, but you'll see from the photos that a fantastic job has been done to finish the site to such a high standard.



In addition to the new equine clinic, RAFT – the Bishopton backed training and research company, will be based at Sunley Raynes. As well as training and research aspect, they also manage the cattle breeding unit - the large steel framed building at the top of the site. This is hugely important opportunity for BEVs, as we collaborate with RAFT and BVG for our breeding work and semen collection and analysis.



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