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## Living And Working In Your Community

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## Special Edition-practice news

Hello and welcome to the October newsletter.

This month, you are having a non-clinical newsletter as there are far too many social things to tell you about! Next month, I promise something clinical – if anyone has any requests, let us know.

Last month, Rachel left us – on maternity leave. She had soldiered on with a bump, bad back, tiredness and all the other glamorous side effects of pregnancy. Her last day was 23<sup>rd</sup> September and we gave her a send off with a civilised lunchtime party. We very much hope to be welcoming her back in November 2022. We will keep you posted on heifer or bull!

Fortunately, our new permanent vet, Dom, started on 21<sup>st</sup> September. He will be working with us two days a week, plus on call. He is working at a small animal practice in Cardiff for the rest of the week. It is very difficult for vets to get a mixed animal job and in this area it is really the only way. All the vets at SWFVs started life as mixed animal vets and we all appreciate the skills cross over from small to large. He introduces himself later.

We also have another addition to the practice – Jimmy Jackson is helping us out over the autumn/winter. Jimmy has recently retired from his own practice in Scotland and moved to Wales to be closer to family – farming family! So after a very short retirement, he has kindly agreed to help us out over the busy time. He also introduces himself later.

I promised to share some photos of Morgan's wedding – and she certainly looked beautiful. The weather could have been a bit kinder, but it did not dampen spirits and you would be hard pressed to find a happier bride and groom. Congratulations Mr and Mrs Tom Hanks.

Mary

### Rachel's off on maternity leave



As many of you already know, Rachel is pregnant and has now left us for her maternity leave. As you can see in the photo, we had a little send off for her at the practice to wish her all our best (there is a bump behind the flowers, honest).

We already miss her and can't wait for her to return. We'll update you all when the time comes.





Sian Fuller



Rachel Davies



Sian Lloyd



Helen Dando



Tracey Huntley

### New arrivals

Hi, I'm Dom. I'm originally from South Devon but have been largely living in Bristol for the past six years, where I trained to become a vet. I moved to Cardiff in late August and have been enjoying exploring and making the most of the city, the Brecon Beacons and the nearby coast (I'm assured it's always this warm in "sunny South Wales" in September!). I've been amazed and incredibly grateful for how welcoming and helpful the team at South Wales Farm Vets have been and I look forward to learning from them as I gain experience and develop my skills as a vet. Although I'm keeping an open mind at this stage, I am particularly interested in infectious diseases and their control, and I hope to use this interest to improve my clinical practice in this area.

Outside of work I'm a keen runner, cyclist and climber. I've also recently taken up surfing and am looking forward to spending as much time as possible down at Porthcawl trying to catch a few waves!



#### Jimmy's career:

Hill farmer's son from Scottish Highlands .

Graduate of Glasgow Vet School.

Worked all his life in mixed practice in Central Scotland, doing predominantly farm work .

Ran his own mixed practice, along with his wife, since Autumn of 1985, until retirement in 2020.

Moved to South Wales in Summer of 2020. Both his daughters now live in South Wales.

Got bored with retirement so has started vetting again (And enjoying it)!

#### Jimmy's personal life:

Married to a vet, a farmer's daughter from South Wales.

Has 3 children, eldest daughter is an anaesthetist, middle daughter is a teacher, youngest son is a GP in Glasgow.

Has 3 grandchildren, 2 granddaughters and a grandson.

### Morgan's wedding in colour



### Office opening hours

Monday – Friday

8.30am - 5.30pm

### Emergency out of hours service

Weeknights 5.30pm - 8.30am

Saturday & Sunday all day