



**LATEST NEWS FROM CIS** | December 2018

## Welcome to the December edition of the CIS Newsletter.

This edition highlights the importance of Health Testing your herd so you can measure and monitor especially for BVD and Johne's. We also thank Jack Lawson for his dedication to CIS as a board member for the last 16 years.

### Jack Lawson Retires from CIS Board



L to R - Dena Snidall, Jack Lawson, Janette Mathie, Aled Jones

In November Jack Lawson retired from the CIS Board and we thank him immensely for his commitment, ideas and passion in supporting the business growth of CIS over the last 16 years. Jack was presented with a rose bowl at the CIS laboratory and head office in Telford by Janette Mathie, Head of Field Services; Dena Snidall Head of Laboratory and Aled Jones, CIS Chairman.

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### Vet Focus: A simple solution for monitoring infectious diseases



Infectious diseases can have a negative impact on both the health and productivity of your dairy herd. Although there are many ways to control the entry and spread of these diseases, it is important to know your current status so you can choose the most suitable management strategies for your farm. Sarah Gibbs a BVetMed MRCVS Veterinary Surgeon at Lambert Leonard & May shares her insight on monitoring infectious diseases.

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### BVDFree Supporters



CIS recognise BVD as one of the biggest disease issues facing the cattle industry currently and one which is in the hands of the sector to control and eradicate. We fully back the eradication of BVD from the national cattle herd and work in collaboration with the Cattle Health and Welfare Group (CHAWG) to develop a national programme for BVD eradication.

[Find out more...](#)

## Health Testing: If you don't measure, you can't monitor



**CIS Health Testing helps you monitor and manage your herd health by providing insight from milk, tissue and blood samples. Includes:**

- Disease testing for Johne's, BVDag, BVDab, IBR, Lepto, Neospora, Liverfluke and Schmallenberg
- CHeCs accredited Johne's Monitoring Scheme
- Ketosis/Acidosis indicator for imbalance of butterfat/protein levels
- Milk urea analysis to assist feed management
- Protein intercept comparing production with protein levels to gauge energy status
- SCC monitor to pinpoint ongoing or one-off problems
- Online medicine book

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## BVD: Stamp It Out



BVD is an endemic disease of cattle which quietly costs UK farmers an estimated £61million/year through mortalities, infertility and poorer performance. CIS can help you 'Stamp It Out' by testing for BVD using ear notch tissue, individual and bulk milk recording samples.

**From £2.50 ex VAT per Test**

[Test you herd...](#)

## JOHNE'S: Helping You Manage



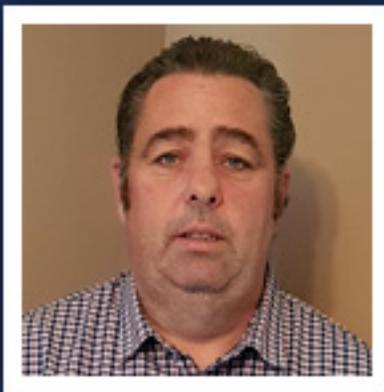
CIS can test your cattle to help you manage the potential disease affecting your current and future herd. Testing, using milk recording samples, can be completed quarterly with results overseen by a British Cattle Veterinary Association (BCVA) accredited vet.

**From £1.49 ex VAT per Test.**

[Test you herd...](#)

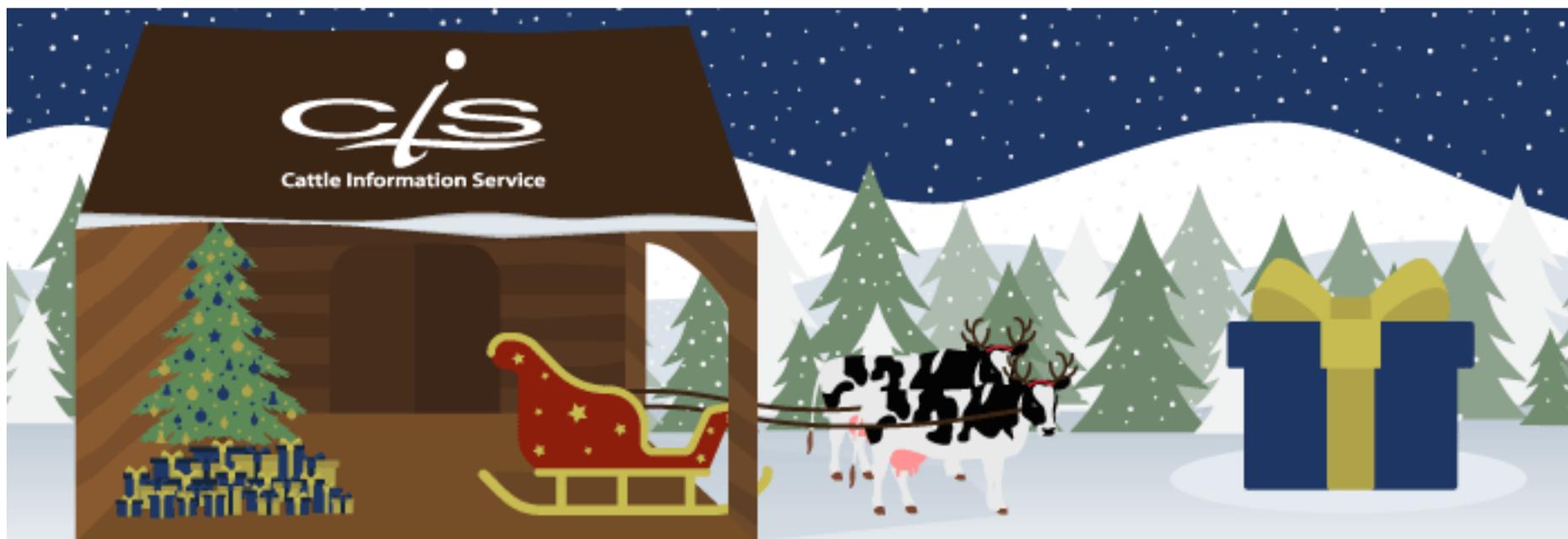
## New Starter

### William Bowen – CIS Milk Recorder



CIS welcome William to the team as a self-employed milk recorder covering Shropshire, working as part of the team managed by CIS Area Manager Bernadette Crayston. In his spare time William enjoys the farming rural life with his chickens, turkeys and pigs.

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*The CIS team wish you, your family and herd a*  
**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**

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