

# Farrier joins clinic to provide specialist advice on lameness

A WORLD-RENOWNED farrier is the latest expert to join Alnorthumbria's equine veterinary clinic at Fairmoor, near Morpeth.

Jim Ferrie, a Fellow of the Worshipful Company of Farriers (FWCF), has joined a team of visiting specialists bolstering the experienced permanent equine vets at the centre.

A consultant to the Weipers Centre Equine Hospital at Glasgow University, Ayrshire-based Mr Ferrie specialises in corrective, remedial shoeing and lameness.

Lesley Barwise-Munro, a past president of the British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA) and Alnorthumbria equine director, said: "We see this as an ideal opportunity for horses

in our care that have been diagnosed with lameness problems to benefit from Jim's wealth of expertise.

"It is envisaged that Jim will not only confer with the treating vet, but will also be in direct communication with the primary care farrier.

"This will include the opportunity for the horse's regular farrier to participate and be included in the remedial shoeing process at the clinic, to enable them to continue with the foot care. Farriers are also welcome to refer their own cases to Jim."

Alnorthumbria's Equine Clinic is recognised as one of the foremost equine veterinary centres in the North of England.

Staffed by five dedicated equine vets, it offers a range of treatments, medicine, sur-

gical and hospital facilities.

The team of expert consultants visits on request and on regular dates to provide the very best treatment for clients' horses.

The clinic provides a range of modern specialist treatments and diagnostic services from laser surgery for sarcoids and melanomas to stem cell therapy to repair tendon and ligament damage.

It offers extracorporeal shock wave therapy, which can treat splints, suspensory ligament damage and back problems, plus the full range of digital radiography, ultrasound and endoscopy diagnostic services. The clinic also has a specialist equine dental service and is a BEVA-approved artificial insemination centre.