

Credentials

Finding a practitioner you can trust is never easy, particularly when it comes to the relatively unregulated world of barefoot trimming. Below are the details of the training I have undertaken and any other events in my career which have helped me to improve my skills.



I have studied equine anatomy and physiology for many years and now teach it to Equine Podiatrists. I am also one of the principal trainers on a two year Diploma course in Equine Podiatry. Those courses which I run are not listed below but include: animal welfare legislation, hoof dissection, equine anatomy and physiology, pathologies, trimming, hoof handling as well as assisting on other courses and mentoring students.

I should also add that I am a member of the Equine Podiatry Association (UK) www.epauk.org, the only independent professional body which regulates Equine Podiatrists in the UK.

2017

Trim day – EPs getting together to review each others' work (1 day)

2016

Shadowed by a fellow EP – 1 day

Farriery – Chris Powell FWCF – 1 day

Evening talk by Biocare : The Immune System

Ran a hoof clinic in Devon for horse owners (1 day)

Evening talk by Thunderbrook Equestrian : Equine Nutrition

EPA Conference : Various speakers including myself (PPID and Insulin Resistance), Dr Helen Davies, University of Melbourne (update on her latest research), Nigel Gatesman, Farriery, Red Horse Products – formulation of effective hoofcare products, Nick Vincent, problem solving techniques.

Ran a dissection clinic to raise money for God Unlimited

Evening talk on Microbiome : Microbz

Dr Helen M S Davies, University of Melbourne, 6 days training covering : functional anatomy of the hoof – what is there and how it works; why horses move the way they do; fascial connections including the nuchal ligament and stay apparatus; neurological and mechanical effects of head, neck, and spinal posture; adaptations to exercise in the hoof and distal forelimb; working with faulty conformation - basic principles to optimise function and increase longevity.

2015

Equine First Aid run by the National School of First Aid Training - 2 days

Evening talk on hoof health, King's leaze riding club

Equine Cushings and Insulin Resistance Conference, Texas – 3 days

Farriery – Chris Powell FWCF – 1 day

Shadowed by a fellow EP – 1 day

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Monitoring and Interpretation of Vital Signs – 5 weeks Pass (distinction)

Horse Behaviour : Monty Roberts :Evening demo

Integrated Analysis in Systems Biology (4 weeks). Pass (distinction) – 3 weeks

2014

How Horses Learn, Maxine Easey – 2 days

EPA Conference : Various speakers – 2 days

Your Horse Live : Manning exhibition stand, answering client queries. 1 day

Shadowed by a fellow EP – 1 day

Human Physiology (Duke University) : Pass (distinction) – 8 weeks

2013

University of Edinburgh – Equine Nutrition (5 weeks) (distinction)

Farriery – Chris Powell FWCF – 1 day

Germany – Ran a Hoof Function course for Trimmers and Farriers – 2 days

Introductory Human Physiology – Duke University Online course - 12 weeks

Assisting Ben Hart – Horse Behaviour & Handling – 1 day

Shadowing a fellow Equine Podiatrist (1 day)

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Laminitis – Dr Richard Vialls (3 days)

Germany – Nutrition for Hoof Health – ran a 2-day course for barefoot practitioners

2012

Helen Davies – Advanced Anatomy and update on her various research projects (3 days)

Trim 1 – assisting students with trimming, cutting up and measuring cadavers to check the accuracy of their trims (5 days)

National Equine Forum (1 day)

Internal Organs dissection – Gillian Higgins, Catherine Hale and Andrew Hemmings (run by Horses Inside Out)

Farriery – Chris Powell FWCF – 1 day

EPA Conference (3 days) Various speakers including Debbie Carley (Thunderbrook), Sophie Gent (Equiscan), Mark Johnson (Farrier), Sally Bell (Eponashoe), Suzanne Cottrill (Equine Physiotherapy), Rebecca Blenntoft (Manual Lymphatic Drainage)

Trim day – EPs getting together to peer review each other's work

2011

Horse Behaviour & Handling – Ben Hart – 2 days www.hartshorsemanship.com

Farriery – Chris Powell FWCF – 1 day

Shadowing a fellow Equine Podiatrist (1 day)

Laminitis – Dr Richard Vialls (3 days)

Dissection day (1 day)

Trim day – getting together with colleagues to peer review each other's work (1 day)

Shadowing an Equine Vet (1 day)

2010

Equine Nutrition, Clare McLeod MSc, RNutr (1 day) www.equinenutritionist.co.uk

EPA Trim day – colleagues getting together to compare trimming styles and experiences

Shadowing a fellow Equine Podiatrist (1 day)

Ran a hoof clinic in Wiltshire for horse owners (2 days)

Helen Davies "Functional Anatomy of the Lower Limb and Anatomical and Neurological Influences on Hoof Loading" (4 days) <http://research.vet.unimelb.edu.au/staff.php?staffID=219>

National Equine Forum (1 day)
http://www.bef.co.uk/National_Equine_Forum_/2009_National_Equine_Forum.html

Equine Podiatry Association annual conference (5 days). Various speakers including Bob Bowker (2 days) <http://www.coronavistaequinecenter.com/>

Shadowing a Registered Farrier (1 day)

2009

Horse Behaviour & Handling, Ben Hart (2 days) www.hartshorsemanship.com

EPA(UK) Trim day – EPs gathering to check each other's work (1 day) www.epauk.org

Working in South Africa, giving consults and training owners and practitioners (3 weeks)
<http://www.nhza.com/>

Shadowing a fellow Equine Podiatrist (1 day)

Laminitis Workshop, Dr Richard Vialls (3 days) www.unshod.co.uk

Awareness of Farriery, Warwickshire Farrier College, Chris Powell FWCF (1 day)
www.warkscol.ac.uk

The Effect of Nutrition on Hoof Horn, Dr Sue Kempson BSc, PhD (1 day)
<http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/vet>

Shadowing an Equine Vet (1 day)

2008

Working in South Africa, giving consults and training vets, farriers and practitioners (3 weeks)
<http://www.nhza.com/>

Laminitis conference run by BEVA/NAFBAE - several lecturers (1 day)
<http://www.forgemagazine.co.uk>

EPA (UK) Annual Conference (2 days) www.epauk.org

Dr Robert Bowker, update on his latest research into anatomy and pathobiology (2 days)
<http://www.coronavistaequinecenter.com/>

Industry Role in Influencing and Developing Qualifications, LANTRA (1 day) www.lantra.co.uk

Became a Director of Equine Podiatry Training Ltd www.epttrain.co.uk

Re-elected Chairman Equine Podiatry Association (UK) www.epauk.org

2007

Dr Helen Davies BAgSci (Leeds) BVSc MAgSc (Queensland) PhD (Melbourne) (1 day)
<http://research.vet.unimelb.edu.au/staff.php?staffID=219>

Waltham Laminitis Symposium - several lecturers (1 day) <http://www.winerygy.com/About-Us/WALTHAM---the-science-behind-our-products>

National Equine forum (1 day)
http://www.bef.co.uk/National_Equine_Forum_/2009_National_Equine_Forum.html

Radiographical Examination of the Equine Hoof, Alun Jones MRCVS (1 day)

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Prof. John Reilly BSc(Hons) BVSc PhD MRCVS - Studies on hoof wall growth (1 day)
<http://www.myerscough.ac.uk/>

2006

International Hoofcare Summit, Cincinnati, USA (5 days) <http://www.ihcs2010.com/>

Peter Laidley, Australian Hoofcare Practitioner, social day to exchange ideas (1 day)
www.barefootbasics.co.uk

Anatomy, Biomechanics, Gait Analysis and Lameness – several lecturers (3 days) run by EPA (UK) www.epauk.org

Worked in South Africa giving consultations and teaching horse owners, vets, farriers and other hoofcare practitioners (5 weeks) <http://www.nhza.com/>

Launched Equine Podiatry Association (UK) and elected Chairman www.epauk.org

2005

Pete Ramey, Natural Hoof Care (3 days) www.hoofrehab.com

Became a full time Equine Podiatrist

2004

Institute of Applied Equine Podiatry, Diploma in Applied Equine Podiatry (1 year)
www.appliedequinepodiatry.org