## **NEWSLETTER SPRING '25**

## Heart of the Community

The majority of our staff have grown up in or around Chippenham and we love to get involved with local events. We have sponsored the Monkton Park and Pewsham scarecrow trails in previous years and are excited to once again sponsor the Chippenham Lions' Cherished Vehicle Show on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June this year (please stop by our stand to see us if you're there!). If you'd like us to sponsor or be involved with any local events, please get in touch!



Garden

Group

Veterinary



## Dental scale and polish: do they really need an anaesthetic?

Although there are an increasing number of nonveterinary trained people offering 'anaesthetic free' dentals, these are not without their risks. By not using an anaesthetic your pet is exposed to both a stressful and uncomfortable procedure; will only allow hand scaling of the teeth (as opposed to ultrasonic scaling) and only addresses tartar above the gum line and not below it. This means that although the teeth may look (and smell!) better temporarily, it won't help to delay the progression of dental disease in the long run. We now offer fixed price scale and polish treatments for your dogs and cats under anaesthetic with a Registered Veterinary Nurse for £250. This includes a general anaesthetic, full mouth examination, scale and polish of all teeth, dental x-rays if necessary and dental charting. Please ask reception to find out

## Career focus – Rebecca Brown

Becky started working here in 2003 as a veterinary nurse assistant and after some time out to have her children, qualified as a registered veterinary nurse in 2013. Becky became head nurse in 2018 and then ultimately moved away from her clinical duties to take over as practice manager in 2023. Her job now involves keeping the practice running smoothly and safely and she says her favourite part of her job is supporting the team, helping them if they have any problems and being a listening ear for them. We all think she's doing a fantastic job!

