

A change at the top

This being our final issue of 2015 we would like to welcome you to Issue 5 of our quarterly Newsletter, which includes an exciting update from our Filter Devices division. We are also announcing this month that our Managing Director John Blight is retiring at the end of the year after ten years of dedicated service.

John joined Helapet in October 2005 as Operations Manager, before being promoted to General Manager in 2009 and then Managing Director in 2012. Replacing John as Managing Director will be Ben Miles from our sister company, Gemini Healthcare Services Ltd. Ben has worked within the CliniMed group since 2003 with responsibilities for Marketing, New Product Development and Regulatory Affairs.



John Blight & Ben Miles
We wish both of them the very best.

New Filter Devices Website

It's here! Following the successful launch of our Filter Devices catalogue last quarter, Helapet are delighted to announce the launch of a brand new dedicated website.

A cleaner, decluttered look now presents visitors with easy access to our comprehensive range of off-the-shelf filters and Vari-Disk® OEM design service.

Using a client centric layout, our new website highlights six main filter applications including **Gas Analysers, Vacuum Pumps**

and **CO₂ Incubators**. The Vari-Disk® Service page allows you to choose your own filter specification, so we can build the right product for you.

Oh and another thing, the website is 100% mobile friendly, so why not browse using your tablet or smartphone?

Visit FilterDevices.co.uk today!



NOW LIVE!

SteriClean® FloWrap Wipes

Helapet FloWrap impregnated wipes offer quick and reliable cleaning performance without compromising the sterile environment.

Strong 68gsm low-linting wipes allow high capacity absorption, ideal to clean and sanitise surfaces without the risk of shredding.

Available in packs of 10 and 100, each wipe is ready folded for convenient individual access from the packet, allowing staff to easily manage their usage. Disposable resealable packaging avoids the risk of quick drying, whilst providing minimal waste - an excellent alternative to the large bulky tub wipes.

Each pack is produced in an ISO Class 5 environment, and supplied double wrapped and sterile for efficient aseptic transfer into clean areas and isolator environments.



Order free samples of any of our FloWrap range by contacting sales@helapet.co.uk.

Feature product

Did you miss us this September?

Last month, the Helapet team exhibited at two specialist exhibitions promoting our comprehensive range of sterile and non-sterile consumable products, including our new needle-free **Vented Vial Adapters** launched earlier this year.

This September Helapet were proud to be part of the...

- **Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences Society (PHSS) Annual Conference** on the 11th Sept @ University College London
- **NHS Quality Assurance Symposium for Technical Services** on the 15th and 16th Sept @ Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth.



Christina Westbury, Account Manager
at the NHS Quality Assurance Symposium
for Technical Services

Did you spot our team? If not, keep your eyes locked onto our website and blog for our upcoming events.



Vented Vial Adapters
Needle-free venting at its best

Meet the Cleanroom team

As part of our regular staff profile feature, Helapet are delighted to present our in-house cleanroom production team. Helapet Ltd successfully run two Class 10,000 (ISO Class 7) rated cleanrooms at our facility in Houghton Regis. Our highly trained and experienced cleanroom staff work hard to produce quality manufactured and packaged products for use in aseptic manufacturing, pharmaceutical and healthcare industries.

Collectively our team have several years of cleanroom processing experience, following stringent quality, safety and cleanliness procedures to maintain our compliance to **ISO 13485** standards.



Supporting MacMillan Coffee Morning

In aid of MacMillan Cancer support we joined the nation by holding the **“World’s Biggest Coffee Morning”** helping to support the great work of MacMillan Cancer Support. Our staff members spent the night baking (some with their partners), tasty cakes, cookies, treats and snacks which were eagerly indulged upon.

All the team’s efforts paid off on the day with a generous donation successfully raised for MacMillan.

One in three of us face cancer throughout their life and monies raised helps make sure no one has to face it alone! So why not hold your own Coffee Morning? Contact **MacMillan** to order your free starter kit.



Holidays are coming...

With this being the final newsletter before December, we are looking ahead to confirm order and delivery schedules for Christmas 2015. We would like to advise that we will be closing this year on the afternoon on **Thursday 24th December**, and will re-open on **Monday 4th January 2016**.

For guaranteed delivery before Christmas :	Order by	For guaranteed delivery by
UK Mainland & South of Scotland	3pm on Wednesday 23rd December	Thursday 24th December
For Scotland Highlands & Islands	3pm on Tuesday 22nd December	Thursday 24th December
For guaranteed delivery before New Year :	Order by	For guaranteed delivery by
UK Mainland & South of Scotland	11am on Thursday 24th December	Tuesday 29th December
For Scotland Highlands & Islands	3pm on Wednesday 23rd December	Tuesday 29th December

For information on order and delivery times for countries outside of the UK, email us at sales@helapet.co.uk.

Reviewing the importance of the cold chain in the distribution of vaccines

Edward Purssell, Senior Lecturer, King’s College, London, England

Vaccination is an effective public health measure to prevent and control a number of infectious diseases. Since vaccines are biological products and are sensitive to both heat and cold, they need to be maintained within a narrow range of temperatures, often referred to as the ‘cold-chain’. This range, which is between +2°C and +8°C with a target of +5°C, does not allow for refreezing or storage at room temperature. Failure to maintain the cold chain may result in the loss of vaccine, causing waste, while their administration may result in vaccine failure and put people at risk of infectious disease. Therefore, strict and auditable measures to ensure maintenance at this temperature range are required. Ongoing discussions should be conducted on the importance of the cold chain, what should be done both to maintain it, and the actions to be taken should a break be noted. It is important to note the product information supplied with vaccines, which is taken from the summary of product characteristics that forms part of the licensing requirements for each vaccine, and which will state how it should be stored. Using a vaccine that has not been stored according to these instructions constitutes off-label use, for which the individual practitioner must take responsibility. The fragile nature of many public health interventions requires constant vigilance and close cooperation between the numerous groups and individuals involved, who constantly are working together in the interest of the patient and society.

For full article, please see British Journal of Community Nursing, Vol 20, No 10, pages: 481–486.



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Food for thought



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