



# NZ MINIATURE HEREFORD BREEDERS GROUP NEWSLETTER

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I need your help, Can all current members please email me your correct address and email. I seem to have some out dated details.

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John and Gaye Long had two bull calves born this month. Both AI  
Barney Gauge Photo 1 and Photo 2 is Marshall Cooper.

From The Chairman

Stephen Collier

You may recall receiving a survey to complete as the committee endeavoured to work out what members wanted, so their efforts were not wasted.

It is fair to say that the response was not voluminous and either members are happy as they are, don't like responding to surveys or didn't receive the survey or maybe were unsure what they wanted from the group.

The responses that were received indicated a wish for some farm visits and a couple of topics to be covered.

There are two farm visits in the pipeline and the topics are likely to be covered off at the AGM weekend which will be held next year in Feilding at the PBBNZ offices.

However its never too late to let one of the committee members know what would be of interest to you. Our details are on the front page

## Two Bulls From Tamerton Stud

Stephen Collier .





Stephen and Sian Collier

What is the story behind your stud name and essentially your brand that you are putting in to the market place?

I'm no expert, however I do have a vision and a story to tell.

During my school years I developed a deep love for farming, stock, the seasons and rural folk. Brought up in a village on the edge of Dartmoor in the South West of England, I spent any spare time I could working on local farms, milking, hay making and all that goes with things farming. However it was only when arriving in New Zealand that the passion could be outworked.

So what is the link? Have a look at the logo – you see the Hereford bull – a symbol of England, miniature for me only because we get so wet here on the outskirts of Wanganui. The tree is a significant tree on our property, with the Church being from the 16<sup>th</sup> Century in that very village I was brought up in – Tamerton Foliot. Thus the Tamerton.

The story continues as all the offspring are named after farms, rivers and places local to the village.

While the stud is no money maker, the pleasure derived is immense with the theme progressing to a Suffolk sheep stud, again a very English breed. Both studs help market the English themed farm stay, where we host visitors from all over the world and many young NZ families.

What's your story?

Thankyou Gillian for writing this article for our newsletter

## A tribute

### Janet Poole 1944 – July 2018

It is with deep sadness we're writing of the passing of Janet Poole at the age of 73 years in July this year. She will be sorely missed by her family and those who knew her.

From when Janet was a very young child, she always had an affinity with animals. It wasn't unusual for her mother to find Janet's bedroom hiding shoeboxes and larger boxes with some creature inside it, that she had rescued to nurse back to health for eventual release. Her father was a partner in crime for Janet's collection -- because secretly he wanted to be a wildlife officer instead of a dairy farmer.

After Janet started secondary school, she developed an interest in zoology and biology with the intention of having a future career as a veterinarian. Becoming a vet, however, meant a possible move to Australia as there were no vet schools in New Zealand at the time. Moreover, her father wasn't prepared to back his daughter's proposal. Instead, Janet was given an opportunity to work as a vet nurse in a small practice, as well as being trained by the vets and very quickly learned that a call-out at 2am asking for her help was part of the job, whether it was a small or large animal call-out. Apart from a lifelong interest in animals, Janet also completed a "Bachelor Of Education" and developed a deep interest in the education of children with special needs.

After an involvement in farming cattle for some years and two shockingly wet winters in 2007 and 2008, Janet mentioned miniature Herefords to her husband in fun who said they would be worth a try. In 2009 Janet purchased and started breeding miniature Herefords under the stud prefix Riverlets Miniature Hereford Stud. Some of the progeny Janet bred were successfully shown at local A&P shows with the help of her youngest daughter and close family friends.

Janet will be remembered for her generosity, spontaneity and giving personality as well as her immense contribution to many other's lives and activities.

Janet's family would like to thank everyone for their messages of support and words of kindness.



## A Tribute from our Chairman Stephen Collier

I only knew Janet for the latter years of her life and only then as a member of the NZMHBG. She was a true agent for change within New Zealand and overseas as she followed her passion for breeding. She was instrumental in the breeding up programme being formalised and while that programme wasn't fully what she wanted she was the instrument for change and leaves a legacy. She maintained contact with and encouraged many members of the group, expending a surprising amount of energy as she did so and was always full of ideas.

Janet provoked me to use new bloodlines and together we imported some top US semen for AI, with all the work behind the scenes done by Janet. I am looking forward to the progeny and will be reminded of Janet each time I see the resultant offspring.

Passionate, determined and knowledgeable with a great interest in others – Janet Poole.

## A Tribute from Barry Huston

It is with great sadness that I inform of the passing of Janet Poole of Matakohē. Janet was a passionate and active member of the New Zealand Miniature Hereford Breeders Group. Her constant concern was to ensure that the Miniature Herefords were true to the regulations and were good quality animals. In an endeavour to achieve this she imported a number of semen straws from renowned Miniature Hereford breeders in the United States of America.

She also wanted to develop polled miniature Herefords. In an endeavour to do this and to improve the New Zealand herd quality, she obtained smaller standard breed registered Hereford cows and mated them with registered miniature bulls. The progeny were as anticipated, polled, met the regulation requirements for height and were quality animals.

She lobbied to have these animals recognised and as a result a grading up programme was introduced, that after several generations of recorded breeding, allowed the resultant offspring to be registered.

Janet, along with her husband Ray were very experienced Hereford cattle breeders. They were so knowledgeable and always willing to pass on any helpful information. She was also a great writer and often penned articles for magazines and was a regular contributor to our own NZMHBG newsletter. She will be sorely missed as a major contributor to the wider Miniature Hereford industry and as a great friend to many.





Lyn and Kerry Sixtus had their first Calf born this month also. Exciting times a head.



## Farm Visit

Jim and Bev Haliburton have kindly offered to host a farm visit at their Property in the Hawkes Bay over labour weekend.

*The Hawkes Bay Spring A and P Show is on the 17, 18, 19, of October, Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> being H.B Anniversary Day, so a holiday over here.*

*It is a long weekend with Monday also a holiday*

These are great times to catch up and compare what you are doing , get some advise etc..

Date is Sunday the 21st Oct 2018

Who would be interested?

Can you email me [vicky@urbanstudio.co.nz](mailto:vicky@urbanstudio.co.nz) to confirm you are interested so we can then commit to this day.

**Natalie and Steven Fletcher from Taupo** have also offered to host a Farm visit at their property. Another great venue to go to.

Sometimes just hopping in the car doing a day trip to various breeders could be a fun thing to do if you have time. .

**Riverlets Abernethy** I bought off Janet. He has fit in well here in New Plymouth and I notice my calves all just adore him. He was a busy boy over July August .



# WHY YOU SHOULD RECORD AND REGISTER YOUR MINIATURE HEREFORDS

For the person who produces top quality cattle, efficiently and scientifically – an animal without pedigree has not only a limited price but is bred on a limited background.

A purchaser cannot afford to be in the dark about the next bull he is to purchase or the quality of the heifer or cow he is about to use. They want to be sure of buying quality and the bloodline of their choice. Why then would they settle for an animal without any pedigree when a small additional outlay can buy an animal with proven pedigree background?

When you buy with pedigree papers you are confirming what you see, it tells you this animal is the product of years of selection for desirable Hereford traits. By breeding to known pedigrees an animal has the edge over its counterpart as its chances of producing calf after calf with desired essentials is far greater due to known heritable traits and genetic background. Heritability is predictable and it is therefore most important for a breeder to have documentation of traits and bloodlines.

Miniature Hereford owners are purchasing stock with pedigrees, why then would you not consider registering your progeny. There are still breeders who are doing just this.... and still expect their animals to be in demand and fetch good prices. Joining the Hereford Association and being a member of the NZ Miniature Hereford Breeders Group gives you the power to register and keep data on your stock. It is strongly recommended that you take this option for your herd.

## How to register

Fill out your calf entry forms (available at NZHA or ask Helen for one)

What you need to fill in is....

Name & rego number of Dam and Sire

Date of calf birth

Tag No. ie...04 (for year) 023 (number of calf) 04/023

Stud Name and animal name ie...Esprit Milly 04/023

Sex of calf

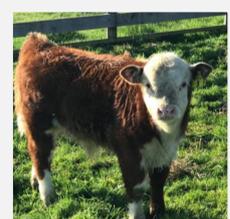
No. in birth - ie. One

Horned animal

Calving ease 1,2,3,4,5 - ie. 1 is had calf on her own no trouble, 2 is had to assist her in calving (easy pull), 3 is had to assist (hard pull) etc...

Weight of calf (within first 12 hours) (optional but important for data)

None of the above information is hard to find, if you have trouble filling in this form please ask someone on the council for help. Registering your calves will make a difference to your herd in the long run.





# For sale

Have you any cows you want to sell?? I have people looking to buy heifers , I can advertise for you in the news letter or Facebook.

I can also email prospective buyers your details if you have anything you want to sell.

Please feel free to letting me know.

## **RIVERLETS MINIATURE HEREFORD STUD DISPERSAL SALE:**

(Estate of the Late Janet Poole) has the following stock for sale as we are not in a position to be able to carry on our mother's dream.

**Riverlets Patrick ( Herdbook 1735100004) Lovely natured bull who was shown extensively as a calf and yearling, easy to handle and has passed his temperament onto his progeny. \$1000.00 plus GST. Picture below.**

### AI Semen Straws also For Sale:

**KFN Stan Wattie – 3 straws available \$140.00 (GST Inclusive) per straw**

**Diamond S Starbuck – 12 straws available \$170.00 per straw (GST Inclusive)**

**CSF Guage – 55 straws available \$180.00 (GST Inclusive) per straw**

**SSR Cooper – 55 straws available \$180.00 (GST Inclusive) per straw.**

**Straws will also incur a \$40.00 release fee from their current tank location.**

**Please contact Gillian McKenzie**

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## Miniature Hereford Information Booklet

I am currently making up an information booklet for new members and to anyone that would like one. Always handy if you are new and need some info. I have almost finished so if you want a booklet for anyone or just for yourself let me know and I will email out to you.

Justie one of my horses delivered a beautiful filly . I have named her Amelia. However she is not a cow !!!

