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## Castles, cows and comradery!



### Scotland hosted it all

New Zealand was well represented in August at Gretna Green, Scotland for the

2016 Galloway World Congress



*Members of the congress tour, visited Drumlanrig Castle*

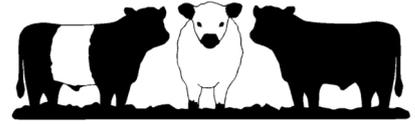
*~ home of the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry.*

*The Duke is President of the UK Galloway Cattle Society and member of the UK Belted Galloway Society.*





**Welcome**  
**fayemarie4@hotmail.com**



Welcome to the Spring issue. I feel this has got to be one of the wettest Spring seasons, for a good many years for us! We haven't really had a Winter here in Otorohanga, so the grass is certainly growing in our neck of the woods to feed our 52 head of stock.

Our calving season has come to an end and Peter and I are really happy with the white bunch of calves this year! (see article on page 9). We still can't breed enough white bulls to meet demand for dairy farmers, but in saying that, we had 8 bull calves born this year - 3 up from last year.

This issue takes us all around the world. Our breeder members have seen some magnificent cattle and wonderful sights on their journeys.

In this issue, you'll see web addresses in blue <http://www.nzgalloway.co.nz/publications.html> like this one. These are active links. When you view your gazette online, you can click on these blue links which opens a new page of information - brilliant for when you just need to know a little more about something.

Sadly, this will be my last issue compiling the Galloway Gazette. I have thoroughly enjoyed bringing the gazette in to your homes since my first issue in August 2013, and wish the new editor every success in their Publicity and Promotions role.

Best wishes for the Spring Season

*Faye Ashmore*

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# Presidents Report



# Registrar's Report



## Spring 2016

Hello Members, I am not sure how the current weather is affecting farmers in other parts of the country but in the Waikato it seems to be a lot wetter this spring than in previous years. We have mud like never before at the moment and it doesn't look like being drier any time soon. Is this an

affect of the so called 'climate change'? I did hear some where that this affect would make wet areas of the country wetter and dry ones dryer and this does seem to be the way at the moment.

It is dairy mating season again and there is again a demand for Galloway service bulls both Belted and maybe more so Whites. Along with these sales we are trying to increase the sale and marketing of Galloway beef. This is difficult with only small numbers of cattle to work with and made more so, by the change of our only local abattoir from killing sheep and beef for the local trade, to only doing pigs for their own sale. This is a problem as there is no way to get beef killed and inspected in the Waikato at the moment ruining the chance of gaining a premium price at farmers markets and other low volume outlets.

I also see the first of the A&P Show schedules starting to come through for the coming show season so encourage any members who would like to take cattle to their local show to do so and help promote the breed and compete against the other beef cattle breeds for a ribbon or two. This is a great way to get our cattle out and seen by the public.

**Regards Graeme Turner**  
**President , Galloway Cattle Society NZ**

*'Home of Grange Belted Galloways and  
Grange Polar White Galloways'  
Hamilton*



Photo from NZ Farmer article ~ click the link to view  
<http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/farming/83540574/Grand-plans-for-a-former-wild-cattle-breed>



## Spring 2016

I hope everyone is having a successful calving, or if you are lucky enough be finished already. Here's hoping for a good spring / summer.

I hope I have now received all of the calf returns back for 2015. ADL's, you should have all received your invoices by now.

Those of you that had changes on the ADL's you returned to me, those changes should have been completed now.

Please check your herd online to make sure it is correct. If there is anything wrong, please email me the correct details and I will get it changed for you.

If you have any outstanding transfers, please send them to me so they can be processed as soon as possible too. I know many of you will have been selling your bulls, some to breeders and some to non-breeders. Any animal sold to a non-breeder, can you please send me an email or a transfer (no charge for this) so I can keep the online herd book up to date, and your herd correct.

To our new members:

**Kim Alice Westmorland**  
Whiteman's Valley, Upper Hutt  
**Herd name:** Ceinture Farms - **Breed:** Belted

**Alex Burton & Amy Knowlton**  
(Burton Industries Ltd), Walton  
**Herd name:** Burton Farm - **Breed:** Belted

**Luke & Jessica Ogle**  
Whangarei Heads, Whangarei  
**Herd name:** Ogleshiel - **Breed:** Belted

**Alistair Cochrane**  
Waitekauri Road, Waihi  
**Herd Name:** Waitekauri - **Breed:** Belted

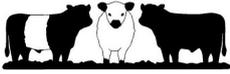
**Alison Lane & Eric Ohlsen**  
Windwood Farm, Taranaki  
**Herd Name:** Windwood - **Breed:** White

Welcome and if you have any questions regarding any paperwork please do not hesitate to ring or email me.

**Regards Susan Nicol, Registrar**

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*'Home of Forest View Belted Galloways'  
~ Ohaupo*



**2016 WORLD GALLOWAY  
CONGRESS IN  
GRETNA GREEN, SCOTLAND**  
~ Angela McNaughton



In August I attended the 11<sup>th</sup> World Galloway Congress with my husband Garry and 14 other Breeder members from NZ!

For most of us it was our first time attending a Galloway Congress, and it just happened to be the largest Congress ever.

Having more than 250 people attending was very challenging for the organisers, but they did a wonderful job, we could not have asked for better organisation. Most of us stayed at the Gretna Hall Hotel, while the rest of the group were able to stay nearby at several B and B's.

The Congress began with registration on Friday afternoon, followed by drinks and a buffet dinner in the Galloway Marquee.



The next morning being Saturday was a beautiful sunny day for the Dumfries & Lockerbie Show, also the Galloway National Shows.

We travelled in 5 coaches throughout the Congress, and the rule was that everyone travelled in the same coach each day, so that the "coach leader" on each coach could tell if anyone was missing. A bit like being on a school trip, but I guess the only way to manage the large numbers.

At the show there were large numbers of Belted Galloways, a slightly smaller number of (Standard) Galloways, and a few White Galloways, and Galloway Riggits competing. Each type of Galloways had their own show ring, and I think there were about 140 animals in total. The quality of the Belted Galloways and (Standard) Galloways was very high indeed, and these are by far the most prominent Galloway breeds in the UK.

Being a White Galloway breeder, I was a little disappointed at the small number and quality of the White Galloways at the show, only one cow with calf at foot stood out as being very good, in my opinion at least.

That evening we had the presentation of the flags from each country attending the Congress, with our NZ flag being carried by Gary Jordan from Nelson. Gary and Janice had been married the previous day in the tradition of Gretna Green – over the anvil – still a very popular wedding venue. Show trophies were presented and a display of Scottish Highland dancing followed dinner.



Sunday was the "business" day of the Congress, with the appointment of officers for the next 2 years, and presentation of each countries report on last 2 years activities. The overall impression that I got from these reports is that there is a growing interest and demand for the public to know where their food comes from and that meat is farmed in a natural grazing environment. This method has been scientifically proven to produce a healthier beef product. The fact that all countries maintain herd books with pure or full blood Galloways, is also seen as being of great benefit, whereas almost all other cattle breeds have allowed the influence of other breeds, which has been detrimental in many ways.

Scott McKinnon, the current President, welcomed all delegates and visitors and gave his report. As the next World Congress is to be held in September 2018 in Adelaide, Judith McKinnon (no relation) from the Australian Belted Galloway Association was elected as President. Judith issued a warm invitation to attend the 2018 Congress.

The dates and venues for future World Galloway Conferences were confirmed:

- ~ November 2020 – Louisville, Kentucky, USA
- ~ 2022 – Switzerland.
- ~ Barry McAlley has suggested that the South Island, New Zealand host 2024, but this is yet to be confirmed.

The next 3 days saw visits to 8 commercial and pedigree herds, all included Belted or Galloway herds, but the visit to Tim Oliver's organic farm near Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland, England, included a White Galloway herd also. Some farms had many large barns for wintering the animals inside, but others were totally out wintered. Sponsors provided large tractors towing feed trailers (12 at each farm), so that we could pile in and be shown around the farms. This was a great idea and certainly saved a lot of walking up hill and down dale.



One of the farms that out winter their stock was the Mochrum herd at Old Place of Mochrum, Port William, Newton Stewart, where we were welcomed by Mr David Bertie, a cousin of the late Miss Flora Stuart, known world-wide as the custodian of the breed. His herd of 60 cows is one of the oldest established herds in the Belted Galloway herd book. His beautiful property in a far-flung corner of Wigtownshire, South West Scotland, was one of the highlights for me, and included a 15th century restored castle with lovely gardens beside the Mochrum Lochs.

Monday night saw our 5 coach loads arrive in Edinburgh at 7pm, for dinner followed by the world famous Edinburgh Tattoo. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and I would not have wanted to miss the opportunity to see the Tattoo in Edinburgh Castle. It did make a very long day as we had left at 8am, and didn't get back to our hotel until after 2am the next morning. There were a few people absent the next morning, I think they were catching up on sleep!

Wednesday was the final day of the Congress, so after visiting the Ross families farms we arrived at Drumlanrig Castle, home of the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry. The Duke is President of the Galloway Cattle Society and member of the Belted Galloway Society. Here we were warmly welcomed by the Duke, Richard, as we all assembled for a group photo on the Horseshoe steps in front of the Castle, (photo on front page), then treated to a delicious lunch of finger food, before a tour of the castle and the extensive gardens. The Duke was very friendly, spending several hours walking around talking individually to the entire group.

As it was raining heavily when we were due to leave Drumlanrig Castle to visit the final herd, I'm afraid we decided to forego this last visit and return to the hotel early, along with the Phil and Marg Forman from Canterbury, as Garry had brought the car to the castle. Unfortunately by doing this we missed out on a group photo of all the kiwi contingent. They included from left: Gary Jordan and Janice Beare, Tracy Wood and Geoff, Jill Maxwell and Lynton, John Berridge, Jill and Roger Fraser, Bob and Karen Curry and Barry McAlley.



It was certainly a very busy and interesting 5 days, and all those that were lucky enough to attend, will carry many memories of this Congress.

*Thank you to Bob and Karen Curry and the  
Galloway Society UK for photos*

## Dumfries Show Champions



*63 Blackcraig Sid winner of the 'Challenge Cup'  
~ awarded best Galloway in Section*

*Whitepool Moondust  
~ awarded Best Belted Galloway in Section*



*One of the very few whites at this show*

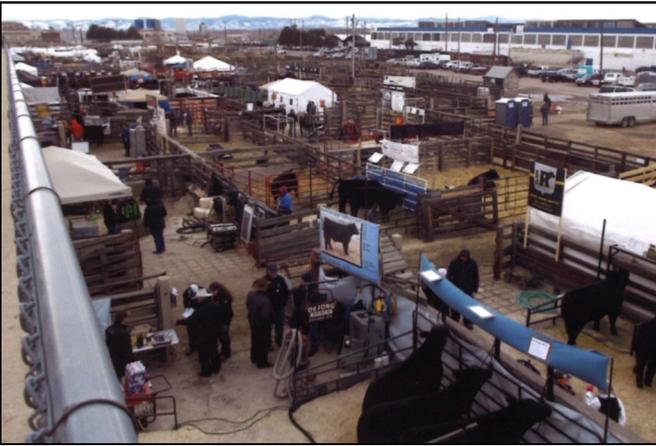
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2016 Beef Results (at the bottom of their page)  
<http://www.dumfriesshow.co.uk/archive/2016-dumfries-show/>

# Denver Stock Show

~ Barry McAlley

In January this year, I was able to visit Denver for their annual stock show. On arrival I was hit by sub zero temperatures so quickly donned the thermal underwear and thick jackets I had packed.

The show is held outdoors in the original city sale yards which date back to when the west was being opened up by the railroad companies.



As they laid the tracks they financed them by selling the adjacent land to cattle & sheep ranches who then used the rail to ship their stock to market.

Today the line still runs through the yards & the over one mile long trains are an interesting backdrop to the show activities.

The first show was run there in 1906 and in 2003, there were 4,491 cattle entries and in 2006 a record 726,972 people attended the 16 day show-well justifying their claim to be the biggest stock show on earth.

It has only been cancelled once, due to foot & mouth disease but carried on through numerous blizzards.

Interesting notes from their history include, the black Grand Champion steer Big Mac, being ruled ineligible as he had previously been entered in the Royal Show in Kansas City as white and in 1995 the Grand & Reserve champion steers were ruled illegible due to their use of the banned drug Clenbuteral.

This year there were classes for 21 breeds of cattle spread over the 16 days and of these there were 37 Galloways from 9 US and Canadian breeders. Each breeder set up camp in one of the pens, lining the walls with plastic sheet to act as a wind break. Their cattle come in, in their natural state & then transformed by washing, trimming, fitting and brushing into show animals. Those of us without cattle stood round, "visited" & enjoyed the hospitality. There were also large indoor exhibition areas & an overseas visitors lounge to visit. .

On show day the animals were led to an indoor arena & judged by a husband & wife team. I could follow most of their placings but couldn't figure how they could judge animals which were so heavily fitted without laying a hand on them.

The principal winners were Blegen Galloways who took out the male & female champions.

Overall it was a most enjoyable experience with wonderful hospitality extended by old & new Galloway friends.

After the show I flew up to Cheyenne to visit friends who manage a summer grazing ranch just outside town. At this time of the year the herd has been shipped south for feed and they are left with the bulls & their own small herd.



From there I went to Hazleton in Idaho, to visit long time friend and Galloway breeder Jim Grant. He runs around 100 breeding cows along with cropping. At this time of the year there is only feeding out & machinery maintenance to do. The rest of the day is spent "visiting" if, the roads are open.

Small towns USA, especially in the mid west are very social & caring communities. They, like here are suffering from gradual depopulation and in their local towns only 25% of the shops would be operating. This however does not dampen their patriotism, civic responsibility or hospitality.

During the visit Jim took me to see an enormous holding facility for thousands of bales of Lucerne for export & mountains of sugarbeet. We also visited a feed lot that housed some Galloways and buffalo. It was sad to see these majestic animals knee deep in mud & I was amazed to see their was no restriction on public access to such a site - lets hope the increasing demand for pasture finished beef eliminates the need for such places.

Next was a visit to a local irrigation company which was one of many who supply water to the farms in this area. The cost varies depending on how much power is used to pump the water up to each farm.

Thus ended my journey, made most interesting by being able to discuss with breeders who are entirely reliant on the commercial attributes of their chosen breed of cattle.

Regards, Barry McAlley

## VP's Diary

Richard and Sue Dyson, breeders of Stoney Brook White Galloways in Taranaki



### Spring 2016

As you may have seen in an earlier Gazette, we installed new yards on our lifestyle block which resulted in me having to remove my old timber yards. Having removed all the rails from the old yards, a farmer friend brought his tractor round and with a chain block on his front-end loader.

Archive photo of new yards



We pulled over 25 posts out of the ground in about 25 minutes, it was like a production line! I was very surprised and pleased at the condition of those posts having being in the ground for around 32 years. Only two snapped at ground level the remainder in excellent condition.

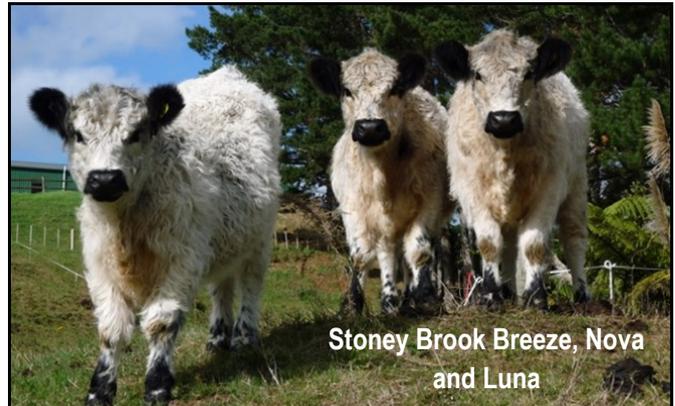
Can't help thinking that tanalised timber was of a better quality then, than it is today.

So what to do with those posts I have just scored? Well we have over 500m of meandering stream that cuts across our land, much of which was not fenced when we purchased our land, and whilst over the years I have fenced some of it, over recent months, and with posts to spare. I have pushed-on to get it well on its way to completion.

With post holes that are dug with a hand auger, and soil returned using a hand rammer, this certainly keeps me fit I tell you!!! Our steam has a very stoney bottom and those stones and rocks are deposited at various levels along the stream banks, so whilst I could easily hand auger down 1meter in some places, less than 5metres away I could take the turf off and hit rocks!

Makes digging post holes both interesting and frustrating all at the same time, especially when you are about 600mm down and hit rocks, digging the last 200mm or so out by hand certainly made for sore and dry hands by the end of the day, oh the joys!!! Mind you, I also have quite a few waratah 'Y' posts where the rocks and stones got the better of me.

Whilst the fencing of our stream needs to be done to keep our livestock out, it also helps maintain the banks of the stream as well, as a 600kg cow stood on the bank side leaning forward to just get that last bit of tasty grass, can seriously do some damage.



Recently I was moving my stock through a paddock where the stream was unfenced when one of my 'girls' went to the bank side to have a look, someone else came up behind her and gave her a nudge, the bank side collapsed, and she was in the stream, completely soaked. I managed to get her along the stream to a section where she could scramble up the bank side, amazing how well she did, made quite light work of it, all was well in the end.

During August we had one of our girls slip her calf, she was about 7 months in calf. This was a first for us and it was just gut wrenching to see when I fed out that morning. Straight away you wonder what you have done wrong, or was it something she had eaten, there are of course many things that could have caused it to happen, having pondered this our attention quickly turned to the welfare of the cow, who I am pleased to say she has bounced back. We had her checked out by the vet, and she is doing fine. A quick thank-you also to a couple of Taranaki breeders for helping us out through this period, and advice on purchasing some Animal Health Tonic to help her along the way. The things life throws at us.



By the time you are reading this we will be in the middle of calving. It will be our first calves from our bull Phoenix Benson (pictured) so exciting if sometimes anxious times ahead!! Enjoy the warmer weather and lighter evenings. Look after your animals and look after yourselves.

Take care out there.  
Richard



## Abomasal Ulcers in Calves



Archive photo ~ 2015 AGM Tour  
Suncrest White Galloways

### On Farm Post Mortem Reveals Mystery Surrounding Sudden Death of Apparently Healthy Calf – February 2016

On 6 January 2016, Suncrest cow Ngutunui White Trixie (HBN 12209) gave birth to an apparently healthy bull calf, which grew into a particularly active calf attaining all of the development milestones generally at or ahead of normal times.

On the morning of 18 February 2016, at 6 weeks old the calf was observed to be running around the paddock with other calves, and by mid afternoon it was observed lying motionless near a fence line. On closer inspection the calf was found to be dead and rigor mortis had set in, indicating that death had occurred not long after the calf had been observed running around in the paddock. Closer inspection did not reveal any marks on the ground where a struggle had occurred or any external damage or abrasions to the skin.

Fortunately, Suncrest's then resident vet – Dr John O'Connell was on hand to perform a necropsy that evening, which quickly revealed the cause of death and allayed the normal fears of an accident with a fence or the like.

On opening the abdomen, John noticed that the calf had suffered from a perforated ulcer of its fourth stomach (abomasum), which had led to diffuse and overwhelming peritonitis (infection and inflammation of the abdomen), explaining the relatively quick and sudden death.

John referred us to an article published in Beef Magazine in 2000 entitled "The Riddle of Abomasal Ulcers" by Gerald Stocker & Louis Perino - <http://beefmagazine.com/search/results/The%20Riddle%20of%20Abomasal%20Ulcers%E2%80%9D>

The authors explain here that calves diagnosed with abomasal ulcers are generally found dead and that symptoms are very difficult to detect, and the condition is renowned for affecting otherwise very healthy calves.

They also refer to studies published almost 90 years ago "... where 78-98% of 4-14 week calves in North America were documented as being affected by abomasal erosions and/or ulcers". Since then the authors state that "We've made little progress in determining the conditions' true prevalence in calves, the risk factors and/or causes".

Fortunately very few calves with abomasal ulcers /ulcerations go on to develop perforating ulcers.

As this was Suncrest's very first calf fatality, and there was no external evidence of the cause of death, we are most grateful to John for identifying the cause and providing us with the relief that there was nothing we could have done to prevent the loss.

**Photo: Roger Fraser and Bob Curry**  
with the Beltie Beer Bus at the recent World Congress,  
Gretna, Scotland ~ and they were heard to comment  
... 'it was not a bad drop!'



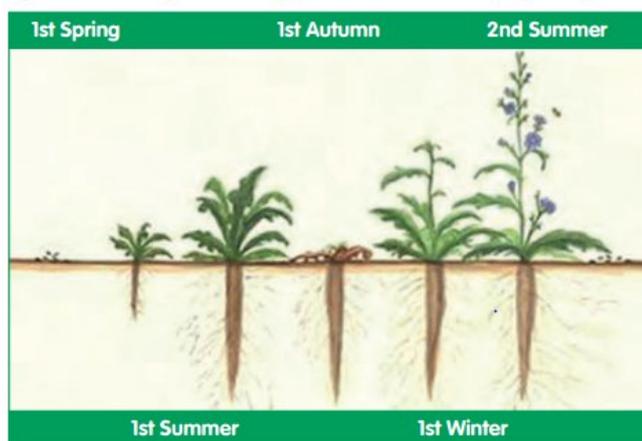
# Chicory ~ in the spotlight

Many of you would have heard of chicory, but thought the expense involved in seed drilling your paddocks was a little too costly. What if someone said, you could throw some chicory seed in with your fertiliser and it will germinate! Would you be considering this now.



**So what is chicory?** Chicory is a perennial herb and is best suited to light soils and areas where its drought tolerant attributes (deep tap root) can be exploited. These deep roots also draw up minerals into the plant. This increases their tolerance to dry conditions, which may become increasingly important if climate variability continues. Chicory can be high yielding and a beneficial source of highly palatable and nutritious feed for grazing livestock. Although chicory has been used in agriculture for some time, its use as a modern forage crop for livestock is relatively new.

Figure 1: Growth stages of a chicory plant 18 months after a spring sowing



Experienced dairy farmers and breeders of Phoenix White Galloways, Desrae Scown and Clint Fisher from Hawera, had spoken a couple of times in passing, at our North Island Galloway gatherings, of the nutritional benefits they had experienced with the addition of chicory in their pastures ... which got us thinking.

So much so, that Richard and Sue Dyson, Taranaki and Faye Ashmore and Peter Mans, Otorohanga are now putting this experiment in to practice. The Waikato is prone to drought, whilst Taranaki can experience drought, both breeders are looking to improve their summer feed.

Many of our Galloway breeders are life stylers, and are carrying a good amount of stock on a small amount of

land. With the addition of chicory to the pasture, this will ensure nutritious fodder for our Galloway cattle when we really need it.

Richard says, *'for us, we were considering how to improve our grass quality with many of our paddocks with patchy grass cover and not much growth. We had started to look at seed drilling, then got talking with Desrae & Clint who suggested we tried putting grass seed mixed with our fertiliser when fertilising. We have gone for Wesco Pasture Recovery seed mix (20kg/Ha) with some Chicory (3kg/Ha) and Cocksfoot (2kg/ha) also mixed through. We are of course volcanic ash soil, so will be interesting as to how we get on. The mix has gone through our fertiliser well, we have used Ballance Super Ten 7k along with G-Lime, which is a granulated lime and again goes through your hopper well when mixed with the fertiliser.'*



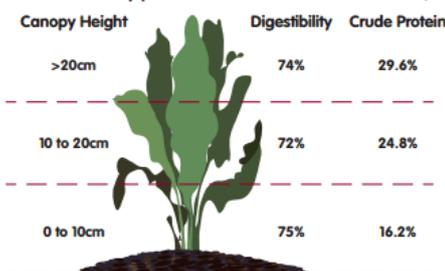
Chicory thriving in drought conditions

The land that Faye and Peter farm on, is sandy loam and in places an old river bed. Pete says, *'we are subject to a more severe drought conditions with this soil type. Chicory is renowned for its rapid establishment and a high yield. By adding 3kg chicory with the fertiliser*

*this Spring, we are hoping the chicory will withstand the dry conditions and remain a high quality nutritional feed for the hot, dry summer months ahead of us.*

Why not give this a go ~ 'The proof ..... is in the chicory!'

Different parts of the chicory plant have different nutritive values (see Figure 3)



Chicory is rich in minerals due to its deep tap root which can absorb minerals that are inaccessible to shallower rooted plant species. In general, most of the macro-minerals in chicory are similar, or exceed those found in grasses and legumes (Table 3).

Table 3: Macro mineral contents (g/kg DM) in chicory at vegetative state vs perennial ryegrass (PRG)

Mineral Content (g/kg)	Chicory	PRG
Calcium (Ca)	14.9	6.6
Phosphorous (P)	3.4	3.6
Sodium (Na)	2.1	0.8
Potassium (K)	36.4	25.5
Magnesium (Mg)	2.8	1.8

Source: Barry, 1998

Thank you to NZ Beef & Lamb, for the statistics and diagrams

<http://www.beeflambnz.com/Documents/Farm/Increasing%20cattle%20growth%20rates%20with%20chicory.pdf>

# 100% White Calves for 2016



Faye Ashmore & Peter Mans ~ RyeBred White Galloway Stud, Otorohanga

When I first fell in love with the look of those two white galloway calves I purchased back in 2001, little did I know that a white male and a white female could produce a totally black calf! Calving each year has always been a lottery as to what colour calf would be born, and nine times out of ten, the calf born from the prize cow and the prize bull would be a heifer ... but black.

Peter and I have given much thought to breeding white well marked animals. After reading the results from the White Galloway Colour Inheritance Research Seminar, held in Germany, September 2014. (*printed in the Galloway Gazette December 2014*), the last two lines of the summary have never left our thoughts:

***When mating a Poorly Marked with a Full Black, all progeny (100%) will be Well or Strongly Marked.***

***When mating a Full Black with a Poorly marked, all progeny (100%) will be Well or Strongly Marked.***

So last year we made the choice. We split our females in to the two groups. Black cows, white cows from black mums and white cows who have had black calves over the years, in one mob, and under marked white cows and cows who have under marked calves in the other mob.

The next hurdle was to find a registered under marked white bull and a registered white appendix bull (black bull). I put an email out to all breeders in the North Island and by chance, managed to lease an exceptional under marked bull from Tracy Woods Wayby stud, and purchased a nice black boy from Claudia Forsythe Rocky Waters Stud in Putaruru.

Our 2016 calving started with a slipped calf at 6-7 months gestation – a perfect well marked bull calf from an under marked cow. This was our first slip ever! As sad as this could be for us, there was the upside that the first of the experiment was true to rule. As the calving progressed, our 5 black cows produced beautiful white well marked calves and the 8 of the 9 white cows, all progeny was white, but 2 were not as well marked as they could be. Even my big fat 'Lifestyle' cow, which hadn't calved for the last two seasons, and had been told she had to 'deliver it'



Kelmar Ebony with her perfectly marked big boy Emerson

this year to escape a one way ticket, dropped us a huge well marked heifer!

Our last girl to calve, was Jorja's ex-Ag day pet, Phoebe – eagerly awaiting her baby ... which was getting later and later, turned out to be a big well marked, still born white heifer. The tears fell that morning! A. it was the first stillborn calf for us since breeding started in 2001 and b. it was Phoebe's calf – of all the cows we own .... it had to be hers.

We are super happy with all our babies - 8 bulls and 4 heifer calves. 100% white calves! How good is that. It certainly is sight to see all the white calves going for a run just on dusk.

We have now split the mobs again for this mating season, purchased 'Storm', a white under marked bull from Desrae Scowan and Clint Fisher's Phoenix Stud, and popped Rocky Water Jordy out with his girls again. We are already excited about the intended offspring for 2017.

So before you put that ring on that registrable appendix bull calf or that registrable under marked white bull calf – think twice.

**Is this bull calf of value to anyone as a breeding bull?  
... I'm thinking ... 'yes it is'**



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## 100% White Galloway for 2016

Check out the full report from the 'White Galloway Colour Inheritance Research Seminar' held in Germany, September 2014 of which Karen and Bob Curry attended and brought this info back with them.

Log on to <http://www.nzgalloway.co.nz/publications.html> to view the December 2014 issue of the NZ Galloway Gazette.

**Table 1 – Colour Coding of Parents and the Resulting Progeny with their Colour Coding – The German Database as at September 2014**

Parents		Progeny						Total	Expected proportion
Sire	Dam	WWM/WSM		WPM		WFB			
		n	%	n	%	n	%	n	
WPM	WWM/WSM	28	60	19	40	0	0	47	50:50:00
WPM	WPM	0	0	10	100	0	0	10	00:100:00
WWM/WSM	WWM/WSM	310	54.3	124	21.7	13	24	571	50:25:25
WWM/WSM	WPM	85	58.2	61	41.8	0	0	146	50:50:00
WWM/WSM	WFB	15	65.2	0	0	8	34.8	23	50:00:50
WFB	WWM/WSM	3	100	0	0	0	0	3	50:00:50
WPM	WFB	5	100	0	0	0	0	5	100:00:00
WFB	WPM	11	100	0	0	0	0	11	100:00:00
<b>Total</b>								<b>816</b>	

Key:

WWM – White Well marked

WSM - White Strongly Marked

WPM – White Poorly Marked

WFB – White Fully Black

## Stock For Sale



**Stoneykirk Johnny Cash**  
(Appendix White)  
DOB: 15/09/2014  
HB No. 16115  
Johnny Cash is one laid back easy going bull.

Contact [andrew@stoneykirk.co.nz](mailto:andrew@stoneykirk.co.nz) or 06 3702429



**DICKIE FLAT SANDIE** (#15742, tag#33)  
Lovely natured, well-marked girl. Born December 2013  
Calved this year. Great mom!

**GLEANN RADHARC SHEENA** (#14710, tag#103)  
Born 2011. Great Mom and good temperament.  
Calved again this year.

Picture above: Sandie and Sheena with their playful bull calves.



**TUIBROOK GWENDOLEN**  
Born 2013. (#15745, Tag#288)  
Pedigree white. First calf this season. A great mom!  
Pictured with her first calf Hermione (calf now sold)  
*All animals are registered pedigree with the Galloway Society.*

**For further information please contact:**  
Sally Gray – 022 4161597

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### For Sale Taylordale Forgery

DOB: 31.07.2009 Forgery is a proven bull whose dam was the mighty Kerrile Wroxanne, sire Ashleigh Signature. I have bred him back over his daughters, daughters giving me some very nice calves, great temperament, good bull to handle. \$2000 plus GST

Please contact **John Taylor**  
Isla Bank, Southland, Phone 03 2362708



**Bonnydale Kees,**  
HB 14036, DOB 15/8/2009  
Kees has been a fantastic bull, quiet and easy to handle but I haven't enough females for him now with his daughters coming through.  
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Further information call Claire on 07 873 6968 or email [clairon@farmside.co.nz](mailto:clairon@farmside.co.nz)

# Lochurr Galloways Today

~ Iain Kennedy-Moffat, Thornhill, Dumfries, Scotland

Following on from our article in our Autumn 2016 edition of NZ Galloway Gazette, on the history of Lochurr Galloways in Scotland, Richard Kennedy-Moffat made mention of how his brother Peter, astutely ran the family farms, Lochurr, Craigenvey and Shillingland in Dumfriesshire after his father died. He said, the farms are now run by Peter's second son Iain.

Richard went on to say, 'The breeding of pedigree 'black' Galloway's at Lochurr ceased in the 1990's mainly due to cost, the time required or producing show cattle, and also the horrific problems for foot and

mouth disease at the time.

However, the pedigree Galloway herd was started up again in 2012 by Richards nephew Iain Kennedy-Moffat, by purchasing from Blackcraig and Kirkstead with two homebred females.'

Iain saw the article that Richard wrote in our NZ Galloway Gazette and is very proud to share with you, photos of the cattle on these farms today, which he sent via post from Scotland.

Below is the Lochurr herd plus some others on Shillingland Hill ~ view towards the peak.



Calving 2016 ~ Blackcraig Moss  
Rose 5362 with her bull calf.



*Thank you Iain*

## When in Scotland

recently, I took the opportunity to purchase a few copies of

### **"An Illustrated History of Belted Cattle"** by Lord David Stuart

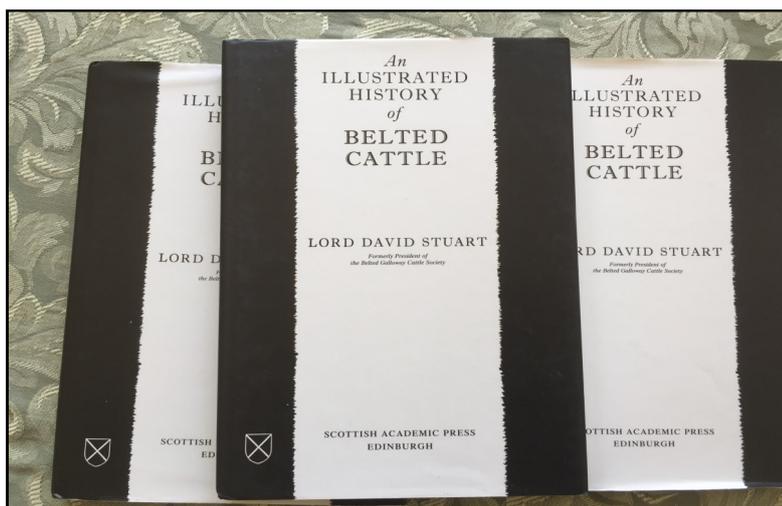
on the assumption that that a few other people may be interested. They cost me £20, so packed and posted in NZ, I'd be happy with \$40 to cover costs. I have three available, on basis of first 3 responses get the books.

There a couple of photos attached, including the inside cover which give a feel for the contents of the book.

**Regards, Roger Fraser**

Home of: Longrun Belted Galloway Stud  
Matinborough

Email: [roger.j.fraser@hotmail.com](mailto:roger.j.fraser@hotmail.com)

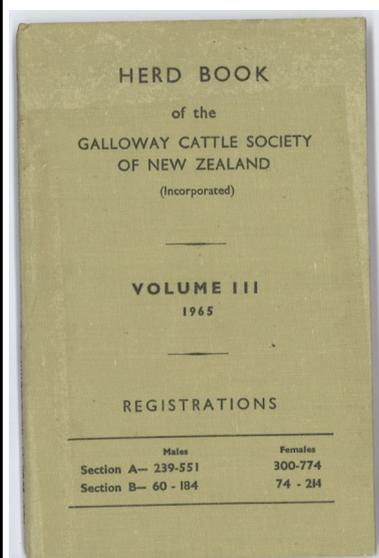


In this colourful world, birds and animals banded with the sharp contrast of black and white always attract attention. The beautiful symmetry of a herd of belted cattle does more—it commands admiration. Lord David Stuart felt this admiration all his life and in writing *An Illustrated History of Belted Cattle*, he undertook the first work of its kind on this subject.

The central theme is the Belted Galloway breed—its early history, its notable herds and its establishment in many countries. Much information is given on other breeds of belted cattle in Europe, India and Asia, and the author discusses possible reasons for the belted phenomenon.

The fine illustrations range in date and place from a reproduction of a medieval European painting to a photograph of present-day mongol cattle. Many are provided by the author, who visited several countries to see and photograph the animals in their native surroundings. The author brings out most vividly the sense of pleasure which ownership of a "beltie" gives to many farmers, even when they realise that such ownership goes against the current agricultural policies of their governments.

Lord David Stuart was well qualified to write this book. He had a lifetime's knowledge of the Belted Galloway and spent fifteen years in research into the early history of the breed. He was President of the Belted Galloway Breed Society for many years and took a great personal interest in both the home and overseas herds.



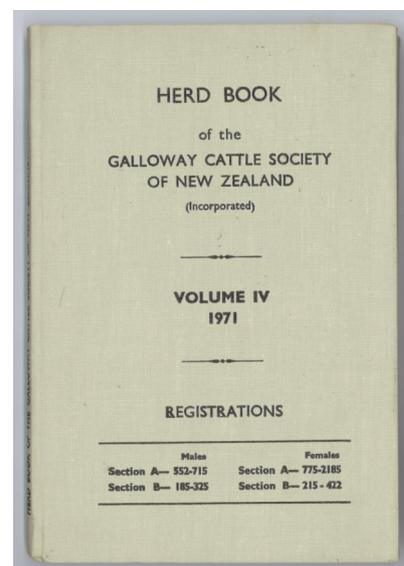
### What a find!

Barry McAlly recently moved house and home ... and came across a stash of these old Herd Books.

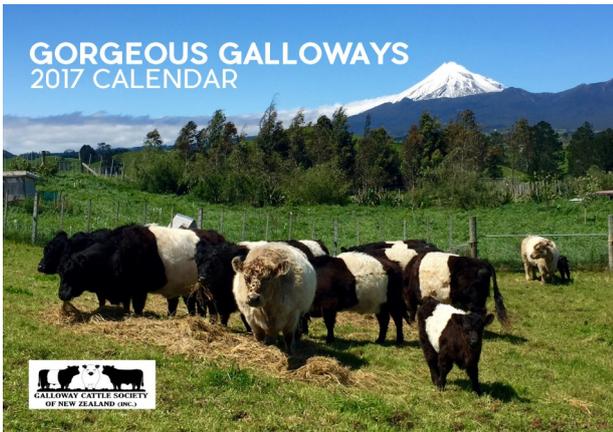
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*Thank you  
Barry*



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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 <small>Woolshed Anniversary Day</small>	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 ●	21	22	23
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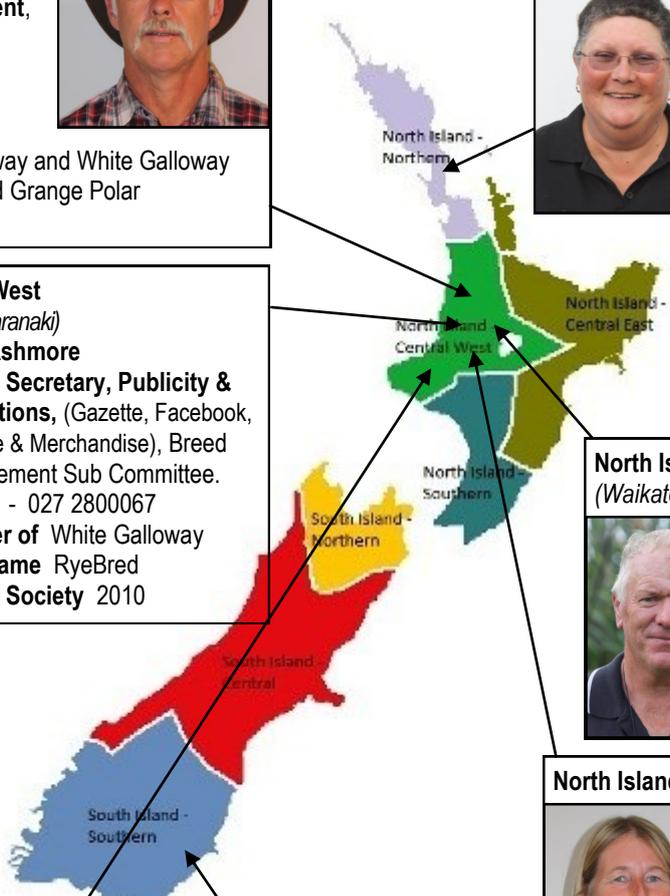


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**Right:** Sam Neill featured on *The Graham Norton show* - 'Jimmy Nesbitt' the white Galloway bull, Sam purchased from Bridget Lowry. This screened world wide!

**Below Right:** Jackson Lowry was very happy to be home from boarding school to see his show heifer Jral Pepper give birth to a little heifer this morning. Yet to be named.

**Below:** Our President, Graeme Turner featured in the NZ Farmer 'the Galloway Option'

*Great publicity all round for our beautiful breed*



... and Estelle Taylor features in the *Southern Rural Life News* - June 2016

# Galloways of her own



For the love of cows ... Estelle Taylor (12), of Isla Bank, loves her Galloway stud.

PHOTOS: NICOLE SHARP

**NICOLE SHARP**  
@alliedpress.co.nz

Estelle Taylor's Christmas present four years ago was not what most children would expect to unwrap.

It had four legs, was black all over and moored.

Estelle, who was 8 years old at the time, was given her first Galloway cow by her Dad, John, and was the start to her own stud, Estelle Galloways.

Mr Taylor owned some Belted Galloways at his Isla Bank farm and Estelle had taken an interest in them.

She began showing them at A&P shows.

Estelle's first cow was purchased from Rob Hall.

Mr Taylor also purchased a couple of cows with calves at foot from the North Island for Estelle's stud, for which she had been working to pay him back with bull calves.

Her stud had continued to grow in the past four years, and she had now started showing her own cattle.



Estelle has been showing cattle since she was 6 years old, attending Winton, Wyndham and Gore A&P shows each year.

Showing the cows was the best part of owning a stud, Estelle said.

"At Winton and Wyndham, I was third and Dad was second, and then at Gore I beat him"

The young Galloway breeder had also attended a New Zealand Galloway herd tour in Taranaki earlier this year.

Estelle said it was really interesting listening to the speakers and the history of Galloway cattle in New Zealand.

Mr Taylor said the speakers touched on how the breed was a good beef animal and they were not just pretty animals.

Estelle took what she had learnt at the herd tour, and the previous two she had attended, and put it to work in the hope of improving her stud.

She hoped to sell her animals to the beef industry with the aim of producing an easy-calving animal that has a live calf.

With her bull calves, Estelle said she wanted them to have a kind eye, as it was a good sign to know they would not bowl people over.

She also wanted to beat her Dad in something, she said.

There were higher expectations as well, as she wanted to change people's views on the breed.

"I want to breed beef cattle that get well known for the breed and to be able to have people recognise them and not think they are an Angus."