



# Bits & Pieces

PO BOX 390, ASHBURTON 7740 **AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2014**



**Pearce Watson competing at the Clubs Annual Ploughing Match**

**Meetings are held on the FIRST Wednesday of each month at 8pm in the K88 Room at The Plains Museum**

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# President's Report

Dear Members,

Thank you to all the club members and their partners and friends that turned out on a cold night to enjoy a wonderful meal at the M.S.A for our annual dinner in July.

There were about 60 people who were so busy talking that our Quiz Master decided to put on hold the Annual Quiz. This will be held at a later date.

There are a few of our members going on or already been on holiday so I hope you will all share your photos when asked to speak at our meetings. It's always good to hear where our members have been tripping around this great world we have.

I trust you are all well and are looking after yourselves. If you have the cold or flu or been in hospital, we are thinking of you.

Thank you to John Hall for organising yet another wonderful trip away with club members and some friends. It was a great day had by all.

John Stewart has arranged our speaker for August so come along and be entertained.

See you all at the next meeting

Regards

Peter McMullan

## Timaru Trip

On the 9th July 30 of us met at Hotel Ashburton at 8.30am to head off to Raymond Bowen's farm at Orari and then Timaru. Raymond told us about the farms history and how they got into the potato chip game. We had a look around the yard, one person was seen heading into a yard of machinery and surplus gear looking for a bargain no names given (business on Dobson St).

From there we headed to Hartland chip factory at Washdyke, this was a very interesting place to look around, the spuds were first washed, inspected and cut to size, then went into the chipping machine and off to be fried. After that they went over an X-ray machine that picked out the reject chips with compressed air, through the flavouring machine and down to the packing department.

From there it was off to Robbies for lunch and what a good feed it was for \$12 in 12 minutes. They did a good job with 30 of us plus a bus load of as well.

Then we went to Gordon Handy Machinery to have a look around the show room. We saw 2 videos on John Deere which was very interesting, with all the technology today this gear should go for ever and ever. Gordon also told us a bit about his trip to the John Deere factory.

After that it was off to the D.B brewery at Washdyke, we got split into 2 groups and looked around outside then inside to see the malt and hops being blended and made into beer. Then off to the bottling plant, to see that many bottles going around so fast to get filled up and labels put on and packed was a very impressive site. The keg filling was not working so we went back to the bar to taste some beer if we wanted to.

That was the day over so we set for home arriving at about 5pm. Thanks to John Hall for a very good day out.

Trevor Begg





# Ploughing Results

## MCVMC Ploughing Match Results

Results of the ploughing match held on Matthew and Julia Paton's farm at Wakanui on 31 May. The weather was good and there was a reasonable turn out of spectators. The catering was done by Wakanui Women's Institute and was excellent.

### Silver Plough

- 1) D. Paterson
- 2) B. Mehrtens (reversible)
- 3) K. Redmond
- 4) A. Seaton

### Vintage

- 1) G. Corbett
- 2) A. Brown
- 3) T. Begg
- 4) J. Moore
- 5) E. Gin

### Vintage Open

- R. Weaver
- 2) N. Horn
- 3) R. Smith
- 4) C. Begg
- 5) N. Ross

### Vintage Qualifying

- 1) J. Stalker
- 2) P. Watson
- 3) B. Cameron
- 4) = O. Winter, G. Carter

### Raffle Results

- 1) P. Butterick
- 2) G. Carter
- 3) M. Cretney

### Club Cups:

Annual Ploughing cup: R. Weaver  
Encouragement trophy: C. Cross  
Ron Langdon trophy: T. Begg  
Neil Begg Memorial trophy: P. Watson  
MCVM Club trophy: A. Brown

## Methven Ploughing

### Open Class

- 1) R. Weaver
- 2) A. Chambers
- 3) N. Horne

### Vintage

- 1) G. Carter
- 2) O. Winter
- 3) B. Cameron

### Rakaia Silver Plough

- 1) I. Wolley
- 2) D. Patterson
- 3) E. Gin

### Vintage

- 1) P. Watson
- 2) G. Carter
- 3) L. Pharnam

### Open Vintage

- 1) R. Weaver
- 2) W. Ashe
- 3) R. Smith

### Courtney Paparoa Silver Plough

- 1) M. Dillon
- 2) J. Cridge

### Vintage

- 1) B. Cameron
- 2) = M. Miller  
P. Watson

### Vintage Open

- 1) B. Skur
- 2) R. Weavers
- 3) A. Chambers

### Lincoln Silver Plough

- 1) T. Carter
- 2) M. Dillan

### Vintage

- 1) G. Carter
- 2) P. Watson

### Vintage Open

- 1) R. Weavers
- 2) P. McCartin
- 3) C. Boon

### Timaru Vintage

- 1) J. Stalker
- 2) M. Miller
- 3) P. Johnson

J. Stalker and L. Pharnam will represent Canterbury at the finals next year at Palmerston



# Lanz Bulldogs at Longbeach

John Grigg was born on a farm at Bodbrane, Cornwall in 1828. He sold the farm there and came to New Zealand in 1855.

In 1864 he took possession of a large property in Mid Canterbury called Longbeach. It comprised 32,000 acres, including all the land between the Ashburton and Hinds rivers and an area south of the Hinds, from the Pacific Ocean in the east to Boundary Road in the west, approximately two miles east of the present South Island Main Trunk railway line

The land was described by the Canterbury Land Office as "an impenetrable bog, a vast swamp of flax and toi-toi". John Grigg built a large homestead and around it a village including a cookhouse and dining room, bakery, general store, post office, flour mill, blacksmiths shop, stables, woolshed, cowshed and implement sheds.

By the 1880's, Longbeach was carrying 40,000 sheep, 3,000 pigs, 1,000 head of cattle and 300 draught horses. Two hundred permanent men worked on the station

There was 500 acres of wheat and 3000 acres of oats grown at this time.

In 1887 Grigg had erected his own brick works and by 1896 close to one million drain tiles had been made and used in 150 miles of drains to drain the vast swamp.

For several years from 1869, 60 to 70 cattle and 400 to 500 sheep were driven fortnightly through the Southern Alps to the West Coast gold diggings for the miners.

By 1896 the estate consisted of 14,000, the remainder having been sold to settlers. During the 1896 harvest 33 binders were used and 4 threshing mills to harvest 3000 acres of wheat, 728 acres of rape and 25 acres of mangles. Twelve thousand fat lambs were sent from the station that year.

There were 160 permanent employees on the property plus their families and casual labourers. The bakers were turning out a thousand 4lb loaves of bread a week and the butcher was killing 150 sheep a week to feed this staff.

By 1936 there was only one Fowler tractor engine, one threshing mill, six binders and a header harvester which was used to harvest the peas. There were three six-horse teams and two Lanz Bulldog 15/30 crude oil tractors. A model N 35hp Lanz and a model L 25hp Lanz were purchased prior to 1939 to help with the agricultural work.

These four Lanz tractors were sold in the mid 1950s and were replaced by more modern tractors. Some of these Lanz tractors ended up on the Chatham Islands.

Jack Robertson, a neighbouring farmer of the Griggs, purchased one of the older model Lanz from Longbeach in 1939; a 22/38.

Jack's son Ian spent three days at Longbeach, ploughing near the Hinds River with Tom Anderson, and learning how to drive the Lanz. Longbeach replaced this tractor with another model N six-speed so they could travel to the outlying paddocks faster. The old 22/38 could only reach



4.5 miles per hour while the new N could travel at 12 miles an hour.

John Griggs had died in 1901.

After his death the people of Mid Canterbury showed their appreciation by erecting a statue of him, costing

720 pounds, in Baring Square, Ashburton. This still stands there today, close to the town's museum.

After his death Longbeach was farmed by John Grigg's son J.C.N. Grigg, followed by his son J.H. Grigg, who took over 6462 acres in 1926.

In 1927 he sold a further 2244 acres.

When J.H. Grigg retired Longbeach was farmed by his daughter and her husband, David Thomas.

Today, a great-great-grandson of John Grigg, Bill Thomas, and his wife Penny farm Longbeach

By Gilbert Donaldson



From the left, the manager of Longbeach, Mr Cameron, on horseback, Tom Anderson, Sandy Thompson And Bill Reid ploughing at Longbeach in the late 130s with two 15/30 and a model N Lanz tractors.



## Just For Fun!

A young boy went up to his father and asked him, Dad what is the difference between potentially and realistically? The father thought for a moment, then answered, Go ask your mother if she would sleep with Brad Pitt for a million dollars. Then ask your sister if she would sleep with Brad Pitt for a million Dollars, and then ask your brother if he'd sleep with Brad Pitt for a million dollars. Come back and tell me what you learned from their answers.

So the boy went to his mother and asked, would you sleep with Brad Pitt for a million dollars? The mother replied, of course I would! We could really use the money to fix up the house and to send you kids to university.

The boy then went to his sister and asked, would you sleep with Brad Pitt for a million dollars? The girl replied Oh my god I love Brad Pitt-I would sleep with him in a heartbeat, are you nuts?

The boy then went to his brother and asked, would

you sleep with Brad Pitt for a million dollars? Of course the brother replied. Do you know what a million bucks would buy?

The boy pondered the answers for a few days and then went back to his Dad.....His father asked, did you find out the difference between "potentially" and "realistically"?

The boy replied, Yes, potentially you and I are sitting on three million dollars. But realistically, we're living with two hookers and a homo.



# Notice Board

## UP COMING MEETINGS

The August meeting will be in the K88 room at the plains on the 6th August at 8pm. Darryl Chambers will be our guest speaker.

The September meeting will be at the same venue on the 3rd September

## TRADE ME SPECIALS

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Lanz Bulldog            | \$18,000 |
| JD 420U                 | \$11,000 |
| Farmall F20             | \$20,000 |
| JD B                    | \$18,000 |
| IH WD9                  | \$13,000 |
| IH Farmall B            | \$ 2,500 |
| IH Farmall 706          | \$25,000 |
| Nuffield 10/60          | \$ 3,000 |
| Marshall Fowler Crawler | \$15,000 |
| IH 634                  | \$ 6,500 |
| Case 1070               | \$ 8,000 |
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Stopping and starting while urinating

The need to get up at night (Nocturina)

Incomplete emptying of the bladder.

Urinary retention (complete obstruction of the urethra)

Retention is temporally managed with the insertion of a catheter to drain the bladder. Information supplied by the Canterbury Health Board. Thanks to John Moore for supplying this and hope you are on the road to recovery

## SUBS

The annual subs are now due. The fees have remained the same as last year so please pay Anthony or post a cheque to the club. **We are nearing the time of year when names of the non-payers will be read out at the meeting**

## UP COMING EVENTS

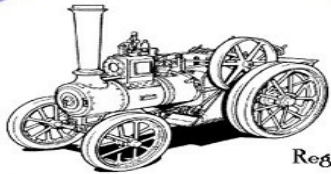
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