

## **NZ ENGLISH LEICESTER SOCIETY'S AGM & FIELD DAY 2016**

Held at Margaret and Ron Manson's Hororata

property April 2016

### **A good turnout of breeders for the field day and AGM**

**Below is the retiring Chairperson's report and a selection of photographs  
taken on the day**

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2016**

My report is rather short this year as not being a sheep breeder anymore I am out of touch with the farming scene. We have two muttuns (cull two tooth ewes) and two fat wethers.

Last year Allan was supposed to judge at the Royal Show in Hastings. They told us there were no sheep entered, so we took leave from the farm a couple of weeks later, then on our way home from Gisborne we called into Gavin and Theo Henricksen's home to see them and view all the sheep. They informed us that they took sheep to the Show and someone else judged the sheep and their ram got Champion All Breeds, in the Sheep Section. A bit disappointing for us not to be there. However it was lovely to inspect their Leicester flock consisting of about 90 ewes, 25 hoggets with lambs at foot and about 20 ram hoggets. They are very foot conscious because of their constant battle with wet grass so everything that has a problem is got rid of. We enjoyed our time there and their sheep are very true to the Breed, good frames and evenness in the wool.

If you got the NZ Farmer March 21, this had a wonderful article written about Cleardale Station and among many reports that Ben Todhunter and Donna Field alluded to they fully advertised the English Leicester with total support for the cross over their Merino ewe for good Halfbred sheep. It was a great advertisement for our Breed. I hope some people out there in the sheep world read it and are thinking of perhaps making a change of breed. Congratulations to the Todhunter family for this article.

I have joined Creative Fibre Ashburton, formerly Spinners & Weavers, again and there is still a need for our beautiful wool so do not give up. The craft world needs fleeces and I only have two now. That will not go far. There are people overseas needing our lustre wool too. Please keep your Leicester breeding.

Pam Tait







