

Bridget's Retirement

Bridget has reached the end of her 32 year stint at Wright and Morten. In this edition she has taken the opportunity to look back at some of the highlights of her career and family life in Macclesfield and the surrounding countryside. The timeline below, continuing overleaf, sets these against the backdrop of successive challenges and changes in the livestock farming sector since 1989.

A little more nostalgia... and some thankyou... overleaf.

Milksure Training!

We are running a series of these interactive workshops, designed to reduce the risk of antibiotic bulk tank failures. Anyone milking cows is strongly encouraged to get involved, and those of you with a supermarket contract will no doubt have heard about this already. The training is in two parts, both delivered by our Milksure accredited vets. Part one is a discussion-based session run in small groups, and part two is a risk assessment specific to your own farm, which takes place on farm. We are holding a Milksure Part 1 session on Tuesday 14th September, 11am at Holly Tree.

Please contact Helen at helenworth@wmvets.co.uk for more information, or ring the office if you prefer.

SHARE FARMING OPPORTUNITY PEAK DISTRICT

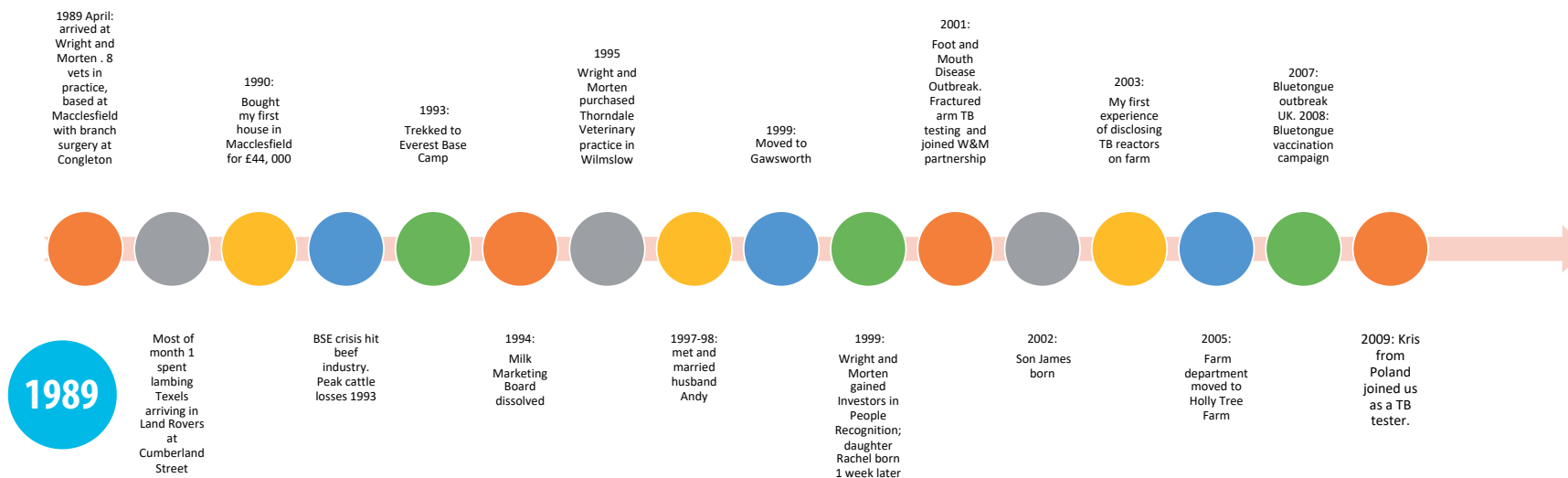
Excellent stockperson(s) with a passion for dairy farming sought for fabulous opportunity to share farm 285 acres of grassland and 25 acres in CSS.

- On offer: a modern dairy unit with 4 Lely A5 robots and ancillary equipment.
- Excellent facilities including state of the art housing for 245 milkers (sand beds and yokes) plus youngstock and dry cow accommodation.
- Top-class herd currently yielding over 12,000 litres and top 5% Lely system producer.
- Muller milk contract.
- Cottage accommodation available on farm by separate negotiation.
- Hard work, motivation and the vision to enable a proactive partnership to take this farm forward, a must.
- For further details please contact paul.macer@kiteconsulting.com



If you would like a bit more background information on this farm please contact Helen Worth on 07733 121536 / helenworth@wmvets.co.uk.

Please feel free to circulate this advertisement to any friends involved in dairy farming.





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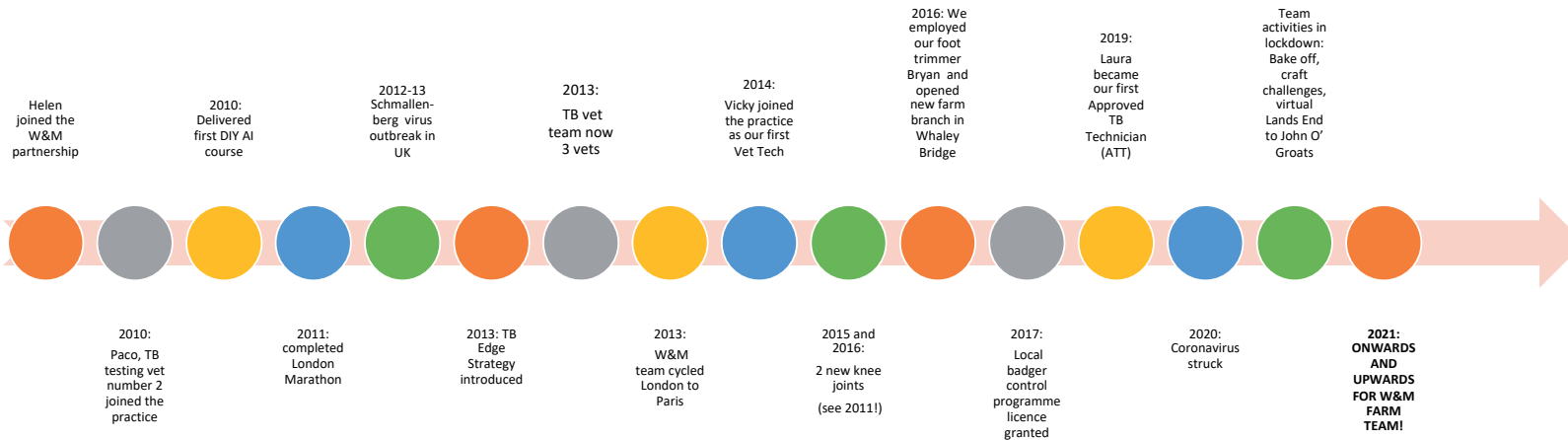
It all started with... a phone call from a Highland pub whilst warming up for Hogmanay 1988-89. I had spent 2 months as a locum at Wright and Morten in 1987 whilst Mike Spicer was recuperating from a slipped disc and during this time concluded that this was probably the best vet practice in the world. The team were friendly and involved me in all social activities, I was well supported when I asked for help and above all the farmers were (at least to my face!) remarkably accepting of the first female vet they had ever met. I loved the contrast between the Cheshire plains and the Peak District hills, I made my debut on the pipes at the Harrington Arms in Gawsworth and when Mike got better I didn't want to leave! There was a trip to New Zealand on the horizon which softened the blow.

Back to that Scottish pub- somehow a message from my parents reached me that I should phone Mr Morten in Macclesfield - so I did, immediately, from a noisy public phone, clutching a pint of heavy. "Do you want a job?" he said "Yes please" was the answer and it was concluded that the conversation should continue in a more sober atmosphere once festivities were finished.

32 years later I hope you'll agree that, whilst many changes have happened in the farming sector and in veterinary practice, we have upheld the practice traditions and values that I appreciated back in 1987. The practice has expanded and "Team Farm" now has more vets than there were in the whole practice in 1987, as well as our vet tech team. The overriding themes of approachability, going the extra mile and always looking for new services and initiatives we can offer to our diverse farm client base are deeply ingrained in the fabric of the practice. It's a team I'm very proud have been involved in leading.

A big thankyou to everyone who has entrusted me with the care of their animals, has allowed me to become involved in the aspirations and development of their farm businesses and has taken up the services and training opportunities we have offered... and of course to the suppliers of many brews and other refreshments. There have been moments of stress, sadness and extreme tiredness but many more of good outcomes, laughter and warmth. You realise it's time to leave when you are working with the grandchildren of the clients you first met - but then that's so exciting to see the next generation coming through and challenging the "old ways". I wish you all the best for the future and I know that our team will continue to deliver great veterinary service, kindness and empathy to all.

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Helen, Hollie, Steph, Jennie, Matt, Janis, Yasmine, Vicky, Katie, Claire, Nieves, Mirel, Serban, Laura, Bryan, Emily and all the rest of our W&M colleagues wish Bridget all the very best of fun for her retirement. So long, and thank you!

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