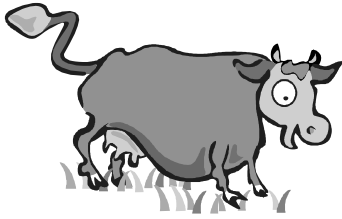


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Les Feuvres/Les Quesnes 2001

December, 2001

Highlights of 2001

- Steve joins the Old Cambrians reunion at House of Lords, London
- Vicki appears before HM The Queen
- Suzanne meets The Queen too
- Steve—half a quarter-century at Lysaght
- Vicki's hamster Faith has 10 babies
- The Avonteur website is born.
- Jo changes her degree at Winchester and upgrades with the NUS
- Tim LeF reaches 40
- Less for the zoo library, more for the Societe Jersiaise— evolution for Suzanne
- A Spanish holiday for Les Feuvres
- Harry Potter film is released—and Lord of the Rings is near

Steve presented with gold watch

12½ years (half a quarter-century) with Lysaght & Co

On 30 November, Steve was presented with a Seiko gold and silver watch (worth several £100s) to mark his time with Lysaght.

The family owning the company for the last 33 years, the van Dijks, are Dutch in origin. A Dutch custom marks 12½, 25, and 50 years of service.

Lysaght continues as an acknowledged leader in its work with trade-marks and patents around the world.

Royal Visitors in July.....

Friday, 13 July, 2001 was a special day for the Island, Jersey College for Girls, the RJA&HS and—incidentally—for Les Feuvres and Les Quesnes.

The day began with HM the Queen, Elizabeth II, opening the new building at JCG where Suzanne, Jo and Vicki have spent their school years (Vicki has 5 years to go, of course). Suzanne and Vicki attended this event—together with Suzanne's mum, Joan Le Quesne. The Queen unveiled an engraved glass plaque and accepted a book of pledges promised by the girls of JCG. While Her Majesty lunched at Highlands College, Suzanne, Vicki and Joan rushed off to the new head-quarters of the Royal Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural Society in Trinity. Here Steve was working hard behind the scenes with the arrangements for the day's events and for the social gathering organized for the evening.

Suzanne had also masterminded a display for the Société Jersiaise (the local 'learned society') as part of a gathering of a range of countryside pursuits in the Island. The centrepiece of this gathering was the first completed Jersey cow in a life-size sculpture being produced to mark The Year of the Jersey in 2001 (see below).

As luck would have it, after the Queen had officially opened the new headquarters and RJA&HS president, Lewis Rondel had shown Her Majesty the bronze cow sculpture, the very next people he introduced her to were Jean Arthur and Suzanne on the Société stand. Proof in the picture above that Suzanne had another chat with The Queen—focussing on the Société's study of the past and present to understand the potential of the future (Her Majesty agreed this was important).

Steve was meanwhile filming away with the video camera, with Joan and Vicki looking on (Jo was still at college in the UK, on a student union training course). The evening brought this special day to a suitable sociable end (all congrats to Steve for his organization).



The Year of the Jersey—sculpture unveiled

Saturday, 29 September (which would have been Don Le Quesne's 83rd birthday) saw the unveiling, by the Bailiff of Jersey, Sir Philip Bailhache, of the small herd of Jersey cattle at Wests Centre, St Helier. Sculpted in bronze by artist John McKenna the 2 cows, 1 bull, 1 calf and 1 Jersey toad (crapaud) were uncovered by RJA&HS Junior Members organized by Steve, and the whole event was filmed by Suzanne from a nearby first floor window (see www.avonteur.com for the full story and pictures).

There had been plenty of 50th anniversary of the Year of the Jersey. In the UK meaning all cattle shows from March to September, quarters and the unveiling of the sculpture were the only survivors.



events planned for 2001 to mark the World Jersey Cattle Bureau and The end, with foot-and-mouth disease in the and other gatherings were cancelled the Queen's visit to open the new head-

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University changes

A 2nd year at King Alfred's College (Winchester) sees Jo end 2001 as a first-year student again.

Early in the year, Jo decided that a double degree (teaching + design and technology) plus National Student Union work plus a student social life was all too much. After a lot of thought September saw her begin a combined degree in educational studies and leisure management.

Her marks already are much higher, as are her finances (there's now time for part-time work at the Winchester *Early Learning Centre* as well as for the NUS security team. Jo has remained on the NUS executive committee—moving from 1st Year Rep to Communications Officer. This led to a week's training in

Jo's Year—changes for the better

Canterbury in June. She has already produced and edited two NUS newspapers (*Hard Times*), attended a London conference for the NUS, and been on other training courses. All great skills and experience for life-after-college.

New home

Jo spent her first year in self-catering rooms at King Alfred's, but from September has been sharing with 6 performing arts' students (all girls) in a house some 15 minutes' walk from college.

Travels around

As well as college hols, Jo has had a few trips home for special events during termtime. There were also visits to Manchester to see Sarah Howarth and her

family (long-time friends from our French trips over the past 13 years) including celebrating Sarah's 21st.

Here in Jersey we welcomed Jo's friend and housemate Lucy in summer and are looking forward to her joining us for a few days in December, together with another of Jo's close friends, Ben.

Easter and summer also saw Jo returning to work at the Jersey *Early Learning Centre* and its parent company here, *Le Lievres*.

In October she joined the family in Spain. She has the Christmas holidays free this year, and is back for the New Year with her friends in Winchester.



Jo in France, 2001

France 2001

From the end of July to mid-August, Les Feuvres spent their usual 2 weeks in France at La Hallerais near Dinan. Jo was with her Manchester friend, Sarah Howarth and Vicki had Fiona Elston from Jersey.

Plenty of time too to spend with Andy, Jenny and Lee Bradshaw (of Jersey), as well as for shopping (wine, food and clothes), and the zoo at La Bourbansais.

Suzanne's year—evolving change

Evolution

2001 was a year of evolving changes for Suzanne—it began with the RJA&HS and the Jersey Zoo library as her main roles and ends with these much-reduced. Now Suzanne is concentrating on her work with the Société Jersiaise, the National Trust for Jersey (NTJ) and the Island's environment.

RJA&HS and the Zoo

2001 began with a lot of work on various plans for publications with the PR Committee, a conflict of ideals with the powers-that-be at the RJA saw her losing the 2 projects she was directly involved in.



Several of the other projects she was 'making happen' are in various stages of development, so overall her time wasn't wasted.

Similarly, at the Jersey Zoo yet more management problems led to Suzanne being asked to take a pay cut while taking on more work and more responsibility. Unsurprisingly, she declined, and is back to running the library basics as part-staff part-volunteer. She has been joined this year by another volunteer, Jean Cadin.

Environmental pluses

This all left Suzanne free in spring to develop her membership of the Société, par-

ticularly the Environment Section. 2001 has seen major moves in the areas of Jersey's agriculture, sustainable development, planning, and biodiversity strategy all of which she has been closely involved with. This has included representing the Société on the Countryside Panel, an Island-wide forum. The next major event is a Countryside Conference in March 2002 jointly with the NTJ. Suzanne is also developing a liaison group between the Société, the NTJ and a local wildlife action group.

Historical moves

Alongside this, Suzanne continues her work on local history, both agricultural and social. In the summer she attended an 8-week course at the newly-built Jersey



Spain 2001

Les Feuvres spent October half-term week in Estepona, southern Spain near to Steve's Wye College friend, Steve Day (he found them a lovely apartment just feet from the Mediterranean).

There were visits to Ronda in the mountains, through olive-growing areas to see flamingos in the wild, to the southernmost tip of Spain at Tarife, and a boat trip to see dolphins. Plus sunbathing, markets and plenty of good food and—for Suzanne—sherry.

Archive to learn about access to the collections there. And in September she acted as a guide for a walk around her home parish, St Lawrence, as part of a charity fund-raising scheme.

Vicki performs for the Queen, and has babies—

A Royal performance

At 14, Vicki has already made a Royal appearance — performing with the JCG drama club before HM The Queen at the official opening of the school's new building on Friday (!) 13 July. The brief production was of the poem 'House on the Hill' - about a weird...house on a hill. The rather weird sounds (screams, moans, chattering) prompted a surprised laugh from Her Majesty. The Queen chatted with the girls afterwards and was also surprised to learn they hadn't been wearing wigs but had powdered and backcombed their own hair.



In June, Vicki played a dancing waitress in a soda bar in the Stagefright production, 'Shake, Ripple and Roll', a musical play on the lines of *Grease*. She has another role in the ongoing 2002 production. 'Surgical Sensations at St Sennapods' - she plays Miss Crisp, the prim and proper receptionist for what appears to be a rather whacky hospital...! This is scheduled for early in the New Year.

Vicki also took part in a couple of dance and theatre workshops arranged by Stagefright with visiting professional groups.

Babies!

Yes, Vicki had 10 babies in 2001—well, her teddy hamster Faith did. Having got very friendly with Dave (her friend Amy Watson's black teddy hamster) Faith produced her first litter of 10 cuties on 13 May. Vicki had already arranged for a local pet shop, Touzel's, to take them in June. We kept 2 in the end—a pretty peach-coloured female, Spike, and a real cute female with very long black fur with white tips, Rug (after the way she looks like a miniature rug walking across the floor).



School things

Vicki is now in Year 9, and in spring 2002 will be choosing her GCSE subjects. She enjoys drama, english and science, and has her highest marks in maths. She does well in most subjects, and at the July school prizegiving received an award marking this range of ability.

A lordly year for Steve

Old Cambrians meet

The House of Lords was the venue on Monday 23 April for the annual London reunion of Old Cambrians. These are the old boys of the secondary school in Kenya which Steve attended for 6 years. Known before as the Prince of Wales School, it is now Nairobi School and provides education between GCSE and A-level.



Lord (David) Steel, past leader of the Liberal Democrats political party, is also an Old Cambrian and had invited them to dine at the House of Lords, looking out on to the River Thames across from the London Eye.

Steve and Suzanne were joined by two schoolfriends of Steve's, Narendra Ghadialy (who also went to the same primary school as Steve in Nyeri) and



Charles Ilako. Charles' brother, James, was hoping to come from New York—perhaps another year.

The Lion King

Prior to this Suzanne and Steve spent a few days in London with Vicki. They stayed with Steve's Mum at Harrow and celebrated her birthday on 21 April. This, included tickets for 'The Lion King', a simply brilliant show. Jo rushed up from Winchester by train after her day's teaching practice to join the family, just making it with literally a minute to spare before the curtain went up.



Work goes on

Lysaght & Co have had another great year—plenty of trade marks and patents to sort out.

In June the staff were taken to St Ouen's for a day of activities from golf to clay pigeon shooting (a laser form



Activities week in June saw Vicki on a trip to Eurodisney in Paris. Netball, hockey and swimming also feature, and in summer she had a full week's surfing school at St Ouen's Bay. This beach features large in the family life with frequent visits to our favourite eating place, Big Vern's, as well as birdwatching for Suzanne, sometimes with Vicki joining her. On one occasion they watched the Red Arrows flying over St Ouen's inbetween their stunts in the Battle of Britain air display on 13 September.



In July Vicki arranged a surprise leaving party on the beach at St Ouen's for her schoolfriend Ellen Tidy. In the event, Ellen has remained in Jersey, and joined Vicki and Fiona Elston for a 'fright night' sleepover for Vicki's 14th birthday in October. On the birthday itself, 16 October, Suzanne's Mum joined them for a meal at Les Fontaines, St John, another favourite eating place.



Other pets....

The cats, **Mittens, Willow and Coco** continue to sleep around the place. The guinea pig **Tanner** is



looking after her mate, **Fiver** (Netherland Dwarf rabbit) who is recovering slowly from injuring her back. And a goldfish will be joining the household anytime soon (Vicki won a small aquarium at the Young Farmers' Club anniversary celebration in September).

of the sport) - as in France last year, Suzanne proved herself to be the best female at this again.

In October Steve spent a few days in Vienna, Austria. Next year he and Suzanne are likely to be off to Washington, DC, USA for a trade mark conference in May—and hope to include a visit to James (Ilako) and Danuta in New York.

Cattle news...

2001 should have been a brilliant Year of the Jersey—sadly the UK outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) more or less shut down the Island countryside from the end of February until the autumn. There were no shows till Saturday 8 December, when the West Show produced a good turnout from the four western parishes of St Brelade, St Ouen, St Peter and St Mary. Winning the championship was the Quenault



family (Manor Farm, St Peter) with the 3-year-old cow *Classic Silver Vintage Cracker ET* (full details on our website).

As this newsletter 'goes to press' Steve is again standing for Treasurer of the RJA&HS having lost out by just 3 votes last December. His cousin John Le Feuvre will be continuing as Shows Committee chairman.

After missing out on welcoming visiting cattle friends to Jersey in 2001, Suzanne and Steve are looking forward now to Denmark in June 2002 and the World Jersey Cattle Bureau conference.

*Happy
Christmas -
Love from
Suzanne, Steve,
Jo and Vicki*

*A Happy
New
Year!*

The Year of the Jersey (continued)

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to all those devastated by FMD in Britain—especially those who have lost their livestock and/or their livelihoods. We were closely involved with the 1981 FMD outbreak in Jersey, as this was at Steve's cousin, John Le Feuvre's farm when rapid shutdown of all movement of Island livestock was a major factor in stopping all spread after the original 8 animals were killed.

For now, we are lucky to have a beautiful testament in St Helier to the world-renowned Jersey breed—thanks particularly to the sculpture John McKenna—a brilliant artist as well as a truly great guy.

Here are Suzanne, Steve and Vicki with the 'lead cow' in the bronze herd—Jo was at college in England.



The Avonteur Herd in 2001



Jo's herd (6)

Avonteur Fair Lady	twin bulls on 20 January, 2001	Due in January, 2002
<i>her daughter</i>		
Avonteur Fair Princess	bull in October 2001	
Avonteur Silver Spice	Avonteur Daz Spice on 6 December, 2000	Due in December 2001
<i>her daughter</i>		
Avonteur Sunshine Spice	Avonteur Geri Spice on 12 March, 2001	

Vicki's herd (3)

Avonteur Silver Sugar	Avonteur Dazzling Tean on 25 January, 2001	Due in January 2002
Coiffeur 10	bull on 16 August, 2001	

'Lady' came from Cath and Graham Vint's Tee Vee Jerseys in St Helier.

'Sugar' and 'Spice' were twins from John and Sarah Le Feuvre and Coiffeur also came from their Les Augerez herd in St Peter.

All the Avonteur milkers come into the milking parlour amongst the first groups at Chris and Claire Taylor's Heatherbrae Farm—keen to be milked and get an early go at the dairy nuts and silage clamp. For more information on Chris and Claire's **Camrose Jerseys** see our website www.avonteur.com

Family news....

Le Feuvre family

Steve's Mum visited Jersey for a few weeks in March and April, joined by Auntie Pearl for some of the time. In October the two of them spent 3 weeks in South Africa. This let them visit with Philip, Sandi, Shaun (15), Kimberley (7) and Alexandria (5) in Jo'burg. They also had a trip to the Cape for a week, including luxury limousines and whale- and penguin-watching.

Steve's sister, Cathy, has had a hard-working year producing launches for several local tv stations in the UK. From the New Year she will be moving to a new house near Southampton (and Winchester where Jo is) and beginning a production

job with Meridian TV for a new series of the 'Ultimate Questions' programme. She and her Mum were in Jersey for a week during summer, and will be over again for Christmas.

The youngest of Steve's siblings, Tim, reached 40 in September. He had recovered by then from a nasty Achilles heel injury earlier in the year. In October he, Simone, Harry (7) and Max (3) met up with us at Puerto Banus near Marbella, Spain for an evening—a special treat.

Le Quesne family

Suzanne's Mum continues to look younger every year—this year has seen her more involved with the new Jersey branch of the University of the Third Age.

Sasha, Suzanne's niece, still teaches at St Peter's Primary School. Her boyfriend, Bill, recently came out in the top 15 for his final chartered accountant exams. Her mum, Mary, and Nigel have had a good year with promotions at work, while Sasha's sisters Stephanie (14) and Shelley (11) are competing in national roller skating in the New Year.

In September we christened Sasha's new dining room in her St Peter flat on Old Beaumont Hill (near where Suzanne and John grew up at Beaconsfield Farm). John continues as an independent financial advisor.