

Degrees of change for Jo.....

Jo began 2004 in South Africa with Phil, Sandi and family, returning to college on 15th January to finish her final year. She narrowly missed being elected as the president of King Alfred's College student union in March and has since been to some 10 or so interviews for jobs in event management or student union management - and has another as this newsletter 'goes to print'. However, each time she has narrowly lost out to someone 'with experience' - so for now is working at a Winchester pub with the occasional catering job. She now plans to move to London in the New Year to work.

Winchester has been the place to be for Jo as her boyfriend, Lee Grant, is in his final year at King Alfred's (now called University College Winchester). He was 21 on 15th October, & on 6th December they celebrated a year together - Lee bought a star to mark the event, "Jo and Lee's Anniversary Star" in the Virgo constellation.



March saw Jo at the National Student Union conference in Blackpool, while in April she went as an official for the King Alfred's Student Union to Lloret del Mar, Spain for a series of sporting events. Jo also visits a local gym when she can, and plays in a local netball team.

She often stays with Lee's family in Marlow and had a week in August with them in Launceston, Cornwall when Jo took the chance to visit her Uncle John (Le Quesne). In July she and Lee had 10 days in Roda on the island of Corfu. And, of course, Jo has also traveled here and there in the UK - to meet up with Jersey and college friends.



2 Jo and Lee at Sasha & Bill's wedding

Drama to driving - Vicki's year

Vicki began the year with mock exams in January followed by the 'real' thing in May and June. These efforts were completed with the successful GCSE and A-S results in August, necessitating two day-trips home with Suzanne from the family holiday in France. The school year itself reached a peak in July with Vicki winning the Vicki Luff Theatre Trophy for her efforts in drama.

During the year Vicki has been taking part in the Project Trident scheme, with a three-week stint in June/July working as a teacher's assistant at Mont Nicolle primary school in St Brelade, mostly with the nursery and reception classes. Since September she has been working in the local Oxfam shop on Friday after-



noons to fulfill the community service part of the scheme. This leaves just a personal challenge to arrange - yet to be chosen.

Meanwhile, Vicki continues to play her saxophone, including being a member of the Jersey College for Girls' Big Band and Concert Band.

They played this year at the school prize-giving in July and a school concert on 1st December. She also goes several times a week to a local gym, as well as taking part again in the Jersey Swimathon in February and the Race for Life in June. And she represented her class for another year on the JCG Student Council.

Family travels included Dinan in Brittany in August, with friends over to camp out at La Hallerais with Jo and Lee. Then in October Vicki went to Manchester with her friend Ellen and her mother to see "the coolest people known to mankind" (quote from Vicki!!! - tongue in cheek), chart-topping pop group McFly.

From September Vicki has had a new boyfriend, Chris Nurse. He's a keen hockey player, as goalkeeper, who goes to Victoria College and plans an aeronautical career. He helped Vicki celebrate her 17th birthday on 16th October with a fancy-dress party for 'princesses and princes' held jointly with her friend Sarah Pexton at the Royal Jersey Showground.

Vicki is now having driving lessons, as well as plenty of driving practice in her (second-hand) Ford Fiesta with Suzanne.



Suzanne - steady background

Suzanne has worked mostly in the background for the family, the Jersey Zoo library, the Société Jersiaise and other environmental groups, and, of course, for the Jersey breed both locally and overseas. There was also the founding of a Slow Food group for Jersey in autumn with 5 others with plans for encouraging local food and full enjoyment of such.

A solo trip to Canada in March saw Suzanne visiting Di and John Graham and girls in Vancouver Island, and also Cathy Fraser in Vancouver itself. Superb countryside, snow on Grouse Mountain and at Whistler - special!

Other trips took Suzanne to London in February with Jo, Lee and Vicki (including theatre visits like 'When Harry Met Sally'); to Winchester to help Jo move in June and to Cornwall to visit her brother John (with Jo in June and Vicki in October); and to France in August (to sample the pleasures of Dinan again).

Steve keeps it computerised

As well as extra responsibility at work, Steve has also spent months in 2004 working on a new intellectual property management system for Ly-saght's computers which included a week in Gothenburg, Sweden in October. The system is due on-line in June.

Another work trip was the annual INTA (trademark) conference in the USA in May - this year in Atlanta, Georgia.

In December Steve became a director of a new genealogical website, familyrelatives.org, being developed by an Old Cambrian in England.

The Old Cambrians continued to 'wax large' in his life. In April he organized the annual reunion dinner in London (Suzanne went too) and he went to the reunion meal in October in Nairobi, Kenya. His successful oldcambrians.com website now gets over 3,000 hits a day. A fascinating wealth of detailed memories is developing.

Family news....

Le Quesne family

Big news of the year was Sasha and Bill's engagement (he asked her at Queen's Valley on Valentine's Day) and



wedding (at Jersey Pottery, Gorey) on Friday, 23 July, 2004.



Suzanne and Mum at the wedding

Jo read out one of two readings during the ceremony, and Steve and Suzanne helped Sasha's stepdad, Nigel, with the wedding video.

The honeymoon was two weeks in Kenya (at Hemingway's Resort on the coast and on safari at Porini Camp/ Amboseli, Lake Nakuru and the Maasai Mara). All was organised by Steve and Suzanne's friend Jake Grieves-Cook and Gamewatchers Safaris.

In February, Sasha's Dad, John, moved into a bungalow in St Germans (near Saltash, Cornwall) and was soon involved in the local community in various ways. Sasha and Bill should be closer to John in 2005 as Bill expects to move to London in a few weeks with Sasha joining him after she works her term's notice at Rouge Bouillon primary school.

Suzanne's Mum had a generally good year, till September when she fell in one of her rental houses and broke her right kneecap. She is driving again now, almost back to normal.

Another Le Quesne wedding was on 4 September at Elizabeth Castle, when

The Avonteur Herd in 2004

Jo's herd (6)

Avonteur Daz Spice heifer on 10 December, 2004 Avonteur Spice
Avonteur Sunshine Spice heifer on 27 October, 2004 Avonteur Angel Spice
her daughter

Avonteur Sparkle Spice heifer on 9 August, 2004, Avonteur Belle Spice

Vicki's herd (4)

Avonteur Dazzling Tean bull in April 2004; due again March 2005

Show winnings Junior Section 2nd prize Young Cows May 2004

Coiffeur 10 heifer on 2 July, 2004 Avonteur Coiffeur Penda

her daughter

Avonteur Coiffeur Kayx

Show winnings Junior Section 1st Heifer under 15 months May & Oct 2004;
Junior Female Reserve Champion May 2004; Junior Female Champion Oct 2004

Open Classes 3rd Heifer under 15 months May 2004

Suzanne's herd (1)

Camrose Silver Zussanah died December 2003

Avonteur Prime Flush born 11 February, 2004 (gift from Steve)

Steve's herd (3)

Camrose Silver Flush heifer on 11 February, 2004 (gift to Suzanne)

Died in April 2004

Classic Boaster Linda Daisy bought from Classic Herd, August 2004

heifer on 2 Sept 2004 Avonteur Buzz Linda

Pixies Royal Premier Lady bull in April 2004, due again March 2005

Show winnings Open Classes 2nd Heifer-in-milk May 2004

Rob and Jill's eldest daughter, Alison, married Alexander Phillips. Grandmother (and Suzanne's aunt) Beryl Le Quesne had been having some health checks in hospital, but was allowed 'out' for the wedding. Rob too had needed a trip to Southampton in summer for a major op, but both he and Beryl seem well-recovered now.

This wedding let Suzanne and Steve meet Katie, new wife of David (Alison's elder brother). They were married on 22 November, 2003 and now live in Australia. Katie is likely to be promoted to squadron leader in the Royal Australian Air Force by the end of the year.

Le Feuvre family

Cathy had the biggest changes in 2004, beginning in January with a new job as Regional Communications Co-ordinator for the Salvation Army. In September she moved home from Hamble on the south coast to Chalfont St Peters, west of London.

Steve's Mum and aunt Pearl both visited Jersey twice during the year, and in October Steve's brother, Phil, brought his daughter Kimberley to visit in London to mark her 10th birthday. Phil and Sandi celebrated their 10th anniversary in February,

Cattle news...

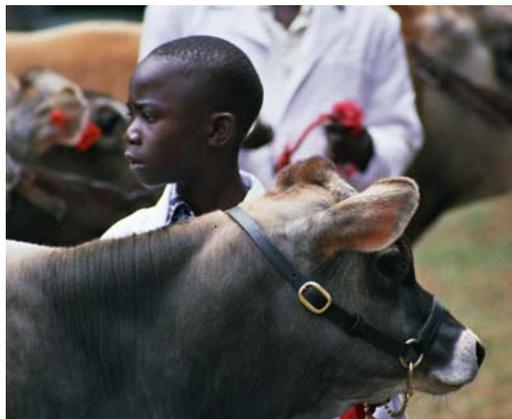
The four Island cattle shows of 2004 (May, October and December) saw Steve and Suzanne as involved as ever, with Steve commentating or showing animals for Trinity Manor Jerseys, and Suzanne taking a range of photos and video (as she did at the Nairobi Show - have a look at the Avonteur website).

Steve and Vicki helped out at the August La Ferme Open Day raising money for the World Jersey Cattle Bureau.

And Vicki did more showing in 2004 (see above), and organized a few friends for a 'live Nativity' at the December show. This event was attended by Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda, who was in Jersey for talks to do with business and agriculture (Trinity Manor Jerseys are donating 3 heifers to support the use of Jersey genetics to help Rwandan farmers). Steve had a working lunch with Mr Kagame's party, and Vicki and friends met the President later as part of the Fancy-Dress Class (with Vicki's heifer 'Kayx' dressed as a donkey!!).

and also moved house in Jo'burg, South Africa during summer. Shaun has taken his final school exams this autumn.

Back in Jersey, for Tim and Simone, September saw eldest son Harry become Head Boy at Victoria College Prep.



Steve - judging.....



Simon King - filming Big Cat Diary for BBC