



## Suzanne - changes through the year and on.

This year saw some changes for Suzanne, starting with the completion of her work cataloguing the library at Durrell Wildlife (the new official name for Jersey Zoo) at the end of February. In November, she re-joined the volunteers at Durrell, starting work with head lemur keeper, Tim Wright, to collect and input data on Durrell's GIS system (computer software with layers of information about Durrell's site fitted on aerial photos of the Island (or Durrell in particular)).

And in September, of course, she became an empty-nester (at least during term-time) when Vicki left for university. All sorts of new feelings to take on board and new opportunities ahead, including more time to spend on developing her role as secretary for the World Jersey Cattle Bureau and a range of activities with the Société Jersiaise.

Suzanne took Jo and Vicki over to France in July/August - staying first in a new gite just south of Dinan at Trevron, and then a week in the town of Dinan in a small cottage she had rented before, providing transport for Vicki and her friends while they had their own fun at nearby La Hallerais campsite.

Visitors to Jersey included school friends Florence Baron and Sarah Douglas (née Wright), and Suzanne also took the chance of several visits to London - moving Jo in January, for her birthday in March, with Steve for the Old Cambrians in April (and visiting with Madeleine Beale from QEC days), and moving Vicki in the autumn when she also met up with Steve's Nairobi school friend from New York, James Ilako, with his partner Ailish and their gorgeous new daughter, Sianna.

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## Steve sticks with cows and travelling .....

Patent and trademark company, Lysaght, celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2006 with a weekend trip for staff and partners to Dinard in France. Steve's other travels for work included Toronto, Canada in May and the USA in September, to Philadelphia, New York and Boston.

Of course, no trip nowadays would be complete without a reunion with any local Old Cambrians from his Nairobi school of the 60s and 70s, the Prince of Wales. These included close school friend James Ilako in New York, as well as get-togethers with Old Cambrians visiting Jersey during the year.

A successful year with his beloved Jerseys and organizing the showing for Trinity Manor Jerseys took in the winning of the Island Supreme Female Championship in May, and then the Junior Female Championship and Supercow championship in October. And in September, Trinity Manor Jerseys won the Island Herd Competition - all top honours to win were won.

And to add to all this - Vicki won the Junior Female Championship in May, with Jo as reserve champion - the first time sisters had achieved this double success at the Royal Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural Society.

As treasurer of the RJA&HS and a respected local businessman, Steve has taken part in various discussions to do with Jersey's dairy industry future and the Island's financial future. He also talked about the Jersey cow to visitors to The Elms in St Mary at the National Trust's Heritage Day in September. This was where he and Suzanne had their own Jersey herd in the 1980s - time for some memories.

### Vicki.....

to an end with prize-giving on 17th June when Vicki shared the annual A-level Theatre prize. And finally there was the 6th Form Summer Ball at La Haule Manor (overlooking St Aubin's Bay) and the Leavers' Service on 30th June.

Summer hols included a visit to Dinan in Brittany as usual, with a batch of school friends joining her in August for a few days.

Another highlight of this year for Vicki was a tandem skydive at Vannes in Brittany on 3rd August. She got 'the bug' when in Vannes with Jo for her charity skydive in July.

Suzanne and Vicki sailed from Jersey to England and on to Royal Holloway on 22nd September. They took the chance to pop into London for shopping and theatre, of course - as they did in mid-October, when Suzanne visited for Vicki's 19th birthday.

**2** Vicki will be back in Jersey for Xmas - and to join in the family trip to Florida over the New Year.

### Jo.....

and a November work outing to see *Mamma Mia* in London. Trips to England had visits with cousin Sasha and husband Bill, and several of her university friends including at the Winton weekend in Winchester. Of the latter, Ben visited her in Jersey in April, Emily came for Jo's 24th birthday in August, and, for a week in September, Gez was over with a part in the Noel Coward play *Star Quality* at Jersey's Opera House.

In May, Jo went to visit Sarah Howarth and family in Manchester, and to see *Take That* on their reunion tour. She also kept up with her

Jersey College for Girls friends, especially Kerry Dingle in Jersey, and, in July, joined the Old Girls' association committee, in charge of website development at first.

And in November, Jo flew off to visit Phil and Sandi Le Feuvre in South Africa for 2 weeks. A few days were spent at the coast near

Durban with Sandi, visiting Shaun who is working there as part of his hotel management training. The rest of the time was at their new house in Johannesburg, with Kim and Lexi - lots of fun had by all.

A highlight of Jo's year was on 22nd July - a tandem sky-dive for charity in Vannes, southern Brittany as one of the Magnificent Seven who went by private jet (the latter being a reward for all their fund-raising efforts). Jo raised over £2,700 - the highest amount in the group; over £700 was raised by her and Vicki going round St Helier pubs and clubs on two nights in July. All funds went to Jersey charities Side by Side and the Colin Javens Spinal Injury Trust.



Vicki's skydive



Jo's skydive



## Family news....

### Le Quesne family

Suzanne's Mum has had a less healthy year, with a couple of operations (one a serious emergency) - but has recovered well from both. She continues as a landlady, and with the Jersey University of the 3rd Age.

Sasha and Bill's big news of the year is that they will become parents around 21st January, 2007. Her dad, John, will be with them over Xmas in Purley. Her sisters, Stephanie and Shelley, are both at Highlands College in Jersey, studying media and beauty salon work, respectively.

And news at the end of the year is that David, Katie and Alexander will be leaving Adelaide, Australia to live in Jersey around March 2007. Good news for parents Robert and Jill and Rob's mum Beryl. Still in Jersey are two of David's sisters, Alison and Rosalind, while Hilary now lives in England with her partner.

### Le Feuvre family

Steve's Mum has again been a frequent visitor to Jersey, while Cathy was over for Jo's birthday. They have both had visits, too, from Suzanne, Jo and Vicki, while aunt Pearl was also with us in Jersey in May. Cathy now heads up the Salvation Army's London press office.

In South Africa, Sandi had another difficult year, with her father, Alan, dying in October. During 2006 Phil's finance company became part of a larger concern, and we hear he is developing his golf networking skills. Next year, Shaun (20) is due to come to Jersey on a work placement for 6 months at a local hotel. Kim (12) and Lexi (10) are growing up into two lovely girls...

Back in Jersey there was also sad news for Tim, Simone, Harry (12) and Max (8) when Simone's father, Chas Burt, died very suddenly in August.

### **World Jersey goes to Switzerland...**

In line with their roles as secretary and treasurer of the WJCB, Suzanne and Steve were in Switzerland in June for the annual council meetings. Highlights of the trip are on the website ([www.worldjerseycattle.com](http://www.worldjerseycattle.com)) and included traditional cheese-making in the snow-topped mountains, Jersey cows with classic Swiss cowbells and a 'band' of local bell-ringers using bells up to knee height! Then there was a yodeling choir which produced, unaccompanied, a truly beautiful sound, and, surrounded by mountains, a farmer who called his Jerseys by yodeling - a clear and practical sound impressively suited to its purpose and with a haunting beauty of its own.

Next year they will be in Brazil, including the Amazonian forest and in May 2008 the WJCB Conference is in Jersey.

## The Avonteur Herd in 2006

### **Jo's herd (7)**

Avonteur Sunshine Spice heifer on 12 June, 2006, Avonteur Rosey Spice  
*her daughter*  
Avonteur Sparkle Spice heifer on 21 August, 2006, Avonteur Summer Spice  
*her daughters*  
Avonteur Starry Spice *Show winnings in May 2006*  
1st prize Junior Yearling Heifers & Reserve Junior Female Champion over Jersey  
Avonteur Belle Spice due January 2007  
Avonteur Daz Spice due February 2007

### **Vicki's herd (4)**

Avonteur Dazzling Tean bull in March 2006, due again in June 2007  
Coiffeur 10 died August 2006  
*her daughters*  
Avonteur Coiffeur Kayx bull in January 2006, due again in June 2007  
Avonteur Coiffeur Penda heifer on 10 September, 2006  
Avonteur Coiffeur Mirabel  
*Show winnings* 1st Heifers-in-calf over Jersey in May 2006  
Junior Female Champion over Jersey in May 2006

### **Suzanne's herd (1)**

Avonteur Prime Flush heifer on 17 June, 2006, due again June 2007  
*her daughter*  
Avonteur Snowy Flush died aged 2 weeks old

### **Steve's herd (5)**

Classic Boaster Linda Daisy bull in August 2006  
*her daughter*  
Avonteur Buzz Linda bull in November 2006  
Pixies Royal Premier Lady died March 2006  
*her daughter*  
Imagine Pixie Belle due April 2007  
Camrose Noblesse Finale (bull)  
*Show winnings* 1st prize Junior Progeny over Jersey in May 2006

*Note:* this year neither Jo nor Vicki were Junior Section members, having both reached the upper age limit of 18. Steve stewarded and compered at the May show, and missed the first day of the October show, being in Boston for work.

### *Suzanne.....*

Meeting them in Notting Hill let her have a brief wander round the nearby site of Queen Elizabeth College where she graduated and which is now converted into flats.



The Atkins Building replacement into flats.



QEC 'as was' in October





Our French gite at Trevron



A sisterly first for Jersey - Vicki's champion & Jo's reserve in May Show



Vicki prepares for her skydive



Sandi, Kim, Lexi and Phil in November



Coco the cat



Jo and Shaun in November



Jo and Steve get to grips with car wheel



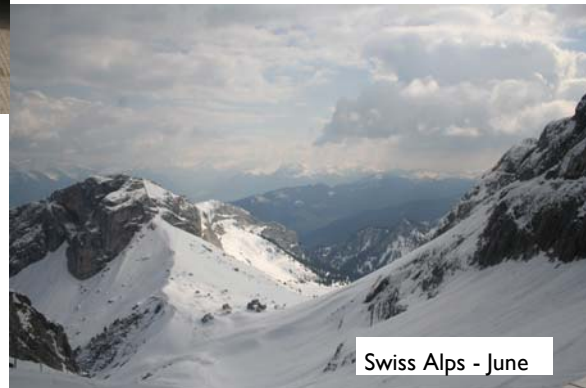
Jersey cow with cow bell in Swiss Alps



Max and Jo, Vicki and Harry in March



Madeleine, Suzanne, Cathy in Leicester Square, London



Swiss Alps - June



Jersey sunset



Rare orchid at Les Mielles



Snow at Avonteur - February