



## Steve becomes President and meets a Princess...



Yes, it was another BIG year for Steve, centred on his election on 19th March as the President of the local Jersey cattle society, the RJA&HS (no, he wasn't a candidate in the USA...!). And it wasn't just a shoe-in either - but a hard-fought battle against Henry Walker who was standing against the proposed change in Jersey's law to allow local cattle breeders to import Jersey bull semen. You can't read about Steve's year without getting embroiled in this subject...

Steve and Princess Anne at RJA&HS

Weeks and months of information gathering, two debates in the States of Jersey, numerous meetings with political scrutiny panels.... And eventually on Friday 18th July, the States' came down on the side of freedom of choice (but I would say that, I was in favour of allowing choice) with a clear majority, 34 votes to 15 - an historic vote in many ways. The first calves using imported Jersey semen (from all over the world) will be with us in early summer 2009 - watch this space (those of you with an interest in the Jersey cow in her Island home, that is).

And 2008 just ran and ran as a BIG year for Steve and the Island Jersey - it was the 175th anniversary of the RJA&HS and to mark this there was a special event at the Royal Jersey showground on the actual anniversary, Tuesday 26th August, when a couple of hundred or so members gathered to mark the day. Then there was a special dinner at the Hotel de France on Saturday, 4th October, and the visit by the Princess Royal - in the place of her mother, HM the Queen Elizabeth II who is the Society's patron. This was also at the showground, on Thursday 30th October, when Steve spent an hour showing her around the array of agricultural and horticultural

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## Jo works, travels, works a bit more, and travels a lot more.... Its all go....

Jo's year has centred on the build-up to her 'big adventure' - 8 months 'travel around the world from 20th October to 22nd June. Almost three years working at Rowlands Recruitment in Jersey have let her save up enough to finance the trip to SE Asia, Australia, New Zealand, and finally South America.



Kim, Jo and Lexi in Cape Town

But first there was a fortnight in April in South Africa with Phil, Sandi, Kimberley and Lexi. Most of this trip was spent in Cape Town, with a day's drive back to Johannesburg across-country.

Then there was the ITEX walk on Saturday, 21st June. Starting at 3 a.m., Jo +

friend Stu took 15 hours to complete the 48.1 miles around the coast of our beautiful Island, cheered on thru the day by Steve, Suzanne, Vicki and Jo's flatmate Ben. This annual event began with 15 walkers in 1991 and has raised almost £1.3m in 18 years. This year saw 1,127 people starting and 667 finishing, raising over £100,000.

Also in June, Sarah Howarth and partner Loz Carmody came to Jersey for 5 days. And August started with Jo taking goddaughter Kaytlyn (now 6) to Paris' Eurodisney for 4 days. Then there was her 26th birthday on the 25th, with

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for updates on the news of family, and Jerseys in Jersey and elsewhere..

## Vicki reaches 21...

Yes, the baby of the family is now 'all grown up' - Vicki was 21 on 16th October. As a special treat, we whisked her off to Hawaii and New York (see over). Then in October, us four, with Cathy (LeF) and 3 of Vicki's friends - Chrissie, Jacob & Val, had a special meal at Strok's, Windsor (in the house designed and built in the 1600s by Christopher Wren as his family home). And on THE day, Vicki, Jo, Suzanne, Chrissie and Val went to the Rainforest Café in central London and to the musical *Hairspray* at the Shaftesbury Theatre.

Other than celebrating her 'coming of age', Vicki has had a busy year with her English lit and drama degree - including playwriting and children's lit courses in the second year. Her third (and final) year includes a dissertation on the Brontë sisters, prompting a visit with Suzanne to Haworth (see over). The year began with a theatre criticism course needing a string of theatre visits, including a day taking in all three plays of the *Norman Conquests* trilogy by Alan Ayckbourn, in London (at the Old Vic) for the first time in 34 years.

She was back at the Old Vic on 30th November, with Chrissie, for the annual 24 Hour Plays Gala (a fund-raising event for youngsters in theatre, Suzanne couldn't go so sent the girls). This let them mingle with the teams producing plays from scratch in one day - Josh Hartnett, Kevin Spacey, Jason Isaacs, etc....

Being in the UK, Vicki gets to meet up *(Continued on page 2)*

## Suzanne does her thing..

Another year of variety - from books, history, environment and marine biology with the Société Jersiaise, through walking and bird-watching, more work as a volunteer at Durrell Wildlife and with Jersey College for Girls 'Old Girls', some Slow Food Jersey events, and - as ever - plenty of Jersey cows.

The talk.... a high point was giving a talk in the History Section lunchtime series at the Société, on 12th November. The subject was one close to her heart - Votes for Women, Jersey Style -

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Happy Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year  
*Love from*  
*Steve, Suzanne,*  
*Jo and Vicki*

Vicki continued..... with her auntie Cathy (who lives just 20 mins away in Gerards Cross), as well as visiting with Chrissie's family. Chrissie came over to Jersey for 2 weeks in August, including a week in Dinan (camping, go-karting, crepes, castles and wine). Vicki showed Chrissie our lovely Island home with kayaking at Bouley Bay, Durrell Wildlife, Segway and Big Vern's at

Vicki & Chrissie with crepes and cider



St Ouen, our cows at Trinity Manor, and, on a more sombre note, the Jersey War Tunnels explaining the years in World War II of the German Occupation.

Vicki spent the Easter and summer breaks in Jersey, of course, including working for godfather Phil Bisson's trust company in June to August - her first office job! And in November, Vicki popped over to Venice for a weekend to visit school-pal Bella, who is there for a term as part of her history of art degree at Warwick. Vicki will be back home for Christmas, and the next Les Feuvres trip - to Australia.

Vicki & Chrissie go-karting



## Les Feuvres Down Under

Early on Boxing Day, Steve, Suzanne, Vicki, Steve's Mum, and Cathy

will fly off to Australia, to be joined by Jo and uni friend Emily. They will all see the New Year in on a boat in Sydney Harbour, see the sights, and catch up with friends before moving to Melbourne for the second week. Cathy and Suzanne are staying on separately in Australia after the others leave on the 10th January, both visiting

2 New Zealand as well.

## Les Feuvres in USA...

To mark Vicki's 21st, Steve and Suzanne took her to the USA in September - Jo had no more spare hols from work so missed out on this trip. The remaining threesome arrived in Oahu, Hawaii very late on 6th September and promptly had a midnight swim in the pool of the house they rented... lovely start to the stay, with palm trees overhead against the dark dark blue sky - and so warm...!!!

Hawaii is home to Tim and Barb Mathews who picked us up from the airport and met us a few times, including taking us to brunch in the Officers' Club at the Marine Base near our rental house in Kailua (this is the base that was first to be attacked by the Japanese on the way to Pearl Harbour on 7th December 1940). Steve and Tim hadn't seen each other since being at school in Nairobi in the 70s... lots of catching up. Tim also took us to see Pearl Harbour, including the sunken wreck of USS Arizona, now a memorial to all who lost their lives that day, and we also toured the submarine the USS Bowfin. We also shopped, drove along the simply awesomely beautiful east and north coast of Oahu, met wild turtles, ate shrimps, and had fun boogie boarding on the beach a few feet from our house. And Suzanne and Vicki took a helicopter flight over the volcanic mountain area, and they also swam with dolphins at Oahu's SeaLife Centre - that was a SPECIAL experience.

Then on 17th September, we arrived in New York, with Steve meeting up with another Old Cambrian, Ted David, while Suzanne and Vicki wandered to Times Square, caught a film, and ate at the Hard Rock Café there. Then there was a day wandering past the Empire State Building, shopping at Maceys (150 years old this year), visiting St Paul's Church next to the World Trade Centre site, and walking round some of Greenwich Village. Finally, there was a meal in the Rainbow Room watching sunset over the city from the .. Floor, and *Mamma Mia* on Broadway (that was some show... even Steve loved it). The last full day saw us meet James I lako with partner Ailish and 2-year-old daughter, Sianna, first in Bryant Park and then on a boat trip round Manhattan. Finally, we all had tea at the Bryant Park Grill, joined by James' brother Charles who was, by luck, in New York for work.

Finally, we had brunch at the Boathouse in Central Park on our last morning, with Suzanne and Vicki taking a boat out on the lake afterwards. Then there was time for a horse-drawn carriage ride and shopping on Fifth Avenue.

Jo continued..... her uni friends Lucy, Emily & Leah (+ Joe, and his mate Fel) over to help celebrate.

And (with Steve's help) Jo organised two RJA&HS Junior Section events - showing cattle lessons in May and ten-pin-bowling in September.

She left Rowlands on 3rd October, and Jersey on 15th October, leaving her (well, Grandma's) St Helier flat in the capable hands of her flatmate Ben Torrell, with Rob Giraffa taking up the spare space while she's away. And after celebrating Vicki's 21st in London, Jo flew off to Bangkok on Monday 20th October to begin her 'big adventure'.

So far, she has spent several days in Thailand (bamboo rafting, elephant riding), in Laos (a boat on the Mekong River, jumping off a waterfall, meeting Buddhist monks), then in Vietnam (a night on a boat in Halong Bay, the Hanoi Hilton where John McCain was a POW - on the day of the USA election, mopeds in Hue, tailoring in Hoi An, and Ho Chi Minh City), and finally Cambodia (Phnom Penh and the 'killing fields', Siem Reap and the Angkor Wat including where *Tomb Raider* was filmed). Then she had a couple of days in Singapore before a bus to Malaysia. Here she visited Melaka (meeting Christian Bell from Newquay) and then spent a few days in the independent Sultanate of Langkawi, an island off north-west Malaysia. The boat and bus trip from here to the Cameron Highlands, Malaysia brought problems but various locals helped her out and she made the (much cooler) highlands just in time.

She started December in Bali, Indonesia with Sarah (and Loz) Howarth and family - a change to her plans as the family wedding they were due to attend in Phuket was cancelled when Bangkok airport was closed by demonstrators for a week. Jo has another wedding in Ko Samui, Thailand on 28th December, this time for Jersey couple Kat and Phil (De Gruchy) and then she will join us all in Sydney before spending 2 months each in Australia and New Zealand, and then 2 more months in South America. Go to [www.getjealous.com/jolefeuvre...](http://www.getjealous.com/jolefeuvre...)

## Family news....

### Le Quesne family

Two new babies joined the family in 2008 - David, Katie and Alexander welcomed Abbie on 23rd April. And in Brisbane, Queensland, Alison and Adam welcomed Xavier on 5th July. David and family now live in Slate House, St Clement, Rob and Jill having moved to a (renovated) cart shed next door.

Meanwhile, in January 2009 Sasha and Bill (still in Purley, London) are expecting a brother for Sophie, who will be 2 that month.

They came to Jersey in April and August, and we all met in central London in October.

Sasha's sisters, Stephanie and Shelley, both started university in 2008, at Southampton and Roehampton, London, respectively.

And in October, Suzanne met up with Michele Newston (nee Le Quesne) who came over (all too) briefly to Jersey for work with her daughter, ... and granddaughter.... Michele is the granddaughter of Suzanne's great-aunt and plans to visit for longer in 2009.

### Le Feuvre family

In February, Steve's Mum came back to live in Jersey after almost 20 years in Harrow, London, and is now settled back into the house in Parade Road, St Helier. Aunt Pearl spent 5 weeks here helping with the move, and came back in September with Aunt Lil for a more restful visit.

Cathy has also been over more often, with one visit in early December allowing for an early celebration of her 50th (on the 21st) with all of the Jersey Les Feuvres, including Tim, Simone, Harry (now 14) and Max (10). Through her job as head of media for the Salvation Army, Cathy has been involved in the pop charts this autumn with a successful CD released by the Salvation Army International Band *Together* - already at gold disc status by early December.

Over in South Africa, Phil and Sandi both have new jobs - Shaun too has a new post in the hospitality industry, having come back from his 8 months in Florida, USA on work placement. While Kimberley (14) and Lexi (12) are just growing up 'luverly'.



Sophie aged 15 months

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### **Jo's herd (6)**

Avonteur Sunshine Spice	died January 2008
Avonteur Rosey Spice	bull on 13 May 2008, due May 2009
Avonteur Loopy Spice	due July 2009 to international genetics
Avonteur Starry Spice	bull on 14 February 2008, due February 2009
Avonteur Belle Spice	bull on 1 January 2008, due December 2008
Avonteur Snowbelle Spice	due March 2009

*Show winnings* 5th Heifer-in-calf over Jersey in October 2008

Avonteur Daz Spice	died December 2007, not in-calf
Avonteur Dazzle Spice	due April 2009

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

Avonteur Dazzling Tean	heifer on 5 February 2008, Avonteur Lala Salama
Avonteur Coiffeur Penda	heifer on 27 Sept 2008, Avonteur Coiffeur Zamani

Avonteur Coiffeur Mirabel	heifer on 24 Nov 2008, Avonteur Coiffeur Matokeo
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Avonteur Coiffeur Malaika	
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*Show winnings* 4th Junior Yearling Heifer over Jersey in May 2008

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

La Pepinière Margo	born 7 December 2007, bought March 2008
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### **Steve's herd (7)**

La Pepinière Juliet Joy	born 24 December 2007, bought March 2008
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La Pepinière Hen Louise	born 18 January 2008, bought March 2008
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Les Ormes Christina	<i>Jersey's highest classified cow—Ex 95</i> , bought March 2008
heifer on 7 September 2008, I imagine Boss Christina	
due August 2009 to international genetics	

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I imagine Pixie Belle	heifer on 18 September 2008 (not kept)
	due August 2009 to international genetics

I imagine Outlaw Opal	bull on 20 June 2008
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Steve continued..... activities (Suzanne got introduced too).

And another big event to mark the year was the 19th World Jersey conference held in Jersey at the end of May. This saw Steve greeting visitors from all over the world - first in the UK, then in Jersey for a week including a special cattle show, and then joining them (with Suzanne) for a week in France, including the D-Day landing beaches, various Jersey herds and Monet's garden before a final day in Paris.

Meanwhile, alongside all this cattle stuff, Steve has continued to manage the patent and trademarks' firm, Lysaght & Co, including several trips abroad - most notably 10 days in Beijing, China in November. And not forgetting his sterling work with the Old Cambrians from his Nairobi school from his Kenya days in the 60s and 70s, both the website, the UK reunion in April, and meeting up with various Old Cambrians around the world.

*Suzanne* continued..... prompted by the 90th anniversary in 2009 of Jersey women over 30 getting the vote, and the 60th anniversary of the first woman elected to the States of Jersey in 1948.

And the travel.... trips to Vicki in the UK, taking in visits with Di Graham and daughters Georgie and Lottie in Twyford. And a couple to France - a week in March at her favourite gite in Trevron, south of Dinan (joined for a weekend by Jo), and in August the usual summer one, this time with Jo, Vicki and her uni friend Chrissie, & joined by some of Vicki's Jersey friends for some camping (Suzanne and Jo staying in the Trevron gite). Then there were a couple of days in June with Vicki to visit the home of the Brontës in Haworth, Yorkshire. This allowed Vicki to gain a feel for the Parsonage and surrounding town and moors where the Brontës lived. They stayed in The Old Registry, a lovely B&B where Charlotte Brontë's wedding was registered. And, of course, there was the USA in September and the UK in October for Vicki's 21st, & to see Jo off on her travels. Others came to Jersey, including Florence Baron several times from the UK, Lee and Shirley Richards in April, and Cathy Fraser from Vancouver, Canada in October.

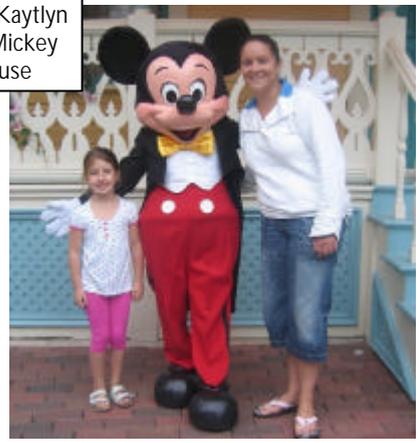


Sandi, Jo and Phil



Vicki ready for Ellen's masked ball, with mask from Di & girls in Canada

Jo and Kaytlyn with Mickey Mouse

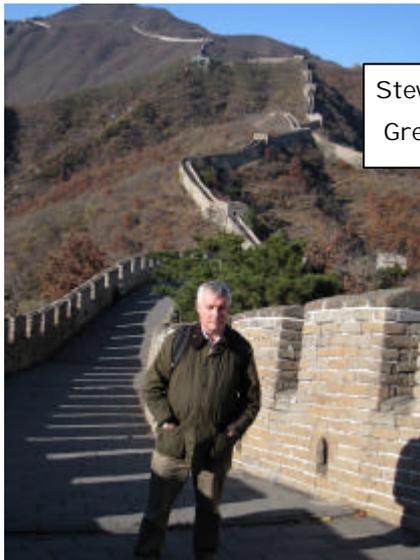


Tim, Harry and Max at Parade Road in September

Red squirrel in the garden



Sasha & Sophie (19 months)



Steve on the Great Wall



Vicki, Suzanne, Jo, Sarah and Loz at Castle Green



Steve & Tim Mathews



Jo on elephant in Thailand



Jo - asian style

Sianna & Vicki, New York



Green turtle, Hawaii

Jo, Steve, Suzanne, Vicki in April



Suzanne & Vicki meeting a dolphin in Hawaii