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## Vicki graduates..... and moves to England..... for now

On the morning of Wednesday, 15th July, Vicki walked thru the Picture Gallery at Royal Holloway (University of London) and into the Chapel to be awarded her upper-second-class BA (Hons) in English Lit and Drama/Theatre Studies, and then join Steve, Suzanne and Jo at the drinks reception in the RHUL quadrangles... Mortar



Vicki, the graduate

boards were thrown up in the air, we chatted with Chris-sie Churchill, plus her family and her boyfriend Jacobo Blanco, met Vicki's friends Annalise & Bernita, & had lunch nearby with Annalise and her mother. Then it was off to south London to visit with Sasha & Bill and kiddies.

With Steve and Jo off home the next morning, Vicki and Suzanne went to see the evening performance of Peter Pan in London's Kensington Gardens - beautiful theatre experience. And they also fitted in their first look at the new Harry Potter film in Leicester Square before flying back to Jersey.

Before this, Vicki had been working mostly non-stop from before Christmas 2008 until 27th April when she handed in her final work for the degree, including a dissertation on the writing of the Bronte sisters. She did manage a week off at the end of March - she and Chris-sie went skiing in Les Deux Alpes, near Grenoble, France before they each went home for the Easter vacation. Vicki was even working through the family trip to Australia... dedication indeed...

In June she took a course in proof-reading and editing in London, and then registered as a temp with Jo in Jersey for the summer. Vicki has now moved back to England to look for work in publishing. From September to November, she spent most of her time with Sasha and Bill, helping to look after Sophie and Charlie around the family's move to their new house and (through Bill's help) shadowing the Research Editor at the Standard Chartered Bank in The City. She is now *Vicki* staying with her aunt, Cathy Le Feuvre, north-west of London, doing some work experience at the Salvation Army HQ in London, and with more lined up for January at two different literary agents in central London. She is back home for Christmas & New Year.

## Jo comes back from 'the best experience of my life'

The first half of Jo's year saw the main part of her 8 months round-the-world travels (begun on 20th October last year) and saw her finally back home on 6th July, and then back at Rowlands Recruitment in St Helier. While she was travelling in South America they had got in touch and invited her back to take charge of their temp desk - which she has been doing successfully since then, as well as picking up her work with the local secondary schools

Jo at Maccu Picchu, Peru



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★ *Christmas* ★  
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★ *Happy New Year* ★  
★ *Love from* ★  
★ *Steve, Suzanne, Jo and Vicki* ★  
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for Rowlands.

New Year was seen in with the family in Sydney & Melbourne, before a few weeks going around Australia, including a couple of visits with Alison (Le Quesne), Adam and Xavier in Brisbane. First there was a drive in a convertible with friends along the Great Ocean Drive west of Melbourne. Travel in Queensland was mostly on an Oz Experience hop on-hop off bus ticket, with scuba diving round and a private plane over the Great Barrier Reef, 4x4 camping on Fraser Island, time on a cattle station and sailing in the Whitsun Islands. Visiting the Red Centre in the Australian outback, Jo did the 10 km

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## Suzanne gets fit....

Yep, Suzanne is now the fittest she's ever been. She has lost (deliberately) almost three stone in weight (that's about 40 lbs, or 18 kg), walks every morning (as the sun is rising) and since May has been going to the gym twice a week... Amazing.. Suzanne at the gym..!! A lot of credit must go to her personal trainer, Andy, at Club Carrefour (just down the road from Six Roads, St Lawrence).



Suzanne rowing at Club Carrefour

Andy's expertise (and patience) has meant that an injured knee and dodgy back haven't stopped Suzanne training, and now the knee and back are fine as muscles are doing the work they should.

Of course, none of this was possible until Suzanne sorted the chronic fatigue syndrome she'd had for well over 10 years, achieved through a combination of study, pacing, trying things out and sticking to them, etc.... There is always a very individual solution to these chronic problems, but even just accepting them and battling on is better than giving up.

Being fit, and with the main part of

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## Steve.. Busy, busy, busy

It won't be a surprise to know that Steve continues to juggle a wide range of activities... from managing patent and trademark attorneys Lysaght & Co, through milking, breeding, showing and judging Jersey cows to running the Old Cambrians and their website. And, of course, he's still President of the Royal Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural Society which has seen him take part in political groups, dine with the Island's Lieut-Governor, attend the new Bailiff's swearing-in, a new allotments scheme, awarding prizes to horticultural winners, meeting the Chinese ambassador to the UK, and overseeing the re-organisation

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Suzanne continued....her parenting 'career' now completed (accepting that the parent-kid relationship never ends, of course) Suzanne is now re-arranging her life and has begun the lengthy process of working towards a PhD in history, studying emigration from the Channel Islands to Australia in the 1850s.

Suzanne gave two talks at the Société Jersiaise - in April on the Jersey cow, and in November on 90 years of the Jersey Farmers' Union, of which her Dad, Don Le Quesne, was president for 13 years in the 60s and 70s.

Suzanne is still often at the Société and has just retired after some 9 years as minutes secretary to the Société Executive Committee. She continues to volunteer at Durrell Wildlife, does minutes for the Jersey College for Girls Old Girls', as well as sourcing and editing their pages in the school magazine.

There have been the visits to the UK to see Vicki, and also friends Di and Florence. Theatre with Vicki & Chrissie has included 'Three Days of Rain' with James McAvoy and Nigel Harnen, 'Warhorse', Kevin Spacey in 'Inherit the Wind' and Lenny Henry in 'Othello'. There was also a short visit with Jo and Vicki to Dinan, Brittany as usual in summer.

## Les Feuvres in Oz...

The focus for this trip was meeting our traveling Jo in Sydney for New Year..... This was achieved in style - Steve, Suzanne, Jo, Vicki, Nana, Cathy and Jo's uni friend Emily stayed in a house north of Sydney Harbour, and saw in 2009 on a boat in the Harbour, one of those lit up and in the parade. A spectacular sunset and then the even more spectacular fireworks based on the SH Bridge. Wow... words are inadequate. The second week we moved to a house in Mount Martha, an hour's drive south of Melbourne. Here we recovered, enjoyed the local restaurant, popped into the city and met up with Winsome Anderson and son Ian, including a day with them on Phillip Island to see the evening parade of little penguins back from the sea to their big fat fluffy 'chicks' in their burrows. Also an interesting museum farm (including a couple of Jerseys), and a koala sanctuary - with amazing close encounters with wild koalas.

Steve, Vicki and Nana went back to Jersey, Jo continued her travels, Cathy went off to Brisbane and New Zealand, and Suzanne spent a few more days round Melbourne (thanks to Winsome and to Seán Klinkradt) before flying off to New Zealand herself. Visits with Des Hickey and Le Quesne cousins Dairne & Don Yallop in North Island followed, and then with Jo & Jack Davies before she took a train down the west coast - unbelievably beautiful countryside, with a Jersey herd now and then just to make perfection. Over to South Island, and the train along the NE coast to Kaikoura, and whale-watching - 4 sperm whales diving, a pod of 50-plus dusky dolphins cavorting just feet away, various albatrosses flying past, and also a young humpback whale which breached full-length just once - no time for a photo, just an image held for ever.... Time in Christchurch to visit with Jackie (Monkman) and Peter at Akaroa on the coast (more beautiful places) and then an awesome flight over the mountains to Wanaka. Here Suzanne spent a week at the wonderful Riverrun B&B, flying over to Milford Sound for a boat along the fjord, visiting the conservation island of Mou Waho, and just driving around... Finally, it was time to drive to Queenstown and a visit with Annette and Gerald Gunther in Invercargill, including vintage tractors at Edendale Crank-Up Day and meeting NZ celebrities, plus the rugged coast at the southernmost tip of New Zealand. A few days back in Melbourne with Seán and finally back home on 6th February.

## World Jerseys in USA

Steve and Suzanne spent much of June in Kenya and then the USA with Jerseys and Jersey people. After 2 weeks in Kenya (see opposite), Suzanne flew on to join the World Jersey Cattle Bureau tour in Amarillo, Texas. Visits included several farms with thousands and thousands of Jerseys, and also the now largest dairy in the world, Hilmar's facility at Dalhart, Texas. Then it was on to Columbus, Ohio, a visit to the American Jersey Cattle Association HQ, and then a coach up to Syracuse, New York via the Belhurst Castle winery and Ohio Amish country before meeting up with Steve for the WJCB meetings week. Throughout all were numerous impressive and educating Jersey farm visits, and plenty of time to catch up with 'old' friends like Cherie (USA), Russell (Canada), Wikus (SAfrica), Winsome & Ian (Australia), Peter (Denmark) etc.. And make new ones (that's you, Rachel and Patty). Plenty of people for Facebook posting since.

Jo continued.... walk around Uluru (Ayers Rock) as well as visiting Alice Springs. Then it was out to Western Australia - flying to Perth, and then a road trip with friends in campervan Dave up and down the west coast taking in Ningaloo Reef, Turquoise Bay, dolphins at Monkey Mia and wine-tasting in Swan Valley. Then it was back to Laura and Steve's wedding in Sydney (Jo met Laura in Asia last year) and on to New Zealand's South Island to visit Annette and Gerald Gunther in Invercargill and see around Queenstown, Dunedin and the lovely coast in between.

Buses with Kiwi Experience mostly took Jo round the rest of New Zealand ... Christchurch first, then over to North Island where as well as visiting Le Quesne cousins Dairne and Don Yallop, she fitted in the 'Swoop' (something like a paragliding sleeping bag!), black water rafting in the Waitomo glow-worm caves and the 7-hour Tongariro Alpine Crossing with good views of Lord of the Rings mountains - oh and a Jersey cow at a farm show. Then it was back to South Island, cycling round the Marlborough Straits wine region and then back on the bus down the beautiful west coast to skydive over the Fox Glacier, hike onto the Franz Josef Glacier, bus down to Wanaka and Milford Sound, and then do the Nevis Bungy Jump in Queenstown - a 134 metre jump from a pod on a cable over a gorge. Scary...!! A restful week in Fiji followed, with Jersey friends Kat and Phil Gruchy, and then it was back to Auckland, a visit with Jo and Jack Davies, and then a flight to Santiago, Chile & the South American leg of the trip.

More buses, many overnight, and Jo went north along the coast to the Atacama Desert, and then to the salt plains of Bolivia and then the capital, La Paz, coping with altitude sickness on the way. A trip to the Amazon jungle followed, and on more overnight buses to Lake Titicaca before going into Peru, including Cuzco (the Inca capital) and on to Machu Picchu - a stunning place, and llamas too...! A brief visit to Lima, and Jo was off to Ecuador, the rain forest and capital Guayaquil before flying to Argentina to meet up with Kat and Phil again (via some serious problems with bank cards and not enough cash...!!)

Argentina saw Jo and the others as cowboys on a guacho ranch and tasting plenty of wine around Cafayate. Then it was on to Buenos Aires, the Iguazu Falls and into Brazil (+ more cash problems to resolve) and the last 23-hour bus journey to Rio for a few days, not quite carnival time but still party time - altho the Christ Redeemer statue was invisible behind the clouds..

**2** Finally, it was 6th July and time to fly back to the UK. Details of the travels are still at [www.getjealous.com/jolefeuvre](http://www.getjealous.com/jolefeuvre)

Back in the UK, Jo went to visit with Sarah and Loz in Manchester and then to Vicki's graduation before returning to Jersey on 16th July. Since then she has found her feet in her new/old job at Rowlands, met up with old and new friends both in Jersey and the UK, popped up to Manchester again, and is now well and truly settled back 'on the Rock'.

## Family news....

### Le Feuvre family

Steve's Mum is well-settled back in Jersey, with visits through the year from Pearl, Lil and Brenda. Cathy has been over several times, and will be with us over Christmas. She continues as head of media for the Salvation Army in the UK.

Tim continues to do well with his Sports Bug company he started 13 years ago. He offers a range of sports activities for kids from age 1 to 11, with seven venues around the Island (see [www.sportsbug.net](http://www.sportsbug.net)). Simone continues to teach at Victoria College Prep, and both Harry (15) and Max (11) are at Vic.

Plans for 2010 include a visit in April to South Africa, to see Phil, Sandi, Shaun, Kimberley (15) and Lexi (13).

And in May, Penny Le Feuvre came all the way from Australia to visit with us, along with her friend Sue Meaker.

### Le Quesne family

Sasha and Bill's baby boy, Charlie, arrived in January, just before Sophie's 2nd birthday. They were in Jersey for Charlie's naming day on 13th September, held again in the Members' Room at the Royal Jersey Showground. This room will host over 30 members of the Le Quesne family and friends on Christmas Day this year prompted, as in 2007, by Sasha and Bill bringing their little ones over. In October Sasha and Bill moved from Coulsden to a new house nearby, in Purley, South London.

Charlie's naming day brought Sasha's Dad, John, over from Cornwall for his first visit since moving there five years ago. And on 10th September we celebrated his 60th birthday (ahead of the 21st October date) with a superb meal at La Capannina.

A lot of Le Quesnes were in Jersey this year for Hilary's wedding to Tim King on 23rd May at St Clement's Church, with the reception at the wonderful historic farm, Hamptonne; they are living near Salisbury, Wiltshire. Meanwhile, in Brisbane, Australia, Alison has been working hard at law exams; she and Adam are expecting a new baby in 2010 to join 1-year-old Xavier.

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## Avonteur Jerseys in 2009

### Jo's herd (7)

Avonteur Rosey Spice	calved 17 September 2009 (another cow's embryo)
Avonteur Loopy Spice	heifer on 2 July, 2009 Avonteur Lucky Spice
Avonteur Starry Spice	bull on 22 February 2009, due January 2010 to QZik
Avonteur Belle Spice	bull on 15 December 2008, due 18 March 2010
Avonteur Snowbelle Spice	bull on 25 March 2009
Avonteur Dazzle Spice	bull on 25 May 2009

### Vicki's herd (8)

Avonteur Dazzling Tean	due 14 April 2010 to Verify
<i>her daughter</i>	
Avonteur Lala Salama	due April 2010
Avonteur Coiffeur Penda	bull on 4 Sept 2009, due 17 August 2010 to Action
<i>Show winnings</i>	4th in Supercow Competition, October 2009
<i>her daughter</i>	
Avonteur Coiffeur Zamani	15 months old, about to be bred
Avonteur Coiffeur Mirabel	heifer on 21 November 2009
	Avonteur V Coiffeur Actionella (by Action)

*her daughter*

Avonteur Coiffeur Matoeko	13 months old, to be bred February 2010
Avonteur Coiffeur Malaika	calved 26 November 2009 (another cow's embryo)

### Suzanne's herd (1)

La Pepinière Margo	bull on 7 December 2009
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### Steve's herd (8)

La Pepinière Juliet Joy	due February 2010
<i>Show winnings</i>	5th Heifer-in-calf over Jersey, October 2009
La Pepinière Hen Louise	due February 2010
Les Ormes Christina	<i>Jersey's highest classified cow—Ex 95</i>
	heifer on 31 July 2009, Imagine Sambo Christina (by Lester Sambo)
	flushed 21 October 2009 to Action, 5 Grade A embryos,
	2 implanted and due July 2010

due August 2010 to Sultan

*her daughter*

Imagine Boss Christina	due August 2010 to Centurion
Imagine Pixie Belle	due 27 February 2010 to Guapo
Imagine Outlaw Opal	heifer on 5 August 2009 Imagine Sultan Daisy (by Sultan)



Steve, his fellow interbreed judges, the Supreme Champ, handler & owner

Steve continued... of the RJA with a new general Council and two separate committees for the agricultural and horticultural departments.

During this, he fitted in work trips to London, to Nigeria (to give a talk to the bar association in April) and to Seattle, USA and Lisbon, Portugal for conferences. Then there was a trip to London for the annual Old Cambrians reunion, and also one in Kenya at the Prince of Wales School (now Nairobi School) in June. This

visit to Kenya from 7th to 21st June was for Steve to judge the Kenyan Jersey classes at the biennial National Livestock Show in Nairobi. He and Suzanne visited with both Jersey breeder and Old Cambrian friends, as well as spending several days at Little Governor's Camp in the Maasai Mara. Thanks particularly to Abed Malek (Steve's school chum) and to hosts Ted and .. Alleyne and Romi and Ari Grammaticas. It was also great to see Romi and Ari in Jersey for a brief visit in November.

And an important part of his life continues at Trinity Manor Jerseys where Steve helps regularly with the milking as well as their showing and breeding, the latter especially important this year with the first calves from imported Jersey sires being born from June onwards and several successful embryo transfer sessions during the year... .. exciting times.

And there's always the World Jersey Cattle Bureau, for which he is still treasurer which saw him in New York in June for the annual meetings (see opposite) - via a quick Wye College reunion in Kent where he did his agric economics degree in the 70s - the last chance to visit that college itself before its sale.



Vicki, Suzanne, Steve and Jo and the White House, St Ouen's Bay 20th December, 2009

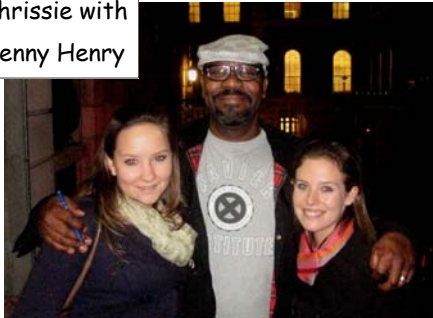


Steve, Vicki, Suzanne and Jo at New Year, Sydney Harbour



Suzanne presenting the Le Quesne trophy at the Autumn cattle show

Vicki and Chrissie with Lenny Henry



Great Auntie Suzanne and Great Uncle Steve with Charlie (5+ months) and Sophie (2 yrs 5 months)

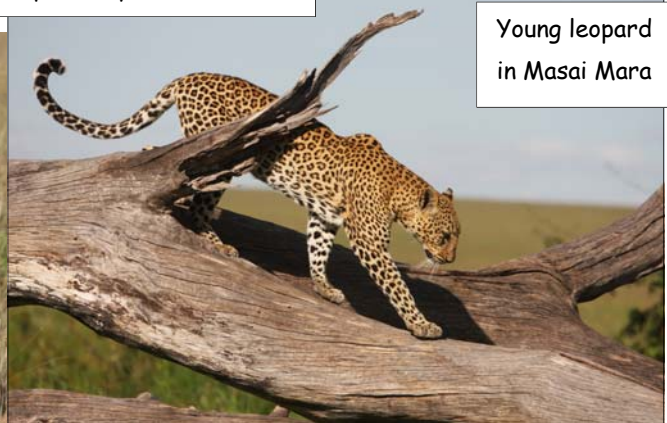
John and grandson Charlie, aged 3



Suzanne at the (windy) southern most point of South Island, New Zealand



Young leopard in Masai Mara



Lake Wanaka, NZ with Mou Waho in centre



Honey's three sons, Masai Mara

Elephant family, Masai Mara



Avonteur in the December snow



Jo scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef



Impala, Masai Mara