



The English Guernsey Cattle Society

Guernsey News

CHRISTMAS 2012

Tredinney Prince Alicia 12



Tredinney Prince Milkmaid



Tredinney Prince After Eight 2



Tredinney Prince Lillian 8



*A selection of
Tredinney Yogis Prince's
daughters*

TREDINNEY YOGIS PRINCE 43611													
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F&L: 0.4	Mam: 0.9	SCC: -	Fert: -	GMI: 90 DS: 0.5
Rel 66	13M	3.1F	1.9P	0.05F% 0.03P% 5.0F+P PLI: £23
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Editor's Letter

Dear Members and friends of The English Guernsey Cattle Society,

Well, here we are again and, I apologise in advance if I am in danger of repeating myself but, where did this year go. You would have thought that with a succession of gloomy days that constituted Spring, Summer and Autumn, time would have dragged but time flies by, must be because we are enjoying ourselves so much. Every year we moan about the weather, thinking it can't get any worse, but this year it really did surpass itself and as I sit here writing to you all, a storm of near biblical proportion is raging outside the window and then one hell of a crash as 3 or 4 ridge tiles come crashing off the roof, just missing the car, thank goodness. I think I had better go out and move it – be back in a minute.

Back to the job in hand, once again the Society has enjoyed an eventful year, the highlight being the 2 days of the AGM hosted by Gideon and Dawn Lacey. For once we were blessed with some late Summer sunshine as a few of us strolled around Windsor Castle, even more of us viewed the Jersey herd and the robotic milking machines at the Royal Farm and onwards to The Crown at Pishill where we enjoyed an excellent meal, most of which originated from Bolter End Farm. The second day dawned equally beautiful for a leisurely stroll around the Beechgroves herd culminating at Hambleton Village Hall for Lunch and the actual Meeting. Firstly a tremendous thank you to Gideon, Dawn and their family and army of helpers for all the thought and effort that went into those two days and the excellent way in which they have conducted their Presidential role throughout the year. Secondly our congratulations to all those who were awarded prizes in the Herd Competition 2011, especially Andrew and Rachel Payling who will probably have to invest in another side board.

Not only was the Show season particularly affected by the inclement weather in 2012, many Shows including the Royal Show on the Island being cancelled, the spectre of TB con-

tinues to make deep inroads into the quantity and the quality of stock that are able to make it to the Show Ring. Once again we commend our members who continue to support the Shows, both large and small and continue to fly the banner for the Guernsey breed. Our special congratulations go to the Greenslade family, in particular Emma, who really have been on a role with their success at The SW Dairy Show being closely followed by sweeping the board at The All Britain All Breeds Calf Show. Caroline, Emma and the whole Greenslade family – thank you for your loyalty to the Guernsey breed and the show ring - Congratulations! Unfortunately our website has disappointed in 2012 and whilst every effort has been made to keep you up to date with results, etc technical failure has daunted us throughout the year. This is being addressed as I speak and it is planned that we will begin 2013 with a new host and a new site. However with the help of Kim and Digby I think I have covered nearly every significant show where Guernseys were exhibited in 2012 in these pages and it's all in glorious colour.

As TB continues to cut swathes through our Breed we are also seeing an increased incidence of Johnes disease. As a Society we have a responsibility to ensure that we all take this threat seriously, so the Society would recommend that you, as members, take action if you are in any doubt that this pernicious disease is present in your herd, especially if you are intending in selling cattle. I refer you back to Loretta Francia's article on Page 7 of the 2011 Journal, which lists some helpful steps to control this disease in your herds, in addition, if you record, please contact NMR or CIS who both operate monitoring schemes by using milk samples on a quarterly basis. If you are considering selling stock into other herds, the most reliable result comes through a blood test prior to movement.

You may be aware that change is afoot in the administration of the Society. Earlier this year we were informed by QMP and latterly The Jersey Society that they would be quitting the office we all share at Scotsbridge House, thus forcing some difficult decisions upon us as we can-

not continue to finance this office on our own whilst the nucleus of the herds is no longer in the London area. Therefore it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Melanie after nearly 24 years of loyal service to the Society and take the decision to move the whole administration to Devon. On a personal note I should like to thank Melanie for all her help and advice. When I took on my role in November 2009, I literally had to hit the ground running and I couldn't have done that without Melanie's knowledge and help – I will miss her very much and I am sure you will all join with me when we wish every success and happiness in her new working life. At the end of January the Society officially leaves Rickmansworth although our relationship with HUK will continue as now with the aid of modern technology. There will be a dedicated telephone line for The English Guernsey Cattle Society here at Meadwell Farm with answerphone. I shall attempt to give you as an efficient a service as you now enjoy, but would remind you that this is a working farm where I have responsibilities like all of you, but I promise if you leave me a message I will get back to you that same day if I can.

I would also draw your attention to the letter enclosed with this Journal about Paperless Registration. The Society has signed up to this new innovation as of the 1st January 2013 which gives all of you a chance to have a dummy run over the Christmas and New Year period. The benefit of this new procedure is that the information is continually updated including classification scores, however if you wish to continue receiving a copy of your certificates please contact me and the Society will provide this service.

You will also have noticed that James Bartlett has taken on the role of Chairman of Finance. We wish him well in his new position and will do all we can to make this transition as easy as possible. However it would be very remiss of me not to thank Nigel on behalf of the whole Society for the outstanding work he has done in getting our finances and administration back on to an even keel over a period of several years. Again on a personal note I would like to sincerely thank

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Retiring President's end of year report 2012

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as president of the EGCS for the last year and I have been very grateful for the opportunity to serve in this role.

Following on from the enjoyable AGM kindly hosted by George and Elsie Fallows, my first event as president was the South West Dairy Show where it was nice to be part of a specialist dairy event.

Dawn and I received a warm welcome at the association and branch dinners for which we would like to express our thanks. It was also a privilege to be able to represent the society at the funerals of some much respected members and interesting to hear some very diverse and inspiring obituaries.

We also enjoyed the show season where it was great to meet up with other members and see some excellent cows; however it was sad that so many top cows were grounded with TB restrictions. Especially notable was the Cornwall show where the rain was horizontal and several marquees fell foul of the high winds, although it did not dampen the enthusiasm of those involved. Thank you to all of those who work so tirelessly to promote the breed and give so much time and energy to the shows.

It was a welcome change to have nice weather when we visited Guernsey Island where it seemed like half the Island was being made into hay. Unfortunately due to the previous bad weather the show had been cancelled and so we were very grateful to Digby who organized a tour of some of the herds enabling us to see some great cows. It was a very enjoyable trip rounded off with another excellent Society dinner which we were delighted to attend and are very grateful for the kind welcome extended to us by Ray Watts and the rest of the society.

We very much enjoyed hosting the AGM at our farm and were thankful that the sun shone and the fields were green (often we resemble a desert in late summer). We were really pleased that so many members and guests were able to attend.

During the year I continued to take part in a DairyCo. discussion group

benchmarking with some very large herds on M & S contracts. After much analysis I think it is the best use we make of our resources that counts, rather than being top of the league. Too many industry experts imply that breeding cattle is the same as buying a new tractor thus not seeing beyond litres per cow. Even litres per hectare can be misleading, as many Guernsey herds are on less favoured sites which only a more robust cow can tolerate.

Back on the farm it has probably been the best year ever for grass growth, so much so that my colleagues are threatening to club together and buy me a plate meter for Christmas in case we have another year like this one! However I think that the fresh calved group have really benefited from being in at night during some of the storms. Our retail milk sales continue to increase, despite losing the odd customer who wants to buy on price. I wish we could compete on the same nutritional basis that we use to buy cow cake but I guess we live in a society that will pay more for bottled water than milk. With corn and cattle prices so high the wholesale price for milk needs to be approaching 40 ppl.

Finally I have many people I would like to thank, these include; Digby Gribble and Colin Gleed for

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him for all his help especially in the early days when life at the sharp end was truly difficult. I would also like to thank Duncan, as Chairman, for his continued support, to Digby for his continued work to promote the Breed and to Philip and my two boys who continue to put up with rather frantic domestic arrangements.

Finally, let's talk about the Journal. You cannot have missed that this year we are in colour. For many years we have tried to match the quality of our fellow Breed Societies but cost was always an issue, but as technology has progressed so colour has become more accessible. We have some really lovely photos in this Journal, I especially like the one of Rosemary and Dennis Warren and doesn't colour



Gideon Lacey hands the sacred cow to Rosemary Warren at the AGM

their wisdom and advice. Caroline for keeping me up to date with all I needed to know and of course Dawn for organizing such a great AGM and providing all the "under water paddling!"

In handing over the reins to Rosemary Warren, I know the presidency is in great hands. Dawn and I have really enjoyed our year and I am sure Rosemary will have a brilliant time.

Dawn and myself would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a fantastic New Year.

make a difference! As the showing year has been so depleted I thought I would celebrate a breeding success story in Tredinney Yogis Prince and a montage of his daughters are taking pride of place on the front cover.

Prince, as with a large selection of semen, is available from the Society, so please contact Digby or myself if you wish to discuss your semen needs and we will do all we can to help you. My Farmer Focus feature continues to grow and I know many of you find it really interesting to read about the farming lives of your fellow members. During 2012 we have lost some of our most influential senior members and their lives are celebrated in these pages.

I hope you enjoy this Journal and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Caroline

Introducing Rosemary Warren

It is an honour to be President of the English Guernsey Cattle Society, an honour for the Tredinney herd and the Warren family. I was privileged to have been born into a farming family with Guernseys and have been with guernseys throughout my life, and proud to be associated with the breed. We became members of the society in 1980, when we started to pedigree our herd and the Tredinney prefix was formed and we are actively involved with our own Cornwall branch.

I am the eldest of three daughters and the fifth generation to be reared on the family farm at Cardinney, which is half-way between Penzance and Land's End. In my childhood, farming was very different to what it is now, then a herd of 20 to 25 cows gave a family a comfortable living and the farms were mixed farming then as well as being more self-sufficient. My grandparents were still on the farm in my infant days and we were one lovely big family, all being involved with the day to day work. Besides milking, they kept poultry, a few pigs and grew early potatoes and had a meadow of daffodils. They grew hay, corn, kale and mangolds for their cows' feed, giving them quite a variety of feed, which is similar to what is being done at the present time with the big diet feeders. No milking parlours then, in the cows house the cows were chained in their stalls for milking, when a cow came to the door she knew which stall to go to, there she remained throughout the whole of the milking time and that was her milking stall for the rest of her life. Calves were reared in smaller stalls, being chained two to a stall and this got them used to being chained for evermore. In winter the cows would remain in their stalls by night and daytime too if it was really bad snow or ice, feed and water being brought to them, different to the covered yards that we have now. My grandparents had a milking machine worked by a startamatic, and this was only used when they were really busy on the farm, either planting or harvesting times and afterwards it would be washed and put away and the milking continued to be done by hand. The whole family would be out

for milking, babies taken out in their prams. It must have been this that made it look so easy and inviting to do as it was not long before my younger sister and I wanted to try our hand at hand milking and were caught with a bucket and stool, milking a greyhound that had been brought to Cardinney to be whelped, we having pushed the puppies to one side, we did manage to get a little drop, and we only did it once. These were in the days before cows were dehorned and one particular day we went to look at a new born calf and the cow pushed my sister to one side, back against a wall, with her horns either side of her body, thankfully she was not hurt and we both learnt a valuable lesson, both from the cow and my father afterwards.

I didn't move very far when I married, in actual fact, half of a mile up the lane to Tredinney. Dennis and I were neighbours and had known each other since very early childhood and were married in 1973. Guernseys had been kept at Tredinney by the Warren family since the late 1800s James now being the fifth generation with guernseys at Tredinney. When I came to Tredinney Dennis's family were already using a herringbone milking parlour and bulk tank, in the years since we have had changes and in 1995 were fortunate to acquire the two farms next door (including my home farm Cardinney) and consequently have been able to increase the milking herd, the milking parlour and bulk tank to what it is today.

On leaving school with my G.C.E. certificates my father insisted I found employment in Penzance and for nine years I worked with figures in the Civil Service, which has put me in good stead with the farm bookwork ever since. I have always enjoyed feeding the calves and doing the chores as associated with a typical 'farmer's wife' alongside running the bed and breakfast business and the self-catering holiday cottages.

Our son James is married to Shelley, who also live on Tredinney and is



Rosemary and Dennis Warren with some of the Tredinney herd

partnership with Dennis and I, and our daughter Catherine is married to Ashley and are the proud parents of our two grandsons Harry and Sam.

Sadly Dennis has not enjoyed good health during the last twenty years and since the year 2000 has suffered with rheumatoid arthritis with it's side effects and now has to accept life within the boundaries of a wheel chair. However he has maintained his sense of humour and takes a keen interest with the ongoings of the day to day running of the farm.

We have shown Guernseys since the nineties and it has now become part of our yearly calendar of events and in the past have shown as far away as The Royal, at Stoneleigh in 2006 when we had the champion with Laity Farm Primrose 96, EX95 and more recently one of the highlights of our showing career was when we had the Supreme Championship at Stithians Show in 2010 with Tredinney Yogi's Gabrielle 2nd EX92, the first time this had been achieved by a Guernsey for a considerable number of years at Stithians. We were devastated earlier this year to have three T.B. reactors in our annual test, the first for seventeen years, immediately before our Royal Cornwall Show in June and consequently have not had any shows since. One of the cows taken was a cow entered to go to Royal Cornwall, Tredinney Endeavours Candy 25th and the worst of it was that no lesions were found in her when opened which left a big lump in our throats. Our hearts go out to those

Chairman's Report to the AGM: 2012

What a turbulent year this has been. Not only has the weather been very challenging but the dairy sector has gone through some dramatic changes. Last year pundits were talking about long term optimism in our sector with demand outstripping supply and then suddenly prices have come crashing down with further cuts of 2p per litre announced on top of the Spring price drop. Well done to all the farmers that supported the protests at supermarkets and processors and have helped to force a U turn and have the latest cuts reversed. Also processors and farmers have agreed on a dairy code of conduct but will this secure our long term future? Certainly a basic cost price of production based payment will help but why should we accept such a small return on our investment? The public are generally supportive and appreciate our plight and it is only through keeping that support that we will achieve a better price. With dairy product prices starting to show positive increases it will be interesting to see how long until we feel the benefits.

I have visited the Yewdell's farm at West Webbery many times and it was with great sadness that I attended their dispersal sale. They have built an enviable dairy enterprise and quality herd and I believe would still be farming if returns for the dairy sector were better. I wish Jonnie all the best for the future and hope he gets to spend some quality time with his family.

It is with sadness that we remember those that have been taken from us this last year, some of whom have contributed greatly to our Guernsey breed over the years. Lady Susan Barlow; past president and treasurer, Gordon Waters; past president, Steven Southall, Tony Isaac, Diana Vine and Ruth Wyatt are a great loss to our Society.

Our maize is not looking too bad and we have some fairly good quality grass silage but some I know have had a disastrous summer and have had cows in for long periods eating the first cut. Hopefully a good Autumn will help costs as concentrates look set to top £300 after a poor harvest here and in America and Russia. I escaped the weather for a week and found the sun in Bulgaria. It was the first time I have seen grass cut and turned by horse-drawn machinery and someone herding the 25 cow herd as there are no hedges or fences.

Congratulations to the farmers who have managed to avoid TB and have made the effort to get their cows out to

shows this year. Well done to Melvyn and Nikki Jelbert on their success at the Royal Cornwall Show. Nicola Grose also triumphed at the popular St Stithians show as did Bryan and Sheila Adams by taking a rare inter-breed calf championship. Well done to Caroline Greenslade and Colin Parfitt for their wins at Devon and Bath and West respectively.

I also wish to congratulate those members who have excelled in the EGCS Herd Competition in 2011 who have just been awarded with their trophies. Once again the Bridlesford and Tredinney herds have done very well but year on year we see new herds emerging into the limelight and my special congratulations go to them. I make special mention of Andrew Payling's Oxlynch herd who have done particularly well throughout the Competitions and also the Woodlands herd of Martin and Sue Staples in the smaller herd category. It is very important that our members realise that all our herds are capable of achieving great things in the fullness of time.

We have had some new purchasers of Guernseys; Andrew Lewis continues to expand his Hartland View herd and another Mr Roger Lewis from Wrexham brought 14 from Webbery and is looking for more. The Wisemans A2 venture is gaining momentum and hopefully the premium will help and encourage our breeders that supply them. I also believe the Milk link / Arla partnership will help to close the gap between European dairy prices and those at home.

Please continue to support our bull scheme as a lot of effort goes into making sure we have the best variety of genetics available. Those positive figures for production will pay dividends when your heifers calve in and you reap the benefits from a few pounds spent on semen.

Many people contribute to the running of the society, from Melanie at Rickmansworth to Digby out at shows and visiting farms. Gideon and Dawn Lacey have also done a sterling job representing us at shows and events. It was great to see such a turn out at the Wessex Branch dinner where my wife and I were treated to an excellent evening. Thank you to all the members of the Council and Branch Committees but once again I owe a special thank you to Caroline Cox for holding everything together for the year.

Duncan Vincent

Rosemary Warren from page 4

similarly effected with the T.B. tests. We have since had two clear tests and are now officially 'clear' and preparation is in hand for young handlers to take our calves to the Truro Fatstock Show's evening classes for children. This is a lovely evening on the Piazza, in the centre of the City of Truro, coinciding with late night shopping and brings the town and country together. Tredinney hosted the first 'Young Handlers Weekend' in 2005, it proved to be very successful and it is encouraging to see how well the young ones are handling their cattle in the show-ring today.

Today we farm about 400 acres, and have about 550

head of stock, including dairy and beef, 235 dairy cows, 215 young stock and 100 beef, and employ Jonathan and Joseph full-time and Ben part-time. As I write, preparation has begun for the long-awaited new calf shed with all calves to be housed under one roof which should make the work a little easier.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as will be possible during the year, especially at The World Guernsey Conference and welcoming you to Tredinney next September for the Annual Meeting.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year

Rosemary

Heifers classified VG between Nov 2011 and Oct 2012

There are 45 heifers classified H85+ this year (54 last year) and they are in 19 different herds (25 herds last year)

The leading herds are the Tredinney herd with 11, the Trewey herd with 5, Beechgroves and Bourton with 4 each, and Aber and Hilcol with 3 each.

There are 27 sires with daughters listed (10 of them Natural Service sires). Leading sire is Sniders Option Aaron with 6 daughters, Edgewater Meadows Yogibear has 4 daughters, his son Tredinney Yogis Prince has 3 daughters as does the Red Holstein bull Rosedale Rampage Red.

Only 5 of the heifers are below average for PLI and only 3 below average for GMI.

There are 2 heifers that are the 4th Generation VG or Better, Hilcol June Amy and Tredinney Lamars Rose 18 and 5 heifers that are the 3rd Generation VG or better, Skeel Rosebud 66 , Bourton Rosedale S Fancy, Trewey Johanna, Trewey Juno 90 and Aber Aaron Dancer 4.

D R Gribble

HBN	Prefix/Sire	Animal Name/Owner	Final Score	LegsScore	Mamm	£PLI	GMI	Gens VG +
450413	HINXDEN Four Winds Royal Delta	FRIDAY 8 R Manford	87	85	88	£48	193	1
00CB185	BOURTON Rosedale-L Rampage-Red	ROSEDALE ROSALIND P & C Cox	87	86	88	£111		1
449558	BEECHGROVES Edgewater M Yogibear	SAPPHIRE 4 G & D Lacey	87	87	88	£98	267	2
448713	TREWEY Sniders Option Aaron	JUNO 88 The Mann Family	87	86	87	£19	25	1
449169	TREWEY niders Option Aaron	JOHANNA The Mann Family	86	85	85	£72	169	3
449234	HILCOL Skeel Hazels Yogi	YOGS ANGEL C & H Evans	86	88	85	£60	215	2
448606	THORNTON Thornton Alpha	DEBBIE 2 A & M Hall	86	86	85	£18	107	1
449575	BLACKNOR CRACKER Sniders Option Aaron	AARON DIANA D & I Crouch	86	85	86	£48	187	1
449534	WATLING Watling Fragrant Iceberg	FRAGRANT GERANIUM A & R Thomas	86	86	£88	307	1	
450505	TREDINNEY Tredinney Yogis Prince	PRINCE JUNE AMY 14 The Warren Family	86	85	87	£59	136	1
450419	TREDINNEY Tredinney Yogis Prince	PRINCE AFTER EIGHT 2 The Warren Family	86	85	86	£121	354	2
450536	TREDINNEY Tredinney Buzzards Astronomer	ASTRONOMERS TANSY 8 The Warren Family	86	86	86	-£5	73	2
450524	TREDINNEY Edgewater M Yogibear	YOGIS KOOLINDA The Warren Family	86	85	86	£100	245	1
450538	TREDINNEY Tredinney Lamars X Factor	X FACTORS ANNE 21 The Warren Family	86	86	86	-£8	24	1
451379	POTTSHAYES Oak Knob Maxies Laredo	CARINA 4 P Younger	86	87	87	-£21	-4	1
450500	TREDINNEY Slindon Posies Ambionic	AMBIONICS ALICIA 16 The Warren Family	86	85	86	£39	82	2
449560	BRYMOR Lang Haven Spider Nomar	QUIZZICAL 39 R & D Moore	86	86	86	£107	351	1
448849	ROSEWOOD Slindon Posies Ambionic	AMBIONICS GINA 2 R & M Dunn	86	86	85	£48	157	1
449616	BEECHGROVES Beechgroves Cornelius	PAULINE 111 G & D Lacey	86	88	86	£81	170	1
451085	BEECHGROVES Riverwood Tiller Khan	PRINCESS G & D Lacey	86	85	86	£35	136	2

HBN	Prefix/Sire	Animal Name/Owner	Final Score	LegsScore	Mamm	£PLI	GMI	Gens VG +
448950	BOURTON Sniders Option Aaron	SHALFORD FANCY 2 P & C Cox	86	85	86	£98	254	2
000CB182	BOURTON Rosedale-L Rampage- Red	ROSEDALE DAIRYMAID P & C Cox	85	85	85	£78		2
000CB181	BOURTON Rosedale-L Rampage- Red	ROSEDALE SHALFORD FANCY P & C Cox	85	86	85	£65		3
449813	BEECHGROVES Edgewater M Yogibear	ELINOR 19 G & D Lacey	85	88	85	£81	271	1
449805	BRIDDLESFORD Boskenna Junes Royal Oak	OAKS VIOLET 5 R & P Griffin	85	85	85	£70	235	2
449982	OXLYNCH Oxlynch Mountbatten	SATIN 21 A& R Payling	85	85	85	£14	34	1
448918	SKEEL Skeel Quicksilver	ROSEBUD 66 The Davies Family	85	85	85	-£12	65	3
448085	BICKFIELD Bickfield Venus Stargazer	NIGHTINGALE 32 M & P Durbin	85	85	85	£25	54	1
450495	TREDINNEY Edgewater M Yogibear	YOGIS MARSHMALLOW The Warren Family	285	85	85	£53	136	2
450513	TREDINNEY Tredinney Lorens Buster	BUSTERS GEM 10 The Warren Family	85	85	85	£62	234	1
450521	TREDINNEY Rutter Bros Option Lamar	LAMARS ROSE 18 The Warren Family	85	86	85	£50	125	4
450514	TREDINNEY Tredinney Lorens Buster	BUSTERS JUNE AMY 15 The Warren Family	85	85	85	£51	220	1
450508	TREDINNEY Tredinney Yogis Prince	PRINCE ANNETTE 2 The Warren Family	85	85	85	£59	147	1
450011	THORNTON Tredinney Yogis Andante	HEATHER 13 A & M Hall	85	85	86	£22	54	1
450146	HILCOL Sniders Option Aaron	AARON JUNE AMY C & H Evans	85	87	85	£80	265	4
450147	HILCOL Milborne Bolero	BOLERO MANON C & H Evans	85	85	85	£58	183	1
451765	AMPNEY Thornton Hercules	HERCULES GALAXY A Godwin	85	85	85	£17	56	1
449003	ABER Aber Golden Boy	GOLDEN BOY EIRLYS Merion Jones	85	90	85	£13	-24	2
449001	ABER Sniders Option Aaron	AARON DANCER 4 Merion Jones	85	85	85	£97	270	3
449006	ABER Aber Golden Boy	GOLDEN BOY SUSAN 9 Merion Jones	85	85	85	£6	-71	1
448634	BICKFIELD Bickfield Venus Stargazer	BRAMBLE 28 M & P Durbin	85	85	85	£51	105	1
448927	ST.SENARA Boskenna Heidi Jasper	ANGELICA 3 The Mann Family	85	85	85	-£1	-105	1
449168	TREWEY Treway Surprise	JUNO 90 The Mann Family	85	85	85	£34	63	3
449013	TREWEY Treway Surprise	TUFTY 18 The Mann Family	85	85	85	£66	123	2
449960	LOWER KEIGWIN Thornton Hercules	STARSKY 25 M & N Jelbert	85	85	85	£39	151	2

Stithians Show 2012

Stithians Show was held on Monday 16th July and it was my pleasure to judge the Guernsey Classes. The Show was fortunate enough to go ahead as many of the surrounding agricultural events had to be cancelled due to the inclement summer weather. Five exhibitors had 17 animals forward and as usual the junior classes proved to be the most numerically strong.

My first class, Heifer born after 1.8.11, was won by Wiltown Claudia by Mint owned by Brian and Sheila Adams. She was the most mature animal on parade and caught my eye as she paraded well with good all round conformation. Second place went to Ian Rowe's, Rowan Snowdrop by Double L, a very promising dairy calf, one to watch for the



Stithians Champion Trewarnevas Red Oak Ivy

Second place went to M & N Jelberts Lower Keigwin Edna 9 by L.K. Elijahs Top City who was also a very striking calf but was just pipped by the winner.

Three in calf heifers saw Wiltown Margaret by Shalford

I saw her at Royal Cornwall.

The Cow in Milk Class was very strong with the winner being Tredinney Andante's Lily now owned by Nicola Bottom. She was a well balanced dairy cow who just had the advantage over the rump from the second placed animal, herd mate, Trewarnevas Precious Lucy, who was a lovely dairy cow as was the third placed cow M & N Jelberts, Lower Keigwin Starsky 22 who didn't travel quite so well as the previous two animals.

The Pairs class was won by Nicola Bottom with M & N Jelbert in second place.

I took my time in deciding the champion animal and I eventually went for Nicola Bottoms Heifer in Milk, Trewarnevas Red Oak Ivy with Tredinney Andante's Lily in Reserve.

Later on in the Interbreed classes, Brian and Sheila Adams' calf, Wiltown Claudia, was judged best Home Bred Interbreed calf in a very strong class.

Many thanks to all the exhibitors and helpers for braving the weather and putting on a good show.

Kim Sales



Pairs Class

future. Thirdly, was Nicola Bottom's Trewarnevas Crunch Laurinda another dairy calf, who goes back to the famous "Laurinda" who was a show Champion in the 90's. It's nice to see this bloodline is continuing to impress.

The Maiden Heifer Class was topped by ARC Addington Fund's, Hamps Valley Annabelle 7 by Kenvin Sally's Ghengis. This heifer has been unbeaten so far in the season as she is very out-standing in her conformation.

Pacific from the Adams' in first place. She had the advantage over the rump from second placed Trewarnevas Ivor Cora, a very strong heifer shown by Nicola Bottom. This strength put her above Ian Rowe's very correct Greensfield Lucky Pippin who was only just in calf and had some maturing to do.

There was only one Milk Heifer forward and that was Trewarnevas Red Oak Ivy from Nicola Bottom, a lovely balanced heifer who had settled down since

KPI and Somatic Cell Counts

by Sue Staples

This is the third in a series of articles based on Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for Guernsey herds. This time we are looking at Somatic Cell Counts and how high cell counts and chronic offenders in the herd can affect the bottom line.

It has not been the best of years for low cell counts! The October DairyCo bulletin stated that the latest GB Somatic Cell Count (SCC) figures averaged 203,000/ml in August 2012. This was 8,000/ml (4.1%) more than July and was the highest figure since September 2009.

Wet weather, damp straw, mud, cows in one day and out the next do not aid us in trying to keep the bugs at bay. It has, shall we say, been challenging in trying to keep cell counts down.

For a lot of producers any bulk SCC count over 200,000 will probably be costing at the very least 0.5ppl and for some, a premier bonus payment as well. In addition there is the hidden cost that comes with sub-clinical mastitis of reduced milk production and also the spread from infected cows to healthy cows.

The KPI study undertaken by Dr James Hanks & Dr Mohamad Kos-saibati in April 2011 (right) shows that of the 33 Guernsey herds in the group, only 15 averaged a SCC of less than 200'000ml over the year.

What can you do?

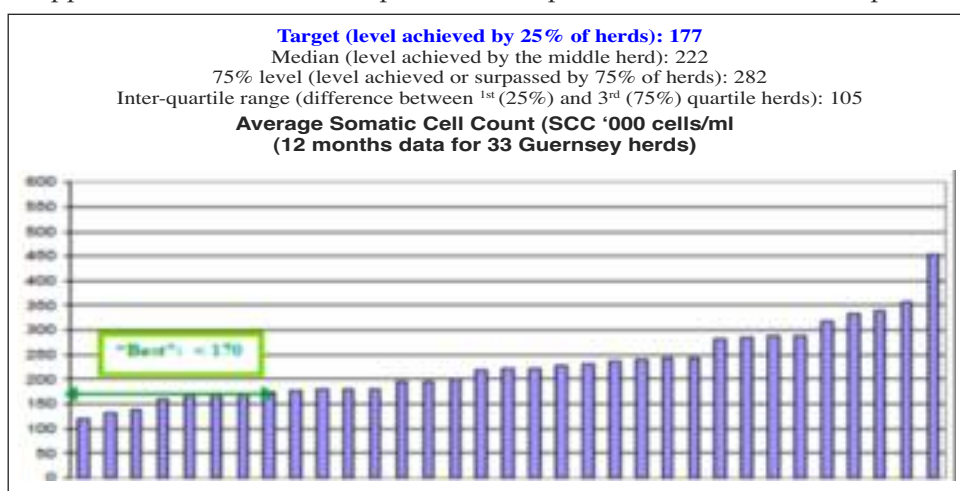
First, look at the SCC contribution report that you get every month when you milk record. Look closely at the cows that are over 200,000. Check cows that have calved in the last month, were they dried off with a high cell count? If so perhaps the dry cow tube policy needs looking at. If the SCC was low at the end of the last lactation and is now high then California milk test (CMT) at the next opportunity to identify quarters with sub-clinical mastitis. When you've identified the quarter then take a milk sample and send it to a lab to identify the pathogen. Once you know what you're dealing with you can develop, with your vet, a strategy to deal with it. For late lactation animals with high SCC it might be beneficial to dry them off a bit earlier than normal to give the udder a longer rest.

Any cow that is over 500,000, and is persistently in that category month after month should be considered for culling if all other treatments have failed.

Herds that have registered with the EGCS for Inter-herd+ reports should have received them via email. If you have not registered but would like to receive these reports – which are free – then please contact Caroline Cox for a form.

The reports this quarter will focus on SCC and help you to clearly identify animals that have high cell counts. Below is an example of one of the tables in the report.

The report below shows the high cell count cows in the herd at the last recording, cow number 410 has a SCC of 4,034, which accounts for 28.6% of the bulk milk SCC. As you can see, if this cows milk is removed, then the bulk milk sample would drop from 140 to 101. As the top two



cows on the report are long standing chronic offenders, cow 411 having had mastitis twice in the previous lactation, it would make sense to cull both of these animals.

Cow 791 is a first offender, CMT all the quarters, identify problem quarter and send milk sample away to identify the pathogen. Once the pathogen is identified then treat with a suitable antibiotic.

Cows 787 and 321 are both approaching drying off so would probably benefit from a longer dry period to rest and hopefully cure the problem.

If you are trying to reduce your SCC then hopefully these reports will help you clearly identify the culprits and allow you to formulate a plan of action.

SCC contribution 27/09/2012

Your cows with SCCs over 500,000 cells and their contribution to the overall SCC contents of the bulk tank.

Note the Type. How many are long-standing chronic cows?

Num ber	SCC	Prod- uction	Cum. SCC	Cum. Prod- uction	Cum. Disc arded milk	% SCC Contri- bution	Type (consec highs)	Parity	Days in milk	High SCC this lact ation	High SCC prev ious lact ation	Mas- titis this lact ation	(1st D	Masitis prev ious lact ation
410	4,034	23.8	140	2400		28.6%	Chronic(4)	6	102	4 / 4	2 / 9			
411	626	21.6	101	2376	24	4.0%	Chronic(7)	5	210	7 / 7	5 / 8			2
791	578	20.0	96	2354	45	3.4%	New(1)	1	309	1 / 10	--			
787	553	14.3	92	2334	65	2.4%	Chronic(3)	1	319	3 / 11	--			
321	505	10.3	89	2320	80	1.5%	Chronic(3)	5	349	3 / 12	0 / 11			

Cows with a GMI of more than 300 August 2012

There are 44 cows/heifers listed in GMI order, they are in 16 different herds with the Briddlesford herd of the Griffin family with 10 animals listed being the leading herd, closely followed by the Brymor herd of Robert and Diane Moore with 8 listed in second place.

These two herds have had a consistent system of management based on a TMR in place for a number of years and whilst at the opposite ends of the country are both compromised by the prevailing weather, with Brymor having a short grazing season because of the amount of rain they enjoy (although it does drive customers to the Ice Cream parlour!) and Briddlesford normally short of grass by mid summer. The TMR is used to compensate for the weather induced problems and both herds receive a consistent diet throughout the year.

Tredinney have 4 animals listed, whilst Beechgroves, Bourton and Oxlynch have three each.

19 different sires have daughters listed with Boskenna Junes Royal Oak with 9 daughters the leading sire, Tiresford Pedro has 6 daughters listed, Edgewater Meadows Yogibear has 4 daughters, with Sniders Option Aaron and Trewarnevas Red Oak each having 3 daughters listed. 25 different maternal grandsires are listed with Trotacre Jay Mr Luck with 8 daughters and Tredinney Sonics Helium with 3 daughters the only bulls with more than 2 granddaughters listed.

The PLI average is +£115 and the GMI average is +346, there are 16 cows that are on the suggested bull mother list of which two have bull calves available for GGBP, Briddlesford Oaks Violet has a Levi son Briddlesford Violets Edward GMI +348 and Aber Yogibears Duchess has an Eric son, Aber Jupiter with a GMI of +333.

Full pedigree and milk records can be easily accessed on line by using the CDI animal search link from the www.guernseycattle.com website. Just enter the HB number into the search box and click on the animals name. D R Gribble

Name	HBN	Sire	MGS	£PLI	GMI	Class	Dam	Owner
Bourton Clover 24	445610	Edgewater Meadows Yogibear	Artis Premier	174	427	91(90/90)	VG88 GDM	P & C Cox
Clay Hill Lynne 2	439958	Easby Alacrity	Laeschland Smokin Bud	115	412	90(87/92)	GP84	The Warren Family
Trevider Iceberg Bonnie	448062	Spring Walk Icy Iceberg	Tiresford Pedro	126	400	H84(86/84)	VG87	C & L Carpenter
Briddlesford Oaks Violet	446538	Boskenna Junes Royal Oak	Trotacre Jay Mr Luck	115	387	90(90/88)	GP83 CME	R & P Griffin
Briddlesford Deltas Daffodil	446537	Four Winds Royal Delta	Trotacre Jay Mr Luck	118	383	H80(80/79)	GP80 CME	R & P Griffin
Brymor Peggy 33	448993	Tiresford Pedro	Tredinney Sonics Helium	115	376	H83 (85/82)	H 80	R & D Moore
Oxlynch Olivet 36	447261	Tiresford Pedro	Tredinney Sonics Helium	136	372	H82 (85/80)	GDM	A & R Payling
Brymor Graceful 17	448784	Tiresford Pedro	Tredinney Sonics Helium	134	372	H80 (79/80)	EX91 CME	R & D Moore
Oxlynch Satin 16	447260	Tiresford Pedro	Jens Gold Sentry Onward	100	372	H82 (86/81)	VG86 CME	A & R Payling
Hinxden T S Wendy 7	450398	Trewey Surprise	Tiresford Pedro	119	366		DM	R Manford
Rosewood Winns Bonnie	448069	Rosewood Winn (X2)	Rozelyn Patmar Jay Glacier	125	362	H86 (85/86)	VG85 DM	M & R Dunn
Briddlesford Oaks Daisy 6	448139	Boskenna Junes Royal Oak	Instead Oberon	105	361	H83(84/80)	VG86 CME	R & P Griffin
Briddlesford Oaks Daffodil	446542	Boskenna Junes Royal Oak	Trotacre Jay Mr Luck	102	360	H78 (79/74)	G 6-CM	R & P Griffin
Brymor Rosa 34	448966	Tiresford Pedro	Edgewater Meadows Yogibear	120	359	H83(79/83)	H82	R&D Moore
Tredinney Prince Milkmaid 11	450483	Tredinney Yogis Prince	Trewarnevas Tom Dee Thomas	117	356	VG85(81/86)	EX92 CM	The Warren Family
Tredinney Prince After Eight 2	450419	Tredinney Yogis Prince	Trotacre Mercury Lorry	121	354	H86 (85/86)	EX92 CM	The Warren Family
Carne Quoit	448771	Trevider Evas Holiday	Edgewater Meadows Yogibear	138	353	G76 (83/70)	EX 90 DM	A & G Hichens
Brymor Quizzical 39	449560	Lang Haven Spider Nomar	Tredinney Sonics Helium	107	351	H86 (86/86)	H79	R & D Moore
Briddlesford Lucks Foxglove 10	444838	Trotacre Jay Mr Luck	Rozelyn Patmar Jay Greg	149	350	H82 (86/78)	CM	R & P Griffin
Trevider Iceberg Harebell	447926	Spring Walk Icy Iceberg	Sniders Option Aaron	95	349	H81 (85/80)	H82 DM	A & D Lewis
Trewey Jubilee 18	447763	Sniders Option Aaron	Trotacre Jay Mr Luck	113	347	H77 (85/70)	VG 88 CM	The Mann Family
Beechgroves Nikita 8	449613	Beechgroves Cornelius	Old Homestead Dividend	100	346	H79 (86/77)	H 85 CM	G & D Lacey
Aber Yogibear Duchess 5	444064	Edgewater Meadows Yogibear	Brown Eden Tradition	118	342	VG87 (88/85)	VG85 DM	Merion Jones
Beechgroves Nikita 4	445446	Edgewater Meadows Yogibear	Old Homestead Dividend	109	341	VG86 (87/85)	H85 CM	G & D Lacey
Blacknor Margaret 160	443817	Tiresford Pedro	Shalford Luxury	106	339	VG88 (86/88)	VG85 CME	D & I Crouch
Nuthurst Princess 610	447635	Boskenna Junes Royal Oak	Coulee Crest Saber Sonic	94	337	VG86 (86/86)	G77	D Vincent
Briddlesford Oaks Bluebell 9	449772	Boskenna Junes Royal Oak	Trotacre Jay Mr Luck	97	336	H78 (80/76)	VG85 CME	R & P Griffin
Briddlesford Deltas Violet	447156	Four Winds Royal Delta	Trotacre Jay Mr Luck	120	336	VG87 (88/85)	EX90 CME	R & P Griffin
Brymor Quizzical 42	449838	Lang Haven Spider Nomar	Easby Jordans Rocket	101	332	H79 (77/78)	H69 DM	R & D Moore
Briddlesford Oaks Anenome 3	449808	Boskenna Junes Royal Oak	Trotacre Jay Mr Luck	107	331	H79 (75/80)	GP84 CME	R & P Griffin
Bourton Caroline 13	449495	Sniders Option Aaron	Lancewood Focus	118	330	H78 (80/76)	VG86 DM	P & C Cox
Trevider EH Rachel	446926	Trevider Evas Holiday	Tiresford Pedro	116	328	VG86 (86/86)	H78	A & D Lewis
Beechgroves Elizabeth 3	449728	Beechgroves Ezekiel	Beechgroves Commando	115	327	H72 (85/68)	GP80	G & D Lacey
Briddlesford Oaks Daisy	448115	Boskenna Junes Royal Oak	Trotacre Jay Mr Luck	112	326	H84 (85/83)	GP83 CME	R & P Griffin
Tredinney Heliums Candy 23	444963	Tredinney Sonics Helium	Trotacre Jay Mr Luxury	123	326	EX90 (93/88)	GP82 GDM	The Warren Family
Brymor Claudia 11	449410	Trewarnevas Ivor	Brown Eden Tradition	99	325	H74 (72/68)	H81	R & D Moore
Briddlesford Oaks Bluebell 2	446666	Boskenna Junes Royal Oak	Shalford Pacific	108	323	VG85(80/86)	VG85 CME	R & P Griffin
Thornton Aurea 21	441512	Sniders Option Aaron	Jensgolden Proking Royal Oak	107	317	EX92 (87/94)	VG87 CME	A & M Hall
Bourton Kelly	445117	Edgewater Meadows Yogibear	Lily Lane T Penny Pension	112	313	H85 (86/85)	VG85 GDM	P & C Cox
Hinxden Camelia 5	450405	Trewarnevas Red Oak	Riverwood Tiller Khan	99	308	H 84 (82/77)	H 84	R Manford
Trevider Hercules Linnette 2	448094	Thornton Hercules	Sniders Option Aaron	112	306	H 85 (85/85)	VG87 CME	C & L Carpenter
Brymor Graceful 15	443603	Tredinney Sonics Helium	Brymor Enticing Billy GGBP	135	304	91(96/88)	H79	R & D Moore
Brymor Tiny 33	447859	Trewarnevas Red Oak	Brymor Enticing Billy GGBP	119	301	H85(86/85)	H81 CM	R & D Moore
Oxlynch Posie 7	449030	Trewarnevas Red Oak	Jens Gold Harpoon Maypennant	94	301	H83 (81/83)	VG88 CME	A & R Payling

Royal Cornwall Show 2012

The Royal Cornwall Show 2012, was held on 7th – 9th June at Wadebridge. Unfortunately, major exhibitors, The Warren Family, were unable to be at the Show due to TB restrictions, so the numbers of cattle forward were limited on the day. Six exhibitors had 18 cattle present for judge Chris Watson to peruse.

The weather proved to be some of the worst seen at the show, with heavy downpours and strong winds making showing extremely difficult. Well done to all those taking part for braving the adverse conditions.

Breed Champion went to first time exhibitors at the show, Melville and Nicola Jelbert with their 4th lactation cow, Lower Keigwin Starsky 22 by Easby Rowan. Reserve Champion went to Blacknor Cracker Banger Margaret from Ian Crouch and Richard Norman.

Here are the full results:

Maiden heifer under 12 months

1. B & S Adams. Wiltown Claudia by Mint.
2. B & S Adams. Wiltown Susie by Milborne Bolero.
3. Norman and Mills. Cadbury Magicman Charlotte 2.
4. Nicola Bottom. Trewarnevas Hercules May.
5. Nicola Bottom. Trewarnevas Bowler 10 by Brea-vean Dutchmill.
6. Ian Rowe. Rowan Snowdrop by Double L.

Maiden Heifer under 2 years

1. ARC Addington Fund. Hamps Valley Annabelle 7 by Kenvin Sally's Ghengis.
2. Nicola Bottom. Trewarnevas Nick Day.
3. M. & N Jelbert. Lower Keigwin Edna 9 by L.K. Elijahs Top City.
4. Ian Rowe. Rowan Elegance by Andante.
5. M & N Jelbert. Lower Keigwin Fay 13 by L.K. Elijahs Top City.

Heifer In Calf

1. Nicola Bottom. Trewarnevas Ivor Cora.

Heifer In Milk

1. Crouch and Norman. Blacknor Cracker Bangor Margaret.
2. Nicola Bottom. Trewarnevas Red



*Lower Keigwin Starsky 11
Champion Royal Cornwall Show*

Oak Ivy.

Cow in Calf

1. Nicola Bottom. Tredinney Andante's Lily.
2. M & N Jelbert. Lower Keigwin Ruby 33 by Hercules.

Junior Cow in Milk

1. Norman & Mills. J'Taime Lavender 5 by Hawk.
 2. Nicola Bottom. Trewarnevas Precious Lucy 5 by T. Precious Boy.
- Senior Cow in Milk.
1. M & N Jelbert. Lower Keigwin Starsky 22 by Easby Rowan.
 2. Nicola Bottom. Easby Polyanthus by Yogi Bear.

Group of Three

1. Nicola Bottom.
2. Norman and Mills.

Judge's Report

The sad news that the Warren family has joined those with TB reactors had a serious effect on the entries forward. I had 21 entries presented instead of a possible 33. The standard of cattle was high but we all know the standard that Tredinney can produce.

The Championship was won by an outstanding Easby Rowan Daughter, Lower Keigwin Starsky 11, owned and bred by a new exhibitor Mr & Mrs J.M.Jelbert the winners of the 4+ calves and over class, this cow has tremendous length and dairy strength without being over big along with an exceptional udder with good veining and milk vein, this is a very striking animal.

The Reserve Champion came from Messrs. Norman and Crouch, Blacknor Cracker Banger Margaret, by Cracker Banger Boy, who had also won the Reserve Championship at the Devon County. This is a very promising upstanding dairy heifer with very good teat placement and rear udder.

The day began with the under 12 months class which included 5 entries lead by the next generation of very promising Guernsey show persons. The class was won Wiltown Claudia the Mint daughter of The Addington Fund's show heifer of the last two years owned by Mr & Mrs B.V.Adams, who also produced the winner of the next Class for the Fund, Hamps Valley Annabelle 7, which is now unbeaten in her class at the three major shows this summer, and was R Champion at the Royal Bath and West.

The Group Class was won by Mrs N.E. Bottom which included a very promising Trewarnevas Royal Oak daughter which was very fresh and might have given the R Champion a much closer call if she been calved longer.

Despite a steady driving drizzle the whole time I thoroughly enjoyed my chance to judge at one the Countries leading Guernsey Shows. I want to congratulate the exhibitors for the continual good nature and the turn out of all the exhibits in these testing conditions.

Chris Watson

Cows awarded CME between Dec 2011 and Aug 2012

CME is an award made after each of the Proof Runs (December, April and August) and is for cows that have produced more than 2500 kgs of Fat + Protein before they reach 8 years of age.

There are 61 cows listed (48 last year) and they are in 21 herds with the Warren family owning 13 individuals, with 5 at Briddlesford from Richard and Paul Griffin, and 4 each at Hilcol, Colin and Hilary Evans and at Woodlands, Sue and Martin Staples.

17 of the 21 herds are using feeder wagons and a partial TMR.

The 61 have the remarkable Classification scores with 24 Excellent, 25 Very Good and 12 Good Plus.

There are a further group of 79 cows that have reached the production target of 2500 kgs F+P but have not classified GP or Better.

23 of them have never been scored at all, 54 were scored as heifers (2 H2(85+), 26 H3(80+), 21 H4(75+) and 7 below 74 points but have not been scored again. Only 2 that were classified as cows were below 80 points and thus didn't qualify as CME.

I will provide owners with lists of those cows that have qualified CM and if they are still in the herd would ask that you do get them scored as these are the "proven" cows of the breed, they will more than likely have had 5 calves, thus proving themselves to be "fertile" and will have earned enough income to have repaid the cost of rearing them.

Finally should we raise the standard above 2500 kgs? Originally it was set as it was felt that the GDM award (5000 kgs F+P lifetime) was difficult to achieve, and that we needed to recognise the cows that had more than 5 calves.

With nutrition and yields rising year on year CME is now being awarded to cows that are under 5 years old (4 cows), cows under 6 years (20 cows), cows under 7 years (28 cows) with only 7 cows in their 8th year. Should we raise the production level or lower the age limit or both?

The 61 cows are by 35 different sires, with Tiresford Pedro with 7 daughters the leading sire, followed by Tredinney Sonic Helium (4 daughters) and Brymor Stingboy, Sniders Option Aaron and Sunninghill Park Royal Oak each having 3 daughters listed.

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HB No	Prefix	Name	Born	Award	F+P	Age at Lact End	Score	£PLI	GMI	Owner
446506	Kenvin	Red Carrienne	03/06/2006	CME	2575	4yrs /9 Mths	85 (82/85)	91	317	D Vincent
444955	Tredinney	Yogis Primrose 16	19/02/2006	CME	2688	5/3	90 (88/90)	108	288	D,R & J Warren
443603	Brymor	Graceful 15	26/11/2005	CME	2893	5/7	91 (96/88)	135	304	R & D Moore
443591	Brymor	Victoria 15	20/11/2005	CME	2530	5/1	83 (84/80)	71	98	R & D Moore
444373	Woodlands	Pedro Natalie	05/11/2005	CME	2712	4/7	87 (90/81)	66	227	M & Staples
444846	Clay Hill	Audrey 8	28/09/2005	CME	2760	5/11	88 (90/88)	7	19	D,R & J Warren
448776	Rosewood	Traditions Polly	14/09/2005	CME	2624	5/4	83 (82/83)	60	204	M & R Dunn
443436	Woodlands	Yogi Annabell	31/08/2005	CME	2683	5/4	91 (93/92)	9	62	M & S Staples
442324	Tredinney	Hunters Memory 3	21/08/2005	CME	2894	5/2	88 (87/87)	78	211	D,R & J Warren
443180	Beechgroves	Carnation 2	04/08/2005	CME	2894	5/8	89 (88/88)	80	159	G & D Lacey
443233	Tredinney	Pedros Bracken	01/08/2005	CME	2862	6/0	90 (88/90)	44	131	D,R & J Warren
443101	Beechgroves	Forget-Me-Not	15/07/2005	CME	2528	5/8	82(86/81)	8	66	G & D Lacey
443059	Tredinney	Andy Pandys Rose 11	09/07/2005	CME	2710	5/11	90 (90/88)	21	113	D,R & J Warren
443058	Tredinney	Pedros Flo 4	05/07/2005	CME	2501	5/5	92 (90/93)	70	170	D,R & J Warren
443057	Tredinney	Pedros Flo 3	05/07/2005	CME	2610	5/5	93 (92/93)	65	178	D,R & J Warren
443434	Woodlands	Oberon Rosalie	30/06/2005	CME	3101	6/0	85 (85/86)	30	118	M & S Staples
443270	Oxlynch	Rosebay 13	29/06/2005	CME	2908	6/2	85 (85/85)	49	46	A & R Payling
442980	Rosewood	Precious	11/06/2005	CME	2779	4/5	91 (92/90)	118	378	M & R Dunn
442910	Tredinney	Andy Pandys Eclipse	625/05/2005	CME	2704	6/0	91 (93/90)	27	41	D,R & J Warren
444660	Briddlesford	Lucks Anenome 3	16/05/2005	CME	3122	5/8	84 (88/81)	94	166	R & P Griffin
444752	Briddlesford	Lucks Lily 10	13/05/2005	CME	2821	5/6	86 (83/86)	114	165	R & P Griffin
442874	Trevider	Pedro Kelly	11/05/2005	CME	2678	5/7	87 (87/86)	69	256	A & D Lewis
442811	Brymor	Quizzical 25	27/04/2005	CME	2717	5/9	82 (86/78)	38	75	R & D Moore
442687	Mayne	Jasper Onyx	03/03/2005	CME	2856	4/11	87 (88/83)	63	186	R Norman & C Mills
442664	Rosewood	Pedros Sue	26/02/2005	CME	2843	5/8	90 (90/89)	88	270	M & R Dunn
442708	Oxlynch	Hippy 28	22/02/2005	CME	3149	5/11	88 (90/87)	9	25	A & R Payling
442568	Webbery	Lowton Claire 4	20/02/2005	CME	3245	6/ 4	90 (90/88)	95	207	J Yewdall
442569	Thornton	Jade 23	19/02/2005	CME	2714	6/2	86 (91/82)	43	77	A & M Hall
442206	Tredinney	Heliums After Me	08/01/2005	CME	2781	5/9	82 (85/74)	63	190	D,R & J Warren
442013	Tredinney	Saggys Jingle 5	23/12/2004	CME	2897	6/0	90 (88/89)	73	234	D,R & J Warren
442011	Tredinney	Heliums June Amy 10	17/12/2004	CME	2629	5/9	85 (83/85)	86	248	D,R & J Warren
442089	Thornton	Sally 2	16/12/2004	CME	2599	6/0	87 (87/83)	-10	39	A & M Hall
441961	Bickfield	Dolly 36	07/12/2004	CME	2804	6/9	86 (84/86)	46	91	M & P Durbin
441839	Aber	Aaron Bluebell 2	10/11/2004	CME	2765	6/8	83 (83/83)	94	247	Merion Jones
441789	Trewey	Juno 68	02/11/2004	CME	2687	6/7	90 (90/89)	42	188	H, C & D Mann
441857	Woodlands	Pedro Lucky	28/10/2004	CME	3304	6/7	90 (91/88)	60	231	M & S Staples
442165	Blacknor	Lucy 69	27/10/2004	CME	2888	6/0	90 (90/89)	70	191	D & I Crouch

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442278	Skeel	Rosebud 38	26/10/2004	CME	2532	6/5	85 (82/84)	24	-80	G S Davies
441690	Beechgroves	Betsy Jane 2	12/10/2004	CME	2971	6/2	81 (82/79)	8	46	G & D Lacey
441510	Thornton	Lady 2	20/09/2004	CME	3009	6/6	85 (87/85)	59	128	A & M Hall
441291	Treway	Lizzy Bussow 8	19/08/2004	CME	2710	7/0	92 (92/91)	25	169	H, C & D Mann
441286	Tredinney	Rockets Primrose 10	15/08/2004	CME	2577	6/3	85 (86/85)	18	-40	D,R & J Warren
441751	Lodor	Sioned 2	13/07/2004	CME	2660	7/1	91 (88/92)	16	-26	C & H Evans
441750	Lodor	Non	10/07/2004	CME	2708	6/9	88 (86/88)	1	-81	C & H Evans
441211	Tredinney	Heros Alicia 7	18/06/2004	CME	3166	6/8	91 (88/91)	41	50	D,R & J Warren
441148	Treway	Cherry 2	06/06/2004	CME	2993	6/7	90 (90/90)	21	127	H, C & D Mann
441134	Tredinney	Highness June Amy 9	27/05/2004	CME	2828	6/4	90 (90/88)	36	126	C & H Evans
444587	Briddlesford	Pacifics Primrose	20/05/2004	CME	2773	6/7	84 (85/84)	-31	-214	R & P Griffin
441173	Boskenna	Naomi 2	02/05/2004	CME	2806	6/8	91 (88/91)	28	54	A & G Hichens
444485	Briddlesford	My Dears Daisy	30/03/2004	CME	3154	6/11	84 (85/81)	-70	-228	R & P Griffin
440560	Webbery	Enid 2	03/03/2004	CME	2980	7/0	90 (90/90)	3	-52	J Yewdall
444745	Briddlesford	My Dears Lily	29/02/2004	CME	3226	7/0	83 (83/80)	58	44	R & P Griffin
440301	Skeel	Rosebud 35	20/12/2003	CME	2791	7/0	85 (86/81)	18	47	G Davies
440300	Skeel	Rosebud 34	08/12/2003	CME	3037	6/9	87 (85/86)	65	242	G Davies
440288	Lodor	Angel 2	01/12/2003	CME	2628	6/7	90 (90/88)	49	155	C & H Evans
440271	Blacknor	Farthing 2	22/11/2003	CME	2782	6/9	86 (81/86)	59	115	A Dallyn
440091	Treloweth	Hedera 3	15/11/2003	CME	2534	6/3	85 (82/84)	-5	69	J Yewdall
439884	Beechgroves	Kylie	20/10/2003	CME	2895	7/2	81 (87/77)	23	-51	G & D Lacey
440361	Carne	Skoda	06/09/2003	CME	4387	7/6	90 (90/88)	55	240	A & G Hichens
440276	Hinton	Caramel 2	22/08/2003	CME	2587	7/1	86 (83/86)	44	59	D & J Bartlett
439255	Bickfield	Nannette 13	22/08/2003	CME	2866	7/2	88 (87/88)	0	-22	M & P Durbin

QMP CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT 2012

At the last AGM I reported on the move from Highgrove Foods to Graham's Dairies.

The drop in royalty income prior to the move is evident within the accounts, and this has now improved. Royalties are underpinned now by actual product sales rather than the minimum royalty agreement we had with Highgrove Foods, regardless of actual sales.

There were considerable costs involved with moving the licence, notable legal fees and the extra meetings, however Quality Milk Producers have managed to achieve a small profit this year and approximately £4,000 has been transferred to reserves. We continue to maintain a very healthy balance sheet.

The Dairy market is no less challenging than dairy farming itself and trading conditions are tough. When a supermarket chain decides to cut prices by £500mn you can guess it is not coming off their bottom line and that the others will follow suit. We have seen two major milk processors announce profit reductions above 40% recently, due to the rising costs of fuel, plastic and milk, along with challenging marketing conditions and an inability to pass on these higher costs. We are not immune from these pressures. Although Grahams have an application in with Scottish Enterprise to support a potential rebranding of Gold Top this will also require a considerable amount of their own money and due to the current financial climate this will not take place until the spring. While this is frustrating it is understandable, however the brand will continue to be supported until any re-branding takes place.

Accordingly, promotion is planned, initially Tesco and the Co op for after Christmas.

This will be in the form of a price promotion to encourage shoppers to pick and try Gold Top. We anticipate sales will double over the promotional period

and stick at 20% higher than before the promotional period. We have seen in the cheese market that price promotions have increased the volume of sales and the total value of the category.

In the current market we need to maintain promotional activity and if successful we will be looking for other promotional opportunities.

Volumes of Guernsey and Jersey milk continue to outperform the market, still maintaining 10.4% growth year on year. As we approach 10mn litres each 10% secures a premium home for another 1mn litres of our milk.

Our sponsorship of the Cook It Competition reached a readership of 1.5 million in June based largely around the Cook It final. Advertising of Gold Top no only stimulates interest in the brand but the whole of the Guernsey and Jersey market. Further evidence of this was seen when a national television advertising campaign for a supermarket's private label Guernsey and Jersey cream lifted sales of all Guernsey and Jersey cream.

We continue to talk to the supermarkets about Gold Top and while they are fully supportive of the brand and of the work of Quality Milk Producers it is frustrating that this is not always borne out with the lines they stock. The buyers change on an ever increasing frequency which means the education process has to start all over again. I am well aware we need more products in more supermarkets and a further push for this will start in the Spring.

Quality Milk Producers made an application for some of the funds from the Residuary Milk Marketing Board. Although we were short listed and asked for additional information we were eventually unsuccessful. The money was given to Dairyco for a Continuous Professional Development Scheme.

Andrew Payling (*Chairman*)

Frome Show 2012

This year's Frome Show was held on Saturday September 8th.

Unusually for this year's shows, the sunny weather complimented the cattle at last and waterproof clothing was no-where to be seen!! Five exhibitors brought 14 animals for me to Judge and as was the usual scene for this season's shows, the youngstock classes continued to thrive.

I had one calf under six months old on parade and that was Tregallant Guernsey's, Tregallant Joker's Phoebe by Tregallant Joker and she was expertly led by Andrew Tilley's grandson, Max Hooper (*below*).



Champion Greensfield Lamar Phyliss with Caroline Greenslade



Two in calf heifers from Brian and Sheila Adams saw Wiltown Margaret by Shalford Pacific just pip Wiltown Mayflower by Mint in her superior rump set.

The cow in calf class was won by a fantastic dry cow from Tregallant Guernseys, Tregallant Oakley Bebo by St. Senara Oakly. She was a superb cow who had the advantage over second placed Kingwell HP Rum Savoye from Jon White in her maturity and strength.

One heifer in milk

forward was Tregallant Tetley's Fan a correct heifer that will mature on to be a fine cow.

The only junior cow entered was Greensfield Lamar Phyliss and her herdmate Greensfield River Phyliss was the only senior cow.

In the pairs class Caroline Greenslade was first with Tregallant Guernseys second and 4th with The Adams' pair third.

I found my Champion in Greensfield Lamar Phyliss from Caroline Greenslade with the wonderful dry cow of Andrew Tilley's, Tregallant Oakley Bebo in Reserve.

Kim Sales

In the calf over six months old but under 12 months category, the only entry was Greensfield Lady luck by Trotacre Jay Mr Luck a very promising yearling from Caroline Greenslade.

The next class for maiden heifer over 12 months old, was topped by Wiltown Claudia by Mint, owned and bred by Brian and Sheila Adams. She had the advantage on the day over the Addington Fund's, Hamps Valley Annabelle 7 by Kenvin Sally's Ghengis, in her superior topline. Third place went to Tregallant Ezekiels Lady as rather sweet less mature animal than the top two that will no doubt mature on to be a fine heifer. Fourth was Greensfield Tiller Poppy and fifth was Tregallant Sherberts Jiff.



Tregallant Oakley Bebo wins the cow in calf class

A Look Back At Shalford's Progress

by Chris Watson

As my active time with EGCS comes to an end it seems an appropriate time to set down some of my thoughts on how the Shalford Herd started, developed and I was able to bring forward some of the lessons learnt to my post as Chairman of Council. I was therefore glad to respond to the challenge when Caroline ask me to record some of these reminisces on paper for the Journal.

Belinda and I bought our first cows in 1980 and were faced with the problem of what bulls were about that would suit our objectives and found the cupboard very bare. Most of the bulls in AI were Montrose influenced, and having been told at a Judges' Conference that a cow can be correct without Dairy Character, one presumed that this was the type cow being used as Bull mothers, you can imagine that that was not what I was looking for.

Our opening purchases came mainly from Peckholdsash, which my father and I had managed since



*Shalford Logo painted by my mother.
C Marigold 10 was RASE Champion 1992 and
Marigold 4 was Royal Cornwall Champion in 1997
and gave 10941 kg 942 kg F+P 3rd calf*



Shalford Justine 4 Champion at Royal Cornwall in 1987

1948, and Longthorpe, which was one of the leaders in the introduction of the North American influence. So we adopted the policy of using the cows we had purchased, that suited our ideas, to breed sons by what Canadian semen, the US source was not yet available to us, we could find. We used these young bulls on about 20 females, mainly heifers, to see what we had. We must remember that we did not have any cow Indexes to consult; CGI became available to the Guernsey Breed in about 1990. My

major clue that I was on the right lines came from a series

of comparisons that Neil Jensen did, then secretary of AGA, where he compared the proof of the top ten current proven sires with the young sires going into AI at the same time and found them very similar, indicating that the average of the young sires was equal to the current proven bulls, i.e. use the best young sires, especially in the situation that we found ourselves in.

We were very lucky to have Longthorpe Yolanda 7th amongst these cows, probably fortunate to have been classified G+, but with tremendous Dairy Character and an excellent type pedigree.

All the Y Bulls left us daughters with udders better than their dams, hence my concern on relying on subjective type only. Yolanda was the dam of Yeoman, Iliad and 3 daughters by Royal Prince 3rd of Otterborne, who we found to be giving us the type of cows we were looking for. Prince's daughters when crossed with Fayette gave some top results including Yette, Astronomer and Albida 3, Champion at the SW Dairy Show 1992. All four of these bulls were at the top of the Index lists in their time along

with Sagittarius and Luxury, who is still there.

What we found very difficult was establishing strong cow families, we only found 3 cows in over 200 we purchased who left us consistent families, the Yolanda, the Albidas from Peckholdsash Albida 17th from which Astronomer came and the Damasks from Glanmax Sally, who was Ciifford bred and polled.

We continued with this young bull policy using our own and the Guernsey 2000 bulls as they became available. So it was not difficult for me to accept the policies that Genus introduced and later became the main principle of GGBP. i.e. use as many young bulls as economics will allow.

We started showing at the SW Dairy Show of 1984 and won our first Championship at the Royal Cornwall in 1987, with Justine 4, who that same year and lactation did 30 litres at the Dairy Event. And thereafter, up till 2006, we had multiple successes at



Shalford Albida 3 Champion at SW Dairy Show in 1992

the time of conception. Here I must record my thanks to the members of my family and to Tony Mallet, who taught me most of what I needed to know.

We were very prominent in both the EGCS and SW Type and Production Competitions and the Somerset Branch Production Competitions.

The important part of farming, the production of our cows, we first hit 6000 litres in 1991/2, and achieve 8500 in 1997/8 with our heifers averaging 6670 giving the Herd average of 8083 litres @4.84 and 3.50% total F+P of 674 Kg, which made us the top Channel Island Herd in the UK. For all his efforts during these years I must record my thanks to my herdsman David Lake. Soon after this, because I had had a couple of heart scares, we changed policy and went to a couple farming partnerships which were not so successful, so we finally closed down in



*Shalford Gold Label 5
Champion at Devon County, Royal Bath and West Royal
and Royal Cornwall in 1993 and Champion at RASE in 1994*

all the major shows where Guernsey classes were held, including 5 RASE Champions and 4 each at the Royal Bath and West and SW Dairy Show etc. Almost without exception all the home bred cows were by young bulls at

2003.

One thing I am certain of is that the young sire principle that we were forced to use at the start of our breeding campaign was and is still right for a Breed population of

Devon County Show 2012

This year's Devon County Show was held on May 17th-19th at Westpoint, Exeter. Five exhibitors had 17 cattle forward. Judge was Mr Robin Jamouneau of St. Catherines, Guernsey Island and he found his Champion in Greensfield Icy Phyliss exhibited by the Greenslade family. Reserve Champion was from Chettle Farm with Blacknor Cracker Banger Margaret.

Results in full:

Heifer Born After 1.4.11

ARC Addington Fund. Hamps Valley Annabelle 7.
B & S Adams. Wiltown Claudia.
M & C Greenslade. Greensfield Tiller Poppy.

Maiden Heifer

M & C Greenslade. Greensfield Jo Coppin.
M & C Greenslade. Greensfield Stinky Star.

Heifer In Calf

B & S Adams. Wiltown Margaret.
M & C Greenslade. Greensfield Lucky Shilling.
B & S Adams. Wiltown



*Devon County Champion
Greensfield Icy Phyliss*

Mayflower.

J. Marks & Mrs Tolchard. Sandy Hole Spice.

Cow in Calf

M & C Greenslade. Greensfield Lamar Phyliss.
J. White. Kingwell HP Ice Plum.

Heifer In Milk

Chettle Farm. Blacknor Cracker

Banger Margaret.

M & C Greenslade. Greensfield May King Sudley.

Cow in Milk

M & C Greenslade. Greensfield Icy Phyliss.

J. White. Kingwell Hero's Tangerine.

our size. Neil Jensen's findings apply, as shown by the lack of proven sires of sires with a higher index than the young sires offered for selection. The breed has advanced as fast as its competitors in those traits that we had the indexes for. But the inevitable happened in those traits on which we had no information and had a high coloration with high production, like fertility. We are addressing this one and must do the same with others that appear.

My final concern, for which I have an unconventional approach, is inbreeding. All breeds go through fashion breeding phases which take the breed forward!? in certain directions. These traits must be held onto if the improvements are to be maintained. This means that it is inevitable in a small breed inbreeding is going to be strong. Do we have the breeding resources to go to lesser strains and maintain the improvements we seek? I do not think that we have. So, as long as we are aware of the likely problems I am of the opinion that we have no choice but to accept inbreeding as a necessary evil. Let's face it that is what the Holsteins have done for a hundred years; they have had their recessives appear but look at their progress.



Longthorpe Yolanda 7 with Ruth

Cows Classified Excellent Between 1st November 2011 and 31st October 2012

There are 73 cows classified Excellent in the year (73 last year) of which 52 are first time Excellents.

Trewey Juno 38 sits on top of the list having reached EX 95, only the fourth cow to achieve that score in the UK. She was Conference Show and Royal Show Champion in 2004 and the other 3 with 95 points were also competing on that day, with Laity Farm Primrose 96 standing as Reserve Champion whilst a very stale Thornton Dilly 17th stood third in her Class and Boskenna Lauren was shown dry.

Trewey Juno 38 is joined in the list by the second of her twin Sonny Boy daughters Juno 64, and Tredinney Pedros Flo 4 is also a twin Excellent. Laity Farm Primrose 94 (EX 94) has two EX daughters listed as does Bulkeley Fiona 42 (EX 91) both bred at Hamps Valley.

Easby Polyanthus 3 is the third generation EX in the family, and was bought for barren money at the Easby sale by Alan Thomas, who with his Vet has successfully calved her again.

There are a further 13 cows who are 2nd generation Excellent, whilst 22 have VG dams, but 21 have dams who have no scores at all.

The EX cows are in 22 different herds, while the leading herd is once again Tredinney with 22 listed (16 last year) Trewey with 16 is keeping up the pressure (14 last year). Merion Jones has 5 listed from his Aber herd and the Beechgroves, Carne and Instead herds each have 3 listed. Miss Amy Jasper from Tregaminion at Pendeen has 3 SR cows listed, that were bought locally as she is trying to increase the numbers of Guernseys in the herd at home which 10 years ago had been pure Guernsey before being crossed to firstly Holstein and more recently to Swedish Red.

There are daughters of 47 different sires (40 of which are A1 sires) and Edgewater Meadows Yogibear with 6 daughters is the leading sire, followed by Sniders Option Aaron with 4 daughters and Boskenna Junes Royal Oak, Instead Oberon and Trewey Junos Boy each having three daughters listed.

In addition to the 4 EX 95 cows mentioned, there have been 16 cows scored with 94 points, 25 scored with 93 points and 72 with 92 points listed in the database. In total 646 cows have been scored Excellent which is 7.76% of the total of cows scored by HUK and is in line with expectations. As a rule of thumb 8% of cows are expected to be Excellent in any particular breed.

Once the Guernsey website is redeveloped it should be possible to post a record of the high scoring cows and to keep it updated more easily. Cows listed in cyan are approved or possible bull mothers. Digby Gribble

HBN	Prefix/Sire	Animal Name	Owner	Date of Birth	Account No	Calves	Final Score	Legs	Mamm	PLI	GMI	Dam Score
433051	Trewey	Juno 38 S. Old Homestead Dividend	The Mann Family	24/10/1998	731	7	95 (4)	93	95	-28	-90	GP 83
429654	Treloweth	Linnette S. Yellow Creek Ideal Clarion	M & R Dunn	10/07/1998	401	10	94 (7)	92	92	52	21	GP 80
438428	Instead	Beauty 25 S. Maple Leaf Lindon Sultan	A Kennard	22/08/2002	39	7	93(5)	93	91	-20	-119	EX 93
443057	Tredinney	Pedros Flo 3 S Tiresford Pedro	The Warren Family	05/07/2005	313	5	93 (2)	92	93	65	178	GP 82
445166	Tredinney	Jaspers Essential Essence 4 S. Boskenna Heidi Jasper	The Warren Family	12/07/2006	313	4	93 (2)	93	93	27	-42	
439443	Trewey	Jeany 3 S Amarillos Talisman	The Mann Family	09/09/2003	731	6	93 (3)	92	93	29	-3	GP 83
440381	St.Senara	Anoushka S. Tredinney Lorrys Hero	The Warren Family	30/04/2003	313	6	93 (2)	92	94	-40	-158	
436003	Trewey	Polly 20 S. Rhandir Magician	The Mann Family	07/10/2001	731	8	92 (4)	92	92	19	-105	GP 81
14654	Tregaminion	Caramel S. not known	Miss Amy Jasper	03/11/1998	1507	10	92	94	92			
436633	Tredinney	Lorrys After Eight S Trotacre Mercury Lorry	The Warren Family	04/01/2002	313	5	92 (2)	92	90	79	269	
444021	Bickfield	Rainbow 51 S. Slindon Posies Ambionic	Evans & Sales	14/12/2005	1483	3	92	89	92	77	193	
441512	Thornton	Aurea 21 S. Sniders Option Aaron	A & M Hall	22/09/2004	1289	5	92 (2)	87	94	107	317	
447007	Tredinney	Silverados Primrose 21 S. Coulee Crest R O Silverado	The Warren Family	01/08/2007	313	3	92 (2)	91	92	26	131	EX 94
442883	Trewey	Shiela 19 S. Brymor Stingboy	The Mann Family	15/05/2005	731	5	92	92	90	-6	-94	EX 90
441051	Hamps Valley	Tempest Fiona S. Leighgrange Troy Tempest	D & K Salt	04/01/2004	1121	4	92 (2)	92	93	-44	-155	EX 91

HBN	Prefix/Sire	Animal Name	Owner	Date of Birth	Account No	Calves	Final Score	Legs	Mamm	PLI	GMI	Dam Score
444108	Hamps Valley	Fiona 3 S.Sniders Option Aaron	D & K Salt	03/01/2006	827	4	92	91	93	53	165	EX 91
443033	Clay Hill	Glenda 4 S. Easby Alacrity	The Warren Family	17/06/2004	433	5	92 (2)	88	92	-17	-41	VG 86
442886	Aber	Iceman Susan 2 S.Aber Iceman	Merion Jones	06/05/2005	936	5	92 (2)	97	89	62	131	GP 82
444941	Tredinney	Hunters Shelby 3 S.Tredinneys Ronalds Hunter	The Warren Family	30/10/2005	313	4	91	90	91	29	-5	
431945	Watling	Rumbustious Georgina S.Shalford Rumbustious	A & R Thomas	23/09/1999	1460	9	91(2)	91	88	-34	-75	
440879	Trewey	Penny S.Sunninghill Park Royal Oak	The Mann Family	26/03/2004	731	6	91 (4)	92	90	52	190	VG 85
442927	Lodor	Enfys 2 S.Shenmont Agni Fortune	C & H Evans	24/09/2004	1121	4	91	97	88	-17	45	VG 88
441946	Aber	Aaron Dancer S. Sniders Option Aaron	Merion Jones	27/11/2004	936	5	91 (3)	93	90	61	176	EX 90
443489	Tredinnick	Mimi S.Edgewater Meadows Yogibear	Matthew Thomas	20/10/2005	461	4	91	92	88	97	216	G 78
443603	Brymor	Graceful 15 S.Tredinney Sonics Helium	R & D Moore	26/11/2005	353	4	91	96	88	135	304	H 79
437036	Tredinney	Highness Rowanne S.Tredinney Royal Highness	The Warren Family	11/04/2002	313	7	91	92	90	13	24	
441173	Boskenna	Naomi 2 S Boskenna Loreleis Jasper	A & G Hichens	02/05/2004	96	5	91	88	91	28	54	
446861	Aber	Royal Oak Susan 6 S.Boskenna Junes Royal Oak	Merion Jones	21/07/2007	936	3	91	92	90	93	287	EX 92
442908	Tredinney	Landon Graceful 2 S.Flambeau Manor Ron Landon	The Warren Family	19/05/2005	313	4	91	91	88	27	68	VG 85
445610	Bourton	Clover 24 S.Edgewater Meadows Yogibear	P & C Cox	22/10/2006	487	3	91	90	90	174	427	VG 88
441851	Trewey	Jackie 29 S.Trewey Junos Boy	The Mann Family	15/11/2004	731	4	91	90	90	5	27	VG 85
442910	Tredinney	Andy Pandys Eclipse 6 S.Tredinney Maypennants Andy Pandy	The Warren Family	25/05/2005	313	5	91	93	90	27	41	GP 81
439457	Skewes	Joanne 5 S.Shalford Teak	The Mann Family	14/07/2003	731	5	91 (2)	90	91	18	36	VG 88
439460	Skewes	Ace 3 S.Tredinney Royal Highness	The Mann Family	18/07/2003	731	6	91 (3)	88	91	24	42	
447240	Kenvin	Shakas Jane 16 S.Tiresford Shaka	D Vincent	14/09/2007	6	3	90	88	90	64	152	VG 86
447024	Beechgroves	Crystal S. Instead Oberon	G & D Lacey	16/09/2007	681	3	90	92	90	52	176	VG 87
440877	Trewey	Juno 64 S.Kelsmor Mays Sonny Boy	The Mann Family	31/03/2004	731	5	90	90	90	-5	-28	EX 95
440948	Thornton	Kudos 2 S Shalford Sagittarius	The Warren Family	17/04/2004	49	6	90	88	91	-1	90	GP 81
441291	Trewey	Lizzy Bussow 8 S.Sunninghill Park Royal Oak	The Mann Family	19/08/2004	731	3	92 (2)	88	90	25	169	H 86
440361	Carne	Skoda S.Coulee Crest Enhancer Storm	A & G Hichens	06/09/2003	96	5	90	90	88			
443624	Easby	Valerie 3 S.Edgewater Meadows Yogibear	Merion Jones	30/11/2005	936	4	90	91	87	89	209	VG 89
446880	Instead	Mimosa 3 S Four Winds Royal Delta	A Kennard	30/07/2007	39	3	90	90	90	8	3	VG 85
443233	Tredinney	Pedros Bracken S.Tiresford Pedro	The Warren Family	01/08/2005	313	5	90	88	90	44	131	EX 91
445578	Lower Keigwin	Starsky 22 S.Easby Rowan	M & N Jelbert	23/09/2006	475	4	90	89	91	2	62	VG 85

HBN	Prefix/Sire	Animal Name	Owner	Date of Birth	Account No	Calves	Final Score	Legs	Mamm	PLI	GMI	Dam Score
444707	Trewey S.Trewey	Plum Crazy 14 Junos Boy	The Mann Family	30/03/2006	731	4	90	90	91	21	48	VG 85
447367	Greensfield S.Spring Walk	Icy Phyllis Icy Iceberg	M & C Greenslade	08/09/2007	610	3	90	90	87	78	270	VG 86
444955	Tredinney S.Edgewater	Yogis Primrose 16 Meadows Yogibear	The Warren Family	19/02/2006	313	3	90	88	90	108	288	EX 94
447006	Tredinney S.Treloweth	Buzzards Jingle 8 Harebells Buzzard	The Warren Family	06/07/2007	313	3	90	90	88	27	162	EX 90
447428	Rosewood S Land Of Living	Garretts Grandee P Garrett	M & R Dunn	23/04/2006	401	4	90	88	92	30	35	EX 90
446678	Clay Hill S.Boskenna	Sparkey 3 Junes Royal Oak	The Warren Family	03/03/2007	433	3	90	89	92	60	222	
445649	Tredinney S.Boskenna	Jaspers Mabyn 6 Heidi Jasper	The Warren Family	06/11/2006	313	4	90 (20)	91	89	66	132	H 82
446435	Bourton S.Riverwood	B Fiona 5 Tiller Khan	P & C Cox	02/04/2007	487	3	90	88	90	86	305	VG 85
436005	Trewey S.Rhandir	Poppy 10 Magician	The Mann Family	05/10/2001	731	7	90	90	91	-9	-27	GP 81
442568	Webbery S.Sniders	Lowton Claire 4 Option Aaron	J Yewdall	20/02/2005	142	5	90	90	88	95	207	
443268	Tredinney S.Edgewater	Yogis Lilian 6 Meadows Yogibear	The Warren Family	31/08/2005	313	4	90	88	90	36	62	VG 85
13710	Clay Hill S. not known	Liz	The Warren Family		313	10	90	88	90	8	-50	
447556	Instead S.Rozelyn	Beauty 39 Patmar Jay Glacier	A Kennard	03/01/2008	39	3	90	92	88	-14	-39	EX 93
443772	Carne S.Edgewater	Hoop Meadows Yogibear	A & G Hichens	27/08/2005	96	4	90	87	91	107	249	GP 82
444303	St. Senara S.Jensgolden	Oaks Gabrielle 2 Proking Royal Oak	The Mann Family	21/03/2005	731	3	90	88	90	68	291	GP 82
445651	Shalford S.Beechgroves	44 Semone 47 Cornelius	The Warren Family	13/11/2006	313	3	90	88	92	22	107	H 82
444944	Tredinney S.Tredinney	Hunters Candy 22 Ronalds Hunter	The Warren Family	25/11/2005	313	4	90	88	90	83	122	
445306	Bickfield S.Treloweth	After Dark 4 Karen Oak	M & P Durbin	18/08/2006	50	3	90	90	90	43	106	VG 87
445608	Beechgroves S.Instead	Eveline 3 Oberon	G & D Lacey	05/11/2006	681	3	90	89	89	-13	-23	H 82
444304	St. Senara S. Shalford	Yette Rebecca Yette	The Mann Family	20/04/2005	731	5	90	91	88	-13	-90	
447088	Thornton S.Thornton	Gift 31 Troy	A & M Hall	06/10/2007	1289	3	90	91	89	-11	51	
444950	Tredinney S.Tredinney	Andy Pandys Primrose 15 Maypennants Andy Pandy	The Warren Family	16/01/2006	313	4	90	88	90	3	41	VG 87
446573	Trewey S.Spring Walk	Violet 12 Icy Chiller	The Mann Family	10/05/2007	731	3	90	90	90	20	102	VG 87
447022	Beechgroves S.Instead	Bubbles 98 Oberon	G & D Lacey	15/09/2007	681	3	90	91	90	6	13	
14644	Tregaminion S. not known	Penelope	Miss Amy Jasper	03/10/2006	1507	4	90	92	89			
446538	Bridlesford S Boskenna	Oaks Violet Junes Royal Oak	R & P Griffin	31/01/2007	472	3	90	90	88	115	387	GP 83
14736	Tregaminion S. not known	Dolly	Miss Amy Jasper	24/09/2003	1507	7	90	94	90			
445594	Trewey S. Trewey	Polly 35 Junos Boy	The Mann Family	17/10/2006	731	3	90	90	90	34	113	VG 85
444078	Aber S.Aber	Iceman Black Magic Merion Jones	Merion Jones	30/10/2005	936	5	90	93	87	32	80	VG 86
437348	Easby S.Jensgolden	Polyanthus 3 Proking Royal Oak	A & R Thomas	15/06/2002	1460	6	90 (3)	90	89	28	147	EX 90

Royal Bath & West Show 2012

This year's Royal Bath & West Show was held on 30th May to 2nd June. Four exhibitors had 14 cattle forward and although the milk classes were a little low on numbers, the youngstock classes were well supported. Judge was Rosemary Charman from Holsworthy in Devon and she found her Champion in Graylands Ellisa 7th from C.G. Parfitt and Son. Reserve was the ARC Addington Fund's Hamps Valley Annabell 7th. The Tom Emm Memorial Trophy for the most points was won by C.G. Parfitt and Son.

Here are the results in full:

Maiden Heifer

1. Addington Fund. Hamps Valley Annabell 7th, by Kenvin Sally's Ghengis.
2. B & S Adams. Wiltown Claudia by Spring Walk Sherberts Mint.
3. Parfitt. Graylands Bouncy Starlight, by G. Meadowsweet McCoy.
4. B & S Adams. Wiltown Susie, by Milborne Bolero.
5. Sir Howard Guinness. White Ladies Pretty 98, by Trewarnevas Ivor.

Heifer in Calf

1. Sir Howard Guinness. White Ladies Marius Graceful 8 by Trewarnevas



Champion Graylands Ellisa 7th with Elisa Langley for CG Parfitt and Son with the Judge Rosemary Charman

Ivor.

2. B & S Adams. Wiltown Margaret by Shalford Pacific.
3. B & S Adams. Wiltown Mayflower by Spring Walk Sherberts Mint.

Cow in Calf

1. Parfitt. Graylands Meadowsweet 67 by G. Samantha's Simon.

Junior Cow

1. Parfitt. Graylands Elissa 7 by G. Meadowsweet's McCoy.
2. Sir Howard Guinness. White Ladies Marius Graceful 7 by Cresthill Magic

Lucky.

Intermediate Cow

1. Parfitt. Graylands Jackie 4th by G. Samantha's Simon.

Group of Three

1. Parfitt.
2. B & S Adams
3. Sir Howard Guinness.

Pair

1. Parfitt
2. B & S Adams
3. Sir Howard Guinness.

Royal Isle of Wight Show 2012

Tilly Grimshaw, grand daughter of Richard and Judi Griffin, led Briddlesford Violets Edward in The Royal Isle of Wight County Show Grand Parade on 16th June 2012 after training him on a halter for weeks with the help of her auntie Izzy despite there being no Guernsey classes on the day.

However having seen them the Judge, Mr Ron Holland created a special class for Guernsey bull calves and awarded Briddlesford Violets Edward a red rosette for being such a fine example of a Guernsey calf.



Proven Bulls with semen available November 2012

EGCS have semen available from several well proven bulls most of whom have been used within GGBP and have mature daughters milking in herds across the country.

While the GGBP has delivered the results promised in both production and type and young bulls continue to offer improvement for the future, we are conscious that there may be a demand for proven bulls particularly if your herd did not sample them as young bulls.

Beechgroves Cornelius

Rel	M	Fat	Fat%	P	P%	SCC	Fert	T M	Mam	L/F	£PLI	GMI
92	493	25.7	0.04	13.1	-0.08	-8	10.3	2.5	0.9	2.4	91	369

Use Cornelius to improve yield of Fat and Fat%, to improve Body Depth (+2.5), Rump Width (+2.5) and Udder Support (+2.6) and Rear Udder Height (+2.1). Cornelius has 1 Ex and 5 VG dtrs.

Tredinney Sonics Helium

Rel	M	Fat	Fat%	P	P%	SCC	Fert	T M	Mam	L/F	£PLI	GMI
94	281	22.4	0.16	12.9	-0.05	-1	1.6	-0.1	-0.5	-0.6	121	328

Helium is improving all of the production traits in particular butterfat percent, he does need using on good uddered cows but is capable of producing some outstanding individuals with 3 Ex and 4 VG dtrs so far.

Tiresford Pedro

Rel	M	Fat	Fat%	P	P%	SCC	Fert	T M	Mam	L/F	£PLI	GMI
97	378	26	0.14	10	-0.06	-16	9.4	1.1	-0.2	1.2	94	320

Pedro is another who improves production and butterfat percent, as well as being one of the best for reducing cell counts (-16), use him for extra body depth (+1.3), rear udder height (+1.6) and udder support (+1.5), he has 6 Ex and 11 VG daughters, who are now appearing in the life-time production award tables.

Les Jaonnetts Caras Amir

Rel	M	Fat	Fat%	P	P%	SCC	Fert	T M	Mam	L/F	£PLI	GMI
82	623	23.2	-0.11	13	-0.15	-8	4.7	2.3	1.5	3	145	314

Amir is the No 1 bull ranked by £PLI in the UK (+£145) with his combination of high milk (+623 kgs) and good udders (+3), with udder support (+3), fore udder attachment (+1.9) and high rear udders (+2.1). 37 classified daughters on Guernsey Island average over 81 points, whilst 17 scored over here are 7 GP, 9 G and 1 74 pt heifer. Semen is in short supply owing to changes in the AI licence from

Guernsey Island.

Trewarnevas Ivor

Rel	M	Fat	Fat%	P	P%	SCC	Fert	T M	Mam	L/F	£PLI	GMI
77	691	27.9	-0.08	16.2	-0.14	15	6.5	0.7	1.4	0.1	96	307

Ivor is another bull raising milk (+691), Fat (+27.9) and Protein (+16.2), type scores are generally above average and he is improving Legs/Ft (+1.4).

Tredinney Yogis Prince

Rel	M	Fat	Fat%	P	P%	SCC	Fert	T M	Mam	L/F	£PLI	GMI
80	328	13.5	-0.04	13.1	0.02	-4	4.8	1.9	0.7	1.8	102	306

Prince's release as a young bull was delayed by the 2001 FMD outbreak and as a result his first crop of daughters were all born at Tredinney, but they impress for their consistency as shown by the Classification scores with 6 VG cows, 2 VG heifers and 2 GP heifers and average over 83 points.

His daughters have really good fore udders (+2.3) as well as high rear udders (+1.9) and strong udder support (+1.9).

Golden J Ronald Grumpy

Rel	M	Fat	Fat%	P	P%	SCC	Fert	T M	Mam	L/F	£PLI	GMI
70	362	16.6	-0.01	10.5	-0.04	-4	1	2.2	-0.2	3	118	288

Grumpy has been imported as a Proven sire and to use as a sire of sons in the UK, and to date we have no UK sons, although we have used his American son Novak.

He is producing superb udders on his US daughters with high, wide udders with a strong ligament (+2.9).

He along with Helium is positive for the "new" Fertility Index.

Trewey Surprise

Rel	M	Fat	Fat%	P	P%	SCC	Fert	T M	Mam	L/F	£PLI	GMI
94	350	16.1	-0.01	9.6	-0.05	-13	2.3	-0.1	-0.9	0.7	80	213

Surprise daughters are now maturing into wearing cows, on a recent visit to Trewey it seemed that almost every cow that impressed me was a Surprise daughter, and at the most recent Classification visit 6 of the 10 daughters scored went VG with the other 4 GP. He has 14 VG daughters across the country and may well be the bull to use on those cows that are larger than average.

Digby Gribble

West Midlands Guernsey Cattle Breeders Annual Report

After a well attended AGM held in April, the following officers were re-elected, Peter Richardson – Chairman, John Venables – Treasurer, and Michele Fallows as Secretary. The Chairman would like to thank all of the members for their continued support at events and functions held throughout the year.

Two stock judging evenings were arranged; the first evening in June was well attended at the Eavesford Herd belonging to the Fallows family at Whiston, with Master judge Roy Bailey. Unfortunately due to the bad summer and late harvesting this year the second evening had to be cancelled. The competition was this year won by Eileen Lees, who was very surprised by her success at our Annual Dinner.

During the Summer a BBQ was kindly hosted by the Chairman Peter at his home, a most enjoyable social evening was had by us all, good food and great company.

The Annual trip this year was to Chatsworth House in Derbyshire which included a guided tour around the

house and gardens, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

The end of the year was upon us already and our Annual Dinner was held at The New Broom at Checkley, Staffordshire, which was enjoyed by around 30 members and friends of the society. We were delighted to welcome the president Mrs Rosemary Warren as our guest for the evening and pleased to see some new faces.

The Young stock competition was judged by our Chairman Peter who commented how strong the competition was this year between the herds with judging taking place for in-calf heifers and younger heifers, with Andrew Hope's Tiresford Herd and Ernie Durose's Leigh Grange Herd coming out on top.

The Guernsey Milk Can for the cow with the highest yield of butter fat and protein in 305 days, and the Audrey Bethell Production Trophy for the heifer with highest yield of butter fat and protein was awarded to M & S Staples of Manor Lodge farm, Leicestershire.

Cornish Branch of the English Guernsey Cattle Society Report

This year's Dinner and Dance was again held at the Queens' Hotel in Penzance. We had over 80 people in attendance. The speakers for the evening were Hugh Eddy, a local sheep farmer who produces yogurt and Gideon Lacey who was serving as our National President. The event was extremely enjoyable with consistently good food.

Our Herds competition in 2011 was judged by Chris Roskilly who has an Ayrshire Herd. The results were announced at our Dinner and Dance and are as follows:

101 + cows 1st Warren 332 pts 2nd Mann 311.5 3rd Ellis 284.5

76 – 100 cows 1st Thomas 295 pts 2nd Hitchens 270 3rd

Hutchings 268.75 25 – 75 cows 1st Jelbert 231.75 pts 2nd

Thomas (Ladock) 120 1-24 cows 1st Rowe Total 241.25 pts

Stock Person in Charge at Royal Cornwall Show 2011 -

Ed Hosking

Champion Young Handler - Kerris Richards

Best Cow – 1st Tredinnick Peony (Thomas), 2nd Tredinney

Yogis Gabrille 2 (Warren), 3rd No. 67 (Hutchings)

Best in Milk Heifer – 1st No. 421 (Hutchings), 2nd No. 311

(Jelbert), 3rd Carne Star (Hitchens)

Best Uncalved Heifer – 1st Treway Polly 47 (Mann), 2nd No.

125 (Ellis), 3rd Tredinney Nomar Primrose (Warren)

Highest Fat & Protein Cow - Carne Skoda, 905 kg F&P

(Hitchens)

Highest Fat & Protein Heifer - Tredinney Hawk's Prim-

rose 23, 703 kg F&P (Warren)

Highest Scoring Herd on Inspection – Treway (Mann) 185 Pts

Highest Scoring Herd Overall – Tredinney (Warren) 332 Pts

We held our stock judging in July at Carne farm, Morvah by kind permission of Andrew and Christine Hitchens. It was a thoroughly successful evening with refreshments enjoyed by all in attendance. The judge was Francis Grose from St Just who formerly owned The Brae Veian Herd of Guernsey's. The winner was Rosie Bailey-Clarke and Mark Thomas, from Bussow Farm St Ives came second. We would like to thank Graham Facks-Martin once again for giving up his time and scoring for us.

In September the recently married Andrew and Layla

Hutchins and family hosted a farm walk at Polgear Farm, Redruth. It was an enjoyable day in great weather with extremely good cattle and excellent hospitality. We all enjoyed one of the only sunny and dry days throughout the whole summer!

We would like to thank all our members for their continued support at events and functions held throughout the year.

David Mann (*Secretary*)

Sniders Option Aaron

Semen from Aaron was imported by EGCS as a young bull for use in the GGBP scheme, he is the Number 1 bull in the world on the GMI ranking with a figure of +403. His PLI which is a composite index that gives half of the weight to health, fertility and type is +£123. He ranks third on £PLI behind his first UK proven sire Les Jaonnets Caras Amir, who has a £PLI of +£145 and a GMI of 314.

Aaron has 130 registered daughters in the UK, 49 of which have been classified (his second crop daughters born after he was proven (50 daughters) are only just joining milking herds. His first crop daughters are 6 Ex, 8 VG and 5 GP of those scored as cows, with 5 H85, 17 H80+, 7 H75+ and 1 below 75 points. His second crop heifers are 5 H85+ 8 H80+ and 1 H 75+. His sons are still making their mark with 6 having daughters in the UK, Springhill Jackpot (£PLI +100, GMI +354, 13 daughters) Springhill Judgement (£PLI +100, GMI +354, 3 daughters) Marodore Aarons Levi (£PLI +114, GMI +310, 26 daughters), Jens Gold Aaron Crunch from "sexed" and conventional semen (£PLI +138, GMI +329, 51 daughters), Meadowcourt Ellys Eric (£PLI +94, GMI + 324, 56 daughters) and Les Jaonnets Caras Amir (£PLI 145, GMI +314, 78 daughters).

EGCS were able to purchase 100 straws of Amir semen and a small amount of semen from Petite Croutes Almonds Regal (£PLI +£109 ,GMI +274) who has been used on Guernsey Island and is out of an outstanding Glacier cow and traces back to Maple Leaf Lindon Sultan and Laeschland Frank Dominic .

OBITUARIES

Tony Isaac 27th January 1930 - 9th June 2012

A sad loss to the farming community

On the recent death of Tony Isaac, West Horsley has lost one of its best loved residents - "a charming gentleman farmer with an infectious smile" as he has been described.

Tony has farmed at West Horsley since 1952, firstly at Manor Farm and then at Lower Hammonds Farm in 1963. He was from a long line of farmers from Cornwall and Devon and in the 1930s his grandfather moved his whole farm, with animals (cows being milked on the way), by train to Sussex. Tony and his brother Jim were born at West Marden Farm in Sussex.

Schooled at Churchers College, Petersfield where he played rugby and boxed for the school, Tony went briefly into Shell Petroleum in London before National Service in his father's regiment, the Royal Sussex, serving in Hong Kong. But the call of farming was in his blood and encouraged by his uncle Walter, Tony went into partnership with his father at Manor

Farm in 1951.

At first he began with ten Guernsey cows, and with the help of Christine, whom he married in 1958, they built up a well-bred herd of Guernsey cattle. Breeding of animals was a strong ambition of his. His grandfather helped to develop the famous South Down sheep and his uncle Bill was a successful beef cattle breeder. Tony showed his cattle at the South of England shows and also the Bath and West and Royal and won a number of cups.

In 1964 their son Stephen was born and with help from the family Tony and Christine were able to obtain the tenancy of Lower and Upper Hammonds Farms from the National Trust. They increased the herd to 140 and added some Friesian cattle.

The year 1988 was a significant one; Tony married again and he became chairman of the Surrey County Agricultural Show for the next two years. Apart from travelling abroad visiting their many



friends with his second wife, Gina, he enjoyed sport, skiing, pheasant shooting, tennis and watching cricket. He became a member of the MCC.

Tony Isaac's last wish was to be buried at the top of Wix Hill with a view of the surrounding Surrey countryside which he loved. This is where he lies after his funeral service at St Mary's Church, which was attended by over 200 relatives and friends.

The Hammonds farms are West Horsley's only working farms and they will continue under Tony's son Stephen who has taken over the tenancy.

GORDON WATERS

8th December 1925 – 22nd December 2011



Gordon was an established and enthusiastic member of the Guernsey Society. In 1944 he started the famous 'ROBINSFIELD' herd in the village of Stanford Dingley, Berkshire with the Beauty's being the main family and he bred many bulls which were used all over the country. He enjoyed showing with much success especially at the local Newbury Show which was always a family day out.

He was a member of the EGCS Council for many years and became President in the year 1976. In his presidential year, accompanied by his wife (Connie), he enjoyed visiting members around the country including the Island of Guernsey and enjoyed a visit to Kenya to Judge at

their show. He also attended World Conferences which included a visit to America. He was on the Judges panel for many years and during this time felt honoured to meet many important guests including the Queen.

The Southern Association played a big part in his life and he had many good times with his friends at field days, and dinners.

He loved his shooting and was out with the shoot up until his last days. He also enjoyed his music being a member of the local choral society.

Gordon is survived by his wife Connie, five children, 11 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Evelyn Thoday
(Daughter)

Mrs Diana Vine

Diana Vine first moved to Studland near Swanage in Dorset in the early 1950s to work at the local hotel as the patisary chef. She had her first encounter with the farming world when she met “the youngest son of the new people at the farm” in the local village hall on badminton night. He commented on the cakes she had made for the evening as “nearly as good as shop bought ones”

For some reason she still married him, became Mrs Dick Vine and that started her association with not only farming but the Guernsey breed.

She loved being a farmer’s wife and fitted into the role perfectly. However, she rarely ventured onto the farm, but she was an amazingly supportive wife and worked hard within the home, bringing up their two children and doing Bed and Breakfast for over 50 years.

Diana joined Dick on many of his trips judging Guernsey cattle and they spent a wonderful 3 weeks in



Kenya where Dick was asked to judge The Royal Show. They both very much looked forward to attending as many of the Guernsey Society’s meetings and trips as they could and made many lasting friendships.

Julia Vine (daughter)

Steven Southall

Steve Southall, who died in December 2011 aged 95, was part of the Guernsey scene from 1947, when the Clifford Herd was founded in the Wye Valley near Hay-on-Wye until he retired from active farming when he was 70. In 1982 he enjoyed the honour to be President of The EGCS. Before the war Steve trained as an engineer and in 1939 he joined the Fleet Air Arm from which he was invalided after two years. When his health improved he decided to farm. He had various periods with farmers, vets and a course at Harper Adams College, before getting a job as bailiff on a mixed farm in Worcestershire. Here he managed an Ayrshire herd and had mixed arable land from steep hills to good valley land, with all the problems of wartime farming. From here he was able to buy Lower Court and now with wife Philippa, moved down to Clifford. Here they founded the Clifford herd of Guernseys with purchases from selected herds. Once the herd was established no new blood lines were added until 1980 at the Longthorpe dispersal sale, where purchases were made. Early on Reg Williams became herdsman and remained with the herd for 37 years! The herd was described as cows with large and powerful frames. This was what suited the farm, with considerable distances to walk and large river meadows to graze. By the time of the dispersal sale in 1986

there had been a considerable injection of American and Canadian blood, including the very successful bull, Lindley Granada, purchased as a calf from Canada. He was EGCS Champion at the Royal Show in 1974, his semen was exported widely, including, much to Steve’s pleasure, to Guernsey Island.

Steve lived life to the full. He was very keen on his veteran and vintage cars, with which he competed in rallies and events at home and abroad. He was a keen horse man, riding to hounds, serving as field secretary to the Golden Valley Foxhounds and finally as joint Master, retiring when he was 90. Skiing and sailing were other hobbies. Steve’s final active summers were filled with sailing his boat in the Eastern Mediterranean. All these activities were shared with his wife of 64 years. Public service was a very important part of his busy life, as a Herefordshire County Councillor and Alderman, and as first Chairman of the Herefordshire Water Board. With the merger of the Counties of Hereford and Worcester in 1974, Steve turned his energies to establishing the Herefordshire Waterworks Museum, now a vibrant Industrial and Social History Museum that has a very active schools’ programme and is still entirely volunteer run. It is a legacy for the City and County of which he was justly proud.

Philippa Southall

North Somerset Show 2012

This year's North Somerset Show was held on Monday May 7th at Wraxall, near Bristol. The wet and cold weather unfortunately put exhibitors off as The Parfitt family from Dundry, provided the only cattle forward on the day.

Judge was Mr David Christophers from Truro in Cornwall and he found his Champion in second calver, Graylands Elissa 7th by home bred Graylands Meadowsweets McCoy. Here are the results in full:

Maiden Heifer

1. Graylands Elissa 11th by Andante.
2. Graylands Beauty 32nd by Andante.
3. Graylands Justina 2nd by Meadowsweet McCoy.

Cow in Calf

1. Graylands Meadowsweet by Graylands Samantha's Simon.

Cow in milk born on or after 1.6.07.

1. Graylands Elissa 7th by Meadowsweets McCoy.

Cow in Milk born before 1.6.07

1. Graylands Hugette 21st by Royal Delta.
2. Graylands Jackie 4th by Samantha's Simon.



Champion Graylands Elissa 7th

The Parfitt's put forward a very matching Pair and Group.

Champion was Graylands Elissa 7th with the maiden heifer Elissa 11th in reserve.

Many thanks to all the Parfitt Family for supporting this year's Show and to David Christophers for making the journey to judge the classes.

Kim Sales

SUSAN, LADY BARLOW

I had hoped to have received an obituary for Lady Barlow from the family but, unfortunately this has not arrived in time. I have therefore been speaking with John Berry, one of her greatest friends in the Guernsey Society, and together we have written the following appreciation of her life as far as we know it.

Lady Susan had been involved with the running of the Society for many years in several different roles, primarily in the 1980s as Chairman of Finance when she worked closely with Kathy. She was President of The English Guernsey Cattle Society in 1997 and went on to become a Vice President in 1999. My memories of her at Council Meetings in recent years are of a very strong woman, physically strong to have overcome the disability she suffered as a result of ill health and intellectually strong and intelligent – not taking any prisoners and suffering no fools. She was a woman of high principle and although high born she never stood on ceremony and was always, always one of us, when amongst her many friends and colleagues on Council.

John recalls she had two great loves in her life, her cows and her horses, which John could also identify with. Her cows, the renowned Bulkeley herd were very, very important to her and its success in the Show Ring and in the Society Herd Competitions were a testimony to her prowess as a Breeder. When the herd was sold following family difficulties her distress was all too obvious but cows and bulls from the Bulkeley herd went on to enhance many herds in this country and their progeny carry forward the excellence of the Bulkeley breeding. Her colleague and friend, John Posnett was of great help and



Lady Susan pictured at Kathryn Jenkins retirement party

comfort to her during these difficult times.

Her second love were horses, in particular race horses and National Hunt racing where again she left her mark in the breeding of excellent stock.

In conclusion most of her friends will remember the hospitality they received at Bulkeley Grange and her reputation as a fair, understanding employer meant that her farm staff were faithful servants to her for between 20 and 30 years. Indeed she was quite a lady and the Society holds her in great esteem.

I should like to thank John Berry for helping to write this short appreciation of Susan, Lady Barlow at very short notice.

Caroline Cox

Cows awarded GDM between December 2011 and August 2012

32 cows have been awarded GDM after the proof runs in Dec 11, Apr 12 and Aug 12, the award is made for the production of 5000 kgs of Fat + Protein and 19 of the cows have reached this total in 8 or less lactations.

As you may expect all of those classified as cows are GP or better with 7 Excellent and 7 VG, but 6 have no scores at all. I was surprised when compiling the table to note that despite having calved regularly there are not many daughters born to these cows with only 11 cows having 4 or more daughters, the exception being Bickfield Linda 9 with 8 daughters in 9 calvings.

26 different sires have daughters listed with Jensgolden Proking Royal Oak and Trotacre Jay Mr Luxury each having 3 daughters and Laeschland Magic Billy Beau and Trotacre Mercury Lorry both having 2 daughters listed.

The GDM cows are in 22 different herds with 5 at Tredinney, 3 at Bickfield and 2 each at Beechgroves, Carne, Kenvin and Trewey.

Given the relative "youth" of more than half of the cows in the list maybe we should look to introduce awards for 6000 Kgs + and possibly 7000 kgs +.

Digby Gribble

HBN	Prefix	Name	Age at Lact	EndLacts	Dtrs.	Total F+P	Class	Owner	Sire	Dam Award
436091	Luckley	Sylvia 15	7 yrs 7 mths	7	4	5237	Ex 94	D & I Crouch	Jens Gold P Royal Oak	
436965	Tredinney	Heros Maud	8/9	7	1	5017	VG 85	The Warren Family	Tredinney Lorrays Hero	
436609	Carne	Babble	9/7	7	1	5228	GP 84	A & G Hichens	Jens Gold P Royal Oak	
13530	Oxlynch	Dulcie 6	9/9	9	2	5501	GP 82	A & R Payling	Tiresford Atlantic	
437975	Burwood	Griselda 3	9/9	7	2	5151	GP 83	T Butler-Stoney	Slindon Posies Ambionic	
436200	Trewarnevas	Hawthorne 10	9/9	8	4	5044		N Bottom	Trewarnevas T D Thomas	
434480	Kenvin	Lorrays Daisy	489/11	7	4	5136	GP 82	D Vincent	Trotacre Mercury Lorry	CM
436047	Beechgroves	Dancer 2	9/11	7	1	5119	GP 82	G & D Lacey	Trotacre Mercury Lorry	GDM
435247	Tredinney	Bretts Excess	10/0	7	3	5115	VG 85	The Warren Family	Lone Acres Saber Brett	
434647	Hyde End	Susan 37	10/1	7	2	5382	VG 86	M & R Dunn	Trotacre Jay Mr Luxury	
432211	Carne	Duchess	10/4	7	1	5280	EX 90	A & G Hichens	Nedrow Farms Goliath Luke	CME
435264	Laity Farm	Elegance 30	10/7	7	2	5169	GP 80	The Warren Family	Trotacre Jay Mr Luxury	CM
434886	Beechgroves	Bobby Jo	10/9	8	3	5341	VG 86	G & D Lacey	Jens Gold P Royal Oak	CM
434114	Laity Farm	Primrose 98	10/11	8	4	5061	VG 88	The Warren Family	Rozelyn Enhancer Jordan	
433952	Tredinney	Luxurys Candy 15	11/0	8	1	5514	GP 82	The Warren Family	Trotacre Jay Mr Luxury	
434760	Thornton	Jacinth	11/2	8	1	5162	VG 86	A & M Hall	Coulee Crest Saber Stingray	
431304	Trevarthian	Noble Beau Ideal	11/4	7	1	5072		Miss Amy Jasper	Laeschland Magic Billy Beau	
431434	Kenvin	Youngs Sapphire 52	11/5	8	6	5034	VG 87	D Vincent	Shalford Young	CM
433052	Trewey	Plum Crasy 8	11/6	8	5	5020	EX 92	The Mann Family	Trewarnevas F Jaspers Prince	
432794	Summerhill	Dancer 13	11/8	8	4	5570	EX 90	Merion Jones	Summerhill Minstrel	
446031	Brane	Helen 2	12/2	9	2	5114		K Parsons	Brane Triple Baldwin	
430108	Bickfield	Linda 9	12/3	9	8	5506		M & P Durbin	Yellow Creek Ideal Clarion	GDM
431155	Easby	Julia 6	12/5	10	3	5195	EX 91	A Dallyn	Shalford Rumbustious	
430498	Trengwainton	Glare	12/6	9	0	5204	EX 90	N & C Gosling	Laeschland Magic Billy Beau	
429928	Bickfield	Tessa 72	12/7	10	1	5352	GP 83	M & P Durbin	Rhandir Magician	
432940	Trewey	Red Kate 8	12/11	11	5	5217	GP 83	The Mann Family	Maple Leaf Grenadiers Pioneer	
429185	Shalford	Bess 3	13/1	8	4	5091	EX 90	P & C Cox	Shalford My Dear	CME
423577	Bettymart	Begonia 22	13/2	11	1	5913	H 75	P Younger	Willows Admirals Jasper	
427309	Wardour	E Garnish 2	13/3	11	1	5289		R Manford	Golden Whey Magic Enticer	
426452	Hinton	Clarity 11	13/6	11	6	5081	H 78	D & J Bartlett	Kelsmor Daffodils Guardian	
428678	Bickfield	Monica 6	13/10	10	1	5058	H77	M & P Durbin	Bickfield Lotus Challenger	GDM
424504	Eavesford	Brigadiers Debbie 2	15/7	13	3	5135		The Fallows Family	Thurlow Brigadier	GDM



Ruth Wyatt

Mrs Ruth Wyatt, widow of Paul passed away in 2012 following an accident.

Fondly remembered for her work with Paul in building the Slindon herd and her support of the Society

Young Bulls with semen available 2012 - 2013

EGCS are planning to make available semen from 5 young bulls chosen to be the latest members of the GGBP scheme.

Hartland View Harebell Blue HB No 43792 Tested A2x2													
Rel	M	Fat	Fat%	P	P%	SCC	F I	Mam	L/F	PLI	GMI	Sexed	
32	288	17.8	0.07	10.1	-0.01	-11	1.6	1.14	0.84	£96	292	No	Now

Blue semen is available now and is a son of the newly Proven Spring Walk Sherberts Mint whose US daughters have been impressing the Classifier over there. His dam Trevider EH Harebell VG88 is the fifth generation GP or better tracing to Treloweth.

Abiqua Acres Alstar VIP HB No 68042560 Tested A2x2													
Rel	M	Fat	Fat%	P	P%	SCC	F I	Mam	L/F	PLI	GMI	Sexed	
31	388	19.8	0.02	9.9	-0.07	1	1.2	-0.18	0.64	£132	248	Yes	Now

VIP is the first son of Sniders Ronald Alstar the No 1 Fertility bull in the USA (+4.7) who is a son of the fabulous Cedar Fringed Altann Ex95 and ranks No 2 in the USA to be used in the UK

VIP's dam Abiqua Acres Goliath Velma has produced 88,000 kgs in her lifetime and was pictured as a 14 year old at the recent AGA Annual Field Day. The combination of the longevity of the cow family and the positive health/fertility traits give rise to the very high predicted £PLI of +132.

Originally we only imported Sexed semen but conventional semen is also now available.

Dairyman Mint Phonze HB No 68040118 Tested A2x2													
Rel	M	Fat	Fat%	P	P%	SCC	F I	Mam	L/F	PLI	GMI	Sexed	
31	301	17.7	0.06	11.4	0.01	-2	-0.1	0.24	1.13	£92	303	No	Mar 13

Phonze is a Mint son out of Dairyman Spider Phame Ex who is the daughter of Marfred Enticer Phoem Ex, one of the better cows that I saw on my first trip to the USA.

Semen should be available in the spring and will follow on from VIP.

Bourton Erics Harry HB No 43809 Tested A1x2													
Rel	M	Fat	Fat%	P	P%	SCC	F I	Mam	L/F	PLI	GMI	Sexed	
27	310	18.4	0.06	11	0.00	-6	-3.8	1.2	1.24	£103	304	No	Mar 13

Harry is an Eric son out of the Ex 90 Bourton Harriet 7, a Rozelyn Glacier Holiday daughter whose VG 87 dam was by Lancewood Focus and it was this "out-cross" pedigree that persuaded the FOB committee to include him despite his A1x2 status.

Bridlesford Violets Edward HB No 43815 Tested A2 x2													
Rel	M	Fat	Fat%	P	P%	SCC	F I	Mam	L/F	PLI	GMI	Sexed	
26	526	22.5	-0.05	15.6	-0.06	-6	-6.3	0.68	1.24	£115	348	Yes	Jun 13

Edward is a son of Marodore Aarons Levi and out of the Ex90 Bridlesford Oaks Violet who gave over 800 kgs F+P in her second lactation and had a Production Index of 135 in what is one of the highest yielding herds in the UK.

Those FOB committee members who attended the EGCS AGM on the Isle of Wight were impressed with the high GMI cows in the herd and a "mating" list for 11 of the best cows was agreed and Edward is the first bull calf to emerge from that exercise.

Young Bulls in use 2012

HBN	Name/sire	D o I/MGS	M kgs	F kgs	P kgs	F %	P %	F+P kgs	L/Ft	Mam	SCC	£PLI	GMI	F I
43740	Beechgroves Ezra Lang Haven Spider Nomar	Aug-12 E M Yogibear	324	20.3	13.9	0.09	0.03	34.2	0.8	1.9	3	94	338	-3.4
68028896	Flambeau Manor YB Lynndell Edgewater Meadows Yogibear Rozelyn P Jay Glacier	Aug-12	415	22.1	12.0	0.04	-0.03	34.1	0.8	2.6	-3	133	346	-2.2
68029818	Marodore T Les Lightning Flambeau Manor T Les	Dec-11 Sniders Ronalds Alstar	514	23.9	14.3	-0.01	-0.07	38.2	0.7	1.1	10	88	323	-4.5
20115005	Valpieds Target Spring Walk Sherbert Mint	Dec-11 Meadow C William Webb	298	23.4	9.8	0.16	-0.01	33.3	0.8	1.1	4	107	323	-2.5
43792	Hartland View Harebell Blue Spring Walk Sherbert Mint	Aug-12 Trevider Evas Holiday	288	17.8	10.1	0.07	-0.01	30.4	1.1	1.2	-2	92	299	-2.7
68042542	Lang Haven Grumpy Novak Golden J Ronalds Grumpy	Aug-12 Lang Haven D Natural	436	17.1	13.4	-0.07	-0.04	30.5	0.4	1.5	0	107	291	-0.8
20105004	Les Jaonnets Tricias Advocate Sniders Option Aaron	Aug-12 LJ Alicias Alfie	490	20.2	11.3	-0.06	-0.11	31.5	0.7	2.2	-15	110	276	-3.4
43746	Skeel Norman Lang Haven Spider Nomar	Aug-12 Brown Eden Tradition	304	14.2	12.4	-0.01	0.03	26.6	0.4	0.7	11	46	255	-3.4

Livestock Show 2012 NEC Birmingham

EGCS were fortunate that Dave Trotter the US Guernsey President was visiting the UK in September with his family and was pleased to be able to Judge the Guernsey section and to represent the breed in the Interbreed Competitions.

His Champion was the Senior Cow in Milk Wellingham Lilywhite 35 from Jason and Katherine Salisbury and this was their first Championship at Birmingham. Lilywhite 35 had been bought as an in calf heifer when the Wellingham herd was sold privately and is VG 88.

The Junior Championship was contested between Robert Page from Kent and Brian and Sheila Adams from Somerset both competing for the first time at the show. Blanches Nash Polyanthus was Champion and Wiltown Mayflower the Reserve Champion.

Class 20 – Heifer in Milk

1st Blacknor Cracker Banger Margaret owned by I & D Crouch & R Norman

2nd Cadbury Royal Delta Victoria 2 owned by R J Norman & C Mills

Exhibitor Bred- Cadbury Royal Delta Victoria 2 owned by R J Norman & C

Best Udder- Blacknor Cracker Banger Margaret owned by I & D Crouch & R Norman

Class 21 – Second or Third Calvers

1st Blacknor Cracker CK Eva owned by I & D Crouch

2nd Rosewood Tradition Suzi owned by D & H Cox

3rd Instead Mimosa 3 owned by J A & K E Salisbury

Exhibitor Bred- Blacknor Cracker CK Eva owned by I & D Crouch

Best Udder- Blacknor Cracker CK Eva owned by I & D Crouch

Class 22 – Fourth plus Calver

1st Wellingham Lillywhite 35 owned by J A & K E Salisbury

Best Udder- Wellingham Lillywhite 35 owned by J A & K E Salisbury

Championship

Breed Champion - Wellingham Lillywhite 35 owned by J A & K E Salisbury

Res Champion - Blacknor Cracker Banger Margaret owned by I & D Crouch & R Norman



Champion Wellingham Lillywhite 35

Bought from Tim Siggs in Mayfield as an incalf heifer. Selected by Jason Salisbury because she was the first one to run out of the shed and into the trailer

Hon Mention - Blacknor Cracker CK Eva owned by I & D Crouch

Exhibitor Bred - Blacknor Cracker CK Eva owned by I & D Crouch

Best Udder - Wellingham Lillywhite 35 owned by J A & K E Salisbury

Class 18 – Maiden Heifer

1st Blanches Nash Polyanthus owned by Page and Newham

2nd Hamps Valley Annabelle 7 owned by Addington Fund

3rd Willtown Claudia owned by B & S Adams

4th Cadbury Magicman Poppy 73 owned by R J Norman & C Mills

Exhibitor Bred Blanches Nash Polyanthus owned by Page and Newham

Class 19 – In calf Heifer

1st Willtown Mayflower owned by B & S Adams

Exhibitor Bred Willtown Mayflower owned by B & S Adams

Junior Championship

Champion - Blanches Nash Polyanthus owned by Page and Newham

Res Champion - Willtown Mayflower owned by B & S Adams

New National Dairy Show at Livestock Event 2013

RABDF is pleased to announce it will be organising a new National Dairy Show as part of the ever expanding Livestock Event, which next year will be held on 3rd and 4th July at The NEC, Birmingham.

Following a full consultation with all dairy breed societies this autumn, RABDF has taken on board the key points raised and made significant changes to the dairy classes for 2013.

To encourage entries and bearing in mind the total costs to farmers of exhibiting, RABDF has reduced its stall fees from £70 to £50+ vat per stall place booked. In addition, to help farmers with accommodation costs, RABDF has reduced the fee for caravans and sleeper lorries to just £50+vat in total for all three nights and it is currently negotiating generous discounts for stockmen's meals at the event.

There will be set prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, payable in cash at the show and the amounts will be detailed in the 2013 Cattle Schedule. Also £50 will be presented for

each cow placed in the show ring. This will make stall costs in effect free for all those entries that turn up.

Sian Mercer, RABDF's Livestock Coordinator who is responsible for all activities in the Livestock Hall comments "This is a fantastic opportunity for those who enjoy showing cattle to compete on a level playing field, in a professional environment free from interference, allowing all exhibitors with good cows the real chance of taking home a trophy."

She adds "For those who use showing as an opportunity to promote their herd, there is no better time or place in the country to do this than at the largest event for dairy farmers. Those who attended in 2012 were milking 78% of the UK's cows."

For further details on exhibiting please contact Sian Mercer on 0845 458 2711 or email: sianmerc@rabdf.co.uk or take a look at the Livestock 2013 for updates

<http://www.livestockevent.co.uk/livestock>

2011 EGCS ANNUAL COMPETITION RESULTS

TIRESFORD PERPETUAL TROPHY

Herd of 50 or more milkers which records the highest total average of Fat +Protein in the last official recording year (1/10/10-30/9/11)

Winner: GA Payling (Oxlynch)

68 cows avg. 7170 kgs 5.24%F, 3.64%P = 636 kgs F+P

Reserve: D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)

120 cows avg. 7226 kgs. 4.75%F, 3.59%P= 602 kgs F+P.

Stockmans Trophy

Andrew Payling

ERIC ROSE of LEWESTON PERPETUAL TROPHY

Herd of less than 50 milkers which records the highest total average of Fat +Protein in the last official recording year (1/10/10-30/9/11)

Winner: RE Staples & Son (Woodlands)

27 cows avg. 7414 kgs 4.66%F, 3.53%P = 606 kgs F+P

Reserve: AJ and MJ Hall (Thornton)

41 cows avg. 6885 kgs 4.66%F, 3.44%P = 556 kgs F+P

Stockmans Trophy

Sue Staples

EGCS SPECIAL AWARD

Awarded to the herd which records the highest increase in total average weight of Fat + Protein in the last official recording year.

**Winner: GA Payling (Oxlynch)
+89 kgs F+P**

**Reserve: JA and Mrs KE Salisbury (Sharnford)
+60 kgs F+P**

LOVETT CAMERON MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY

This Trophy is awarded to the VG or higher classified homebred Guernsey DM cow, giving the highest total weight of Fat + Protein kgs with a minimum of 4.5% butterfat in a lactation not exceeding 305 days, in the last recording year.

**Winner: GA Payling (Oxlynch)
Oxlynch Satin 7 VG86 DM, CME
sire. Jens Gold Sentry Onward**

Lactation 5, 10205 kgs 5.64%F, 3.50%P = 932 kgs F+P

Reserve: CL Hichens & Sons (Carne)

Carne Skoda EX 90 DM CME

sire. Coulee Crest Enhancer Storm

Lactation 4, 10799 kgs 4.81%F, 3.58%P = 904 kgs F+P

NORTH AMERICAN TROPHY

Awarded annually to the breeder of a Type Classified Registered Cow Family group of five animals, bred in direct female line, which have recorded the highest final ratings and to have calved last calves after 31st March 2009.

Winner D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)

Bred in line from Trethevy Exochorda Average 90.6 points

Reserve JA & JH Mann (Trewey)

Bred in line from Kirthen Crocus Juno Average 90.4 points

ALFRED CHESTER BEATTY MEMORIAL TROPHY

This trophy is awarded automatically to the owner of the three Registered Guernsey cows, the progeny of the same sire, which have produced the highest total weight of Fat plus Protein in one lactation from each of the three cows in the last recording year. The sire will be highlighted rather than the females involved.

Winner: EJ Griffin & Son (Briddlesford)

s. Trotacre Jay Mr Luck

Briddlesford Lucks Bluebell 11 = 872 kgs

Briddlesford Lucks Bluebell 14 = 839 kgs

Briddlesford Lucks Cornflower 2 = 765 kgs

Total = 2476 kgs F+P

Reserve: GA Payling (Oxlynch)

s. Tredinney Royal Highness

Oxlynch Audrey 12 = 778 kgs

Oxlynch Hippy 28 = 773 kgs

Oxlynch Clover 7 = 762 kgs

Total = 2313 kgs F+P

THURLOW CHALLENGE TROPHY

Awarded to the Guernsey cow or heifer having produced the highest weight of Fat + Protein in the last recording year

Winner: GA Payling (Oxlynch)

Oxlynch Streaker 9 VG85

Lactation 3, 11033 kgs 5.38%F, 3.14%P = 939 kgs F+P

Reserve: GA Payling (Oxlynch)

Oxlynch Satin 7 DM, CME VG86

Lactation 5, 10205 kgs 5.64%F, 3.50%P = 932 kgs F+P

FITZWALTER MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP

Awarded to the herd in which three Registered Homebred Guernsey cows, that have qualified CM and produced the highest total weight of Fat plus Protein with a minimum of 4.5% fat in the last recording year.

Winner: GA Payling (Oxlynch)

Oxlynch Sunset 7 DM, CM

Oxlynch Audrey 12 DM, CM

Oxlynch Dulcie 16 DM, CM

Total = 2370 kgs F+P

Reserve: AB Moore (Farmers) Ltd (Brymor)

Brymor Claudia 4 DM CM

Brymor Gloria 21 DM CM

Brymor Maid Marion 23 DM CM

Total = 2347 kgs F+P

ALEC STEELE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY

Awarded to the winning cow in the Genus Long Life Cow Competition 2012

Winner: GA Payling (Oxlynch)

Oxlynch Streaker 5 VG88 CME DM GDM

Reserve: Mrs GA Payling (Oxlynch)

Oxlynch Satin 7 DM, CME VG86

EGCS BUTTERFAT TROPHY

Awarded to the youngest cow to be awarded GDM in 2010

Winner: **I & D Crouch (Blacknor Cracker)**

Luckley Sylvia 15 EX94 CME, DM, GDM (Born 9/11/01)

sire. **Jensgolden Proking Royal Oak**

6 lactations avg. 8831 kgs 4.16%F, 3.42%P, PI 110

Reserve: **GA Payling (Oxlynch)**

Oxlynch Dulcie 6 GP82 CME, DM, GDM (Born 1/02/01)

sire. **Tiresford Atlantic**

8 lactations avg. 6885 kgs 5.17%F, 3.83%P, PI 108

EGCS TROPHY

Awarded to the Female Champion or Reserve Female Champion, at a show in 2011 where an EGCS Championship Rosette was presented, with the highest weight of Fat + Protein in a lactation completed in the last recording year.

Winner: **D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)**

Tredinney Jaspers Essential Essence 4 EX 90

Champion Royal Cornwall

Lact 2, 7572 kgs 4.54%F, 3.38%P = 600 kgs F+P

Reserve: **RJ Norman & Miss C Mills (Cadbury)**

Cadbury Hawk Pretty 86 VG 88

Champion EDFE & Welsh Dairy Show

THE SPENCER FOLLETT TROPHY

Awarded to the breeder/importer of the Bull with a minimum of 10 heifers classified in 2011 which has the highest average score.

Winner: **Semex**

Land of Living P Garrett

10 Heifers avg. 81.60 points

Reserve: **GM, JA & EJ Hosking (Boskenna)**

Boskenna Junes Royal Oak

20 Heifers avg. 80.60 points

THE CHALVINGTON CUP

Awarded to the Breeder or the Importer of the Bull having reached a minimum reliability of 50% for the first time in 2011 who has the lowest % score for SCC

Winner: **M & AE Grose (Trewarnevas)**

Trewarnevas Red Oak

-20 SCC Rel 53%

49 daughters in 22 herds

Reserve: **JA & JH Mann (Treway)**

Treway Surprise

-14 SCC Rel 65%

89 daughters in 25 herds

THE IFORD CUP

Awarded to the Breeder or Importer of the Bull with a minimum of 5 daughters registered in 2011 who have the highest avg. GMI (calculated from Parent Average Scores)

Winner: **EGCS**

Sniders Option Aaron

17 daughters avg. GMI 207.00

Reserve: **PC & CG Cox (Bourton)**

Meadow Court Ellys Eric

5 daughters avg. GMI 191.00

THE HUNTON TROPHY

Awarded to the Breeder of the Bull born in 2011 with the highest GMI.

Winner: **PC & CG Cox (Bourton)**

Bourton Erics Harry

s. **Meadow Court Ellys Eric d. Bourton Harriet 7 EX90**

+310 kgs M +29.3 kgs F+P +0.06%F 0.00% P PLI £103

GMI 308

Reserve: **AB Moore (Farmers) Ltd (Brymor)**

Brymor Sonics Khan

s. **Riverwood Tiller Khan d. Brymor Graceful 15 EX91**

+306 kgs M + 30.8 kgs F+P +0.09%F +0.02%P PLI £87

GMI 301

THE EGCS CUP

Awarded to the owner of the Cow Family with 5 cows having the highest weight of Fat+Protein in the last recording year.

Winner: **EJ Griffin & Son (Briddlesford)**

Briddlesford Bluebell Family

Total = 3779 kgs

Reserve: **D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)**

Tredinney Primrose Family

Total = 3463 kgs

MRS CARY BARNARD PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TROPHY

Awarded to the Herd with the highest percentage of cows born in 2003 that have qualified CM/CME

Winner: **EJ Griffin & Son (Briddlesford)**

Cows born – 35, Qualified CM/CME – 20 = 57.1%

Reserve: **GA Payling (Oxlynch)**

Cows born – 13, Qualified CM/CME – 7 = 53.8%

GUERNSEY STOCKMANS CUP

Awarded to the owner of a group of 10 cows listed in the DairyCo Top 1,000 Cows in April 2012 that have the highest average £PLI.

Winner: **AB Moore (Farmers) Ltd (Brymor)**

Average £PLI – 123.7, Average GMI - 319

Reserve: **PC & CG Cox (Bourton)**

Average £PLI – 116.3, Average GMI – 275.8

OXLYNCH TROPHY

Awarded to the oldest surviving Guernsey cow having calved in 2011.

Winner: **G & Mrs E Fallows (Eavesford)**

Eavesford Brigadiers Debbie 2 GDM

born 9/2/1996

13 completed lactations

Reserve: **Hinton Farms Ltd (Hinton)**

Hinton Gay Lass VG89 CME GDM

born 12/6/1996

12 completed lactations

TREWEY GUERNSEYS

Owned By The Mann Family 01736 796443/794849

Trewey Farm, Zennor, St Ives, Cornwall, TR26 3DA



Trewey Juno 38 EX95 5E age 14

Herd Average Production

6352 kgs @ 4.80% BF & 3.49% P 526 kgs F + P

Calving Index: 411 days

Average Herd Classification: EX29 VG53

Cows average 86 Pts, Heifers average 79.52 Pts

Herd Average 84.4 Pts (141 animals)

Bulls and Cattle always For Sale

FOR SALE

Trewey Loreleis Buzzard EX90 Date of Birth 04.12.08

A Son of Treloweth Harebell's Buzzard (by Jens Gold G Hawk)

out of Godfrey Hosking's Boskenna Lorelei 2 (3 Gens EX) going back to Golden Whey Magic Enticer.

Contact David Mann on 01736 796443

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Holiday Cottage www.cornwall-online.co.uk/cringlersbarn-zennor/

The A To Z Of The Cornish Guernsey Cattle Club

Andrew H. Andrew H. Amy J and Alison G.
The All Breeds Calf Show brings me on to B
with the Bottoms, Bolithos, Boskenna and Bernard from Boscarne
The Christophers, Chloe, Caroline and Christine from Carne
David C. David M. Digby and Dennis
Elizabeth B. Elizabeth G. Young Edd and Julian Ellis
F for the farmers from Four Lanes and Graham Facks Martin
G for the Groses, Greg and Vera Gynn
H for Helen, the Hollows, Hutchings, Hichens and Hosking
I where at Old Kea Farms young enthusiast Ian
J for Jeremy, James, Jonathan, Joseph, James G. and J.J.
K for Kerris, Kaitlyn, Katie and Kenneth with his wife Kay
L for our friends from Launceston, Lower Polgear and Leslie
M for Maureen, Melville, Morris, the Manns, Murleys, Matthew G. and Matthew T
N.M.R., Nancemear, Nicola and our newest member John with his wife Beatrice
At the Royal Cornwall Show with Nicola the stewardess
O for October when we welcomed Chris and Helen Roskilly
To our farms for judging and placing the herds in 1 – 2 – and 3
P for the prize cards and cups which will be presented
To the Large, Medium and Small Herds Awarded
Q for The Queens Hotel where we can socialize and dine
And toast The Cornish Guernsey Cattle Club with our wine
R for The Royal Cornwall Show where you will find Rosemary
At her place around the ringside or making a cream tea
S for our Sponsors, Stithians and South West Dairy Show where you will find Shelley
Leading a Guernsey Cow — and then a Jersey
T is for the Thomas's, Tredinnick, Trewey, Treloweth, Trevider and Trenerry
Tregaminion, Treen, Trengwainton, Trewidden, Trevarthen, Trevorrian and Tredinney
U is for You who we are pleased to see
For joining us tonight in the year of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee
V to our Visitors and Guests we welcome you
Especially Gideon, our President and his wife Dawn too
W is for Wadebridge, the Warrens and Wherrys
X is for the Xmas Fatstock Show Calf Classes
Y for the Youth and Young Handlers who are so keen
To groom and lead with the correct uniform to be seen
Z is for Zennor where at Harry's we had the Stockjudging
A herd of good cattle and the Master Judge Mr. Matt Jenkin
This brings me to the end of my alphabet
The Cornish Guernsey Cattle Club A To Z.

RJW

Farmer Focus

Leighgrange Guernseys and Guernsleigh cheese

Ernie Durose and his mother Mrs Edith Durose, from Grange Farm Lower Leigh, Staffordshire have been developing a cheese business steadily using their Guernsey milk from their Leighgrange Guernseys.

The milk had been used by the Co-op dairy at nearby Fole, until the Co-op processing businesses were taken over by Dairy Farmers of Britain.

Ernie like so many others found himself with a "white water" contract and because of the relatively small size of the herd (80 cows) hit by punitive volume adjustments.



The 2000 litre cheese vat and the hard cheese press in the background

Ernie attended the Reaseheath Cheese course and initially used a third party to process his milk into a range of mature cheddar type cheeses, which he would sell at Farmers Markets and through local "delis" etc. The feedback from his customers gave him the confidence to make the investment in his own cheese room and store, doing a lot of the work himself, the main reason was the need to allow his hard cheese to mature for a longer period and thus fully develop.

An approach from another Guernsey herd owner, who has also been using a third party cheese maker to make a "Brie" type soft cheese, has led to the introduction of a soft cheese this summer and this is made on one day a week with half of that days production sold under the successful established brand and the other half sold by Ernie under his Guernsleigh brand.

The opportunity arose in the spring to supply milk to Wisemans for the new A2UK milk brand which is now available in the shops, Ernie hosted a meeting at Grange Farm at the end of the April 2012, when Wisemans outlined the opportunity and all of those who attended took up the option of having their cows sampled.

Wisemans paid for the sampling and revealed the per-



Pasteuriser receives milk from the dairy

centage of the cows that were A2xA2 (78% to 88% across the five herds sampled). Ernie had 14 animals tested A1xA2 and these were sold to join the expanding Hartland View herd of Andrew and Debbie Lewis in Devon where the milk is pooled with that of their large Holstein herd and there is no current likelihood of an A2 contract.

Interestingly 7 of the 14 were sired by a natural service sire who himself was a twin and his twin tested to be A2xA2 whilst he was A1xA2. Ernie also had one family that had been graded up to Guernsey and that family all



The cubicle shed at Leighgrange

were A1xA2.

He has since added 6 A2xA2 tested in calf heifers from Summerhill and this last week was able to add 18 cows from the Hamps Valley herd of Don and Kath Salt who were tested in the summer by Wisemans but did not take up the A2 opportunity. Ernie was able to buy 2 Ex cows from the Fiona and Topsy families and all bar 2 of the other 16 were classified to be good plus or better as heifers.

The A2 opportunity has allowed Ernie to milk an extra 10 cows and his October milk price was 14 pence per litre better than October 2011, from a combination of the A2 premium, better than average quality on the butterfat

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Guernseys a new start

by Chris Carpenter

Having started the Fairfield herd of pedigree Guernseys on a 127 acre Devon county farm in July of 2011, my wife Louise and I were asked to write a few words on why we chose Guernseys and our plans for the future.

First I would like to say a bit about who we are and where we come from.

My history is pretty much all dairy, I was lucky enough to be taken on as a farm apprentice on what at the time was the largest dairying business in the UK, when I started with R Harrison and Sons in 1981. They were milking 1750 cows in 5 herds, they were the forerunners of what we would now call the New Zealand system, tight block calving, maximum milk from grazed grass and almost no concentrates.

Their grazing management and animal husbandry were excellent and I learnt a lot whilst I was there.

After 5 years I felt it was time to move on and that's where Guernseys first entered my life !

I started working for Clive Stickland, he had 90 all year round calving, pedigree Guernseys on a traditional mixed farm, dairy and arable, completely closed for 60 years, fed a rolled barley based home mix in the 4-6 abreast parlour and grazed grass or grass silage outside, herd average 4000 litres @ 5.00 bf 3.65pr. It was the same system that his father had been running 40 years before and it's a system that is still being used by a few herds today.

All Clive's mates were milking Holstein Friesians so he was always being goaded by them about how much milk they were producing. The Guernsey breed was going through a bad patch at that time, a lot of in-fighting within the society had led to a lack of direction, bulls coming through seemed to have very similar production traits and they were not very good.

At that time Genus took over Holland genetics so we started getting the brochure for their bulls left on the table, a flick through the pages revealed cows producing 7500litres @ 4.65F 3.5 PR. The Guernseys fate was sealed, the future was Dutch Holstein.

The Holstein Guernsey cross proved to be a good one, very high fertility, lots and lots of milk and most interestingly the butterfat levels were still right up there.

The problem was we realised very quickly that we simply could not feed them enough, they were losing a lot of condition, their willingness to milk off their backs meant a major rethink in the way the cows were fed .

Out went the easy feed grass silage and in came a kidd feeder wagon and troughs, brewers grains, lots of molasses, more rolled barley and some bicarb, and they were bedded on barley straw so that gave them the fibre .

The end result was a herd average over 7000 litres @ 4.82BF 3.62P.

The cows still lost condition but it was under control and they would put it back on during the dry period.

After about 5 years we still had 30 Guernseys left in the herd, the first American Guernsey bulls were becoming



available, they seemed to have much better production traits so the decision was made to put the remaining Guernsey cows into calf to these bulls...

The resulting heifers when they came into the herd milked very well, tall and dairy, and they were an equal to most of the Holstein crosses.

In 2001 I left Clive and started working under the LKL services umbrella managing large high yielding Holstein herds.

Mostly these herds are 365 day TMR fed some with parlour feeding to yield, some with group feeding, they achieve yields in excess of 9000 litres on 2x milking and mostly get their cows back in calf! The attention to detail required to achieve this is amazing, any slip up in the feeding, any small change in the management, is translated 3 weeks later into an increased return to service. Vet routines show up the previous months errors with glaring holes in the calving pattern.

Interestingly, I believe that the modern Guernsey is at that stage too. I think that the fertility issues that we are experiencing as a breed may be a reflection of the fact that the production potential of the modern Guernsey has got to the stage where it demands a much higher level of attention to detail than most of us are used to,

We are in effect the victims of our own success.

So why have we chosen Guernseys when we established the Fairfield herd ?

I think to answer that question we first have to look at what a cow in the tenanted sector is required to do.

The first thing to know is that the FBT's are short, only seven years in Fairfield's case, Lou and I are hoping to do enough to get an extension on this but we will still have to move within 12 years, this means that we need a cow that is adaptable, that can fit into any system, is as happy grazing grass on a New Zealand style system or eating a 365 day TMR or anything in-between.

It should be a medium size cow able to fit into old cubicals or new with little or no modification of the existing infrastructure,

It should be quiet and of good nature, in other words easy to manage.

It should be able to produce milk that can be sold into a variety of markets and to almost any dairy and if the opportunity is there be used in an added value or niche mar-

ket situation.

When you look at a cow using these criteria you can see that the Guernsey ticks pretty much all the boxes.

This led me to ask a question, if the Guernsey cow is so adaptable, if it can fit into so many farming situations why is it that there are so few Guernsey herds out there, why do people looking for replacement cows not look at the Guernsey and see what we see?

I think the answer is in how most farmers select replacements, there are 3 key criteria that are used.

Performance.

Availability.

Price.

When we look at price then the Guernsey at £1000 compares very well with others!

When it comes to availability then there is a problem, almost all the commercial herds use BACCA to source cows. Whilst we were looking for cows last year we subscribed to BACCA; in the 6 months we were looking not 1 Guernsey cow came up on the listing.

In the same period we could have bought 10 herds of Jerseys, hundreds of Danish Reds, Montbeliarde, Brown Swiss and British Friesians, both T.B. restricted and free.

If we had not had contacts in the Guernsey society which we had made years earlier we would be milking an-

other breed now !

The final selection criteria that people looking for replacement stock will use are K.P.I. (key performance indicators). These are figures that show whether a herd or breed is profitable, they contain no financial information but to a trained eye they read like a bank statement.

If you record your herd using NMR then your data will be used to compile KPI figures for the breed.

When I looked at the figures for the Guernsey breed I was frankly shocked!

Firstly, because they did not seem to represent what I was seeing on the ground, and secondly, because I realised how harmful they were to the chances of our breed regaining the numbers that might enable it to survive in the Holstein dominated world in which we compete.

We all need to work towards improving the performance of the breed!

It's not the cows!

They have the potential!

We as managers are simply not allowing them to show what they are capable of.

If we all work towards the goal of improving these figures then we will see an increase in interest in our breed, and in improvement in our bank balance at the same time.

Our Week

by Jason Salisbury

Jason and Katharine Salisbury established their Suffolk Farmhouse Cheese business in 2004.

Having purchased Whitegate Farm in 2008, they currently milk 40 cows, and turn all the milk into cheeses for distribution around East Anglia and back to Guernsey Island.

Sometimes farming can flit from one disaster to the next. Thought I may give you an insight to a week in June 2012....

Tuesday 12th June

Milking done, calves fed. Yet another bull born over night making it 15 in a row.

Just packed Emily and James off to school and arranged friend to pick them up after school. Showered and changed into suit. Cows out. Get Changed. Put cows back whilst getting plastered in mud. Showered, changed back into suit.

Katharine all dressed up. Picked up a red white and blue outfit from the Suffolk Show before it got cancelled. Yes, off to Sandringham for afternoon tea with the Queen. The invite came some 2 months before from the Lord Tollemarche, who lives just down the road. They take our cheeses for their dos, so I guess they must like them. Took ages to get up to Norfolk. When we arrived, there were hundreds of really expensive looking cars and ladies in hats. At this point, we wished we had washed the truck



and took the calving jack and straw out of the back.

At 2pm, the gates opened. It was abit like the children waiting outside the gates for Willy Wonka. After a short walk, 4 of the biggest marques we had ever seen came into sight. Tea was served on the lawn, with 5 or 6 different cakes and sandwiches. All served on a large saucer. We were so hungry they we walked down to another tent and queued up for seconds.

After a while of looking at the grounds and house, the Queen came out to talk to her people. A human corridor was made, and certain people were pulled out.

10 minutes or so passed, and we were standing next to the Queen and Prince Andrew, as a guest was pulled out. He was the Royal Eel catcher on the Estate, and explained that some of the eels were so slippery to catch. "Hum,

yes," She replied, " Just like someone We know..."

The Royal band played as the afternoon drew to a close, and as we parted, a lone piper played on the house roof. Got back home. Milked, fed calves. Put the escaped pigs back, all done by 8.30 and sat down to tea. Did today really happen?

Wednesday

Radio Suffolk Interview for the afternoon show. Dont tell them about going back for seconds....

This evening we are playing host to Ipswich Town Football Club, for a corporate evening and farm tour. Give them a BBQ, loads of cider, then get them in the farm shop.

Thursday

Another tour, this time to a group of Swedish farmers, here for a study tour.

Show them the fields of Lucerne, cows, youngstock, parlour and where the cheeses are made. Then down to the shop....

Friday

Time to panic. Open Farm Sunday is this weekend, not next weekend.

So its all hands to deck. We try to keep the farm fairly tidy anyway, but there is always so much to think about.

Saturday

Farmers market, and another farm tour this afternoon.

Signs up, and Katharine's Dad has come over from

Buckinghamshire to help out.

Sunday

Not the best time to have a power cut. Over slept.

Pigs out again.

The Army of helpers now started to arrive. My mum and sister has arrived from Leeds, bringing 2 car loads full of cakes. The farm has been transformed.

Shop full of fresh beef and pork. Cheeses galore. Hog roast set up with the BBQ with our own meats. Tractors, combines, old and new arrive from other farms in the area. Stall holders from our farmers markets arrive with the Air Ambulance. No emergency here, just raising money for them.

At 11.00am, the gate opened. It was like a sea of people coming down the track on the tractor trailer and following from behind.

Farm tours and a great day. We held host to over 2000 people that day.

Monday

The mass clear-up. So much rubbish, signs, mud and paper cups, but a big boost of moral.

At 9am we had the farm business competition judges arrive. Not the best timing, but we must of done something right as we came second!!

Who said Farming was simple???

BCBC Competition

Adam Jones, son of Mark Jones of Garway in Hereford (Kelsmor) will be representing the English Guernsey Cattle Society in the Multimedia Competition for Young People organised by The British Cattle Breeders Club at their Conference in January 2013. Up to 6 young people will win places to give a 10 minute presentation on a Dairy breed of their choice. A generous cash prize has been sponsored by Dairyco.

I am sure we all wish Adam the very best of luck in this competition and thank him for taking up the challenge of promoting the Guernsey breed.

Coming from a Guernsey farm for my whole life, the benefits of the breed are easy to see. This is why when asked if I wanted to enter the BCBC Competition for Young Breeders I felt that it would be a good opportunity to promote the breed as best as possible.

For as long as I remember there were fawn cattle wandering around and I was always keen to get involved with the work with Dad. Having moved the entire farming operation in 1996 to Garway, Herefordshire from Wiltshire, I have been involved since a very young age.

We try to run a low input system, with the main milking herd grazing for around 10 months of the year. We produce all of our own grass silage, maize silage and whole crop and use our own machinery for most tasks on the farm. Because of this we have learnt to cope with a lot of different work ourselves. We always strive to find the best methods and feeds to achieve the best from our stock.

It is natural progression that after leaving school I had ambitions of taking over the family farm. The best way to get the knowledge to best improve the farm was to go to



Poster Girl – photo by Matthew Thomas

agricultural college, and after looking at many options I decided that the best college for what I wanted was Reaseheath, Nantwich. I am now in my third and final year, following a year of practical experience, and before this a year at college. I have learnt a lot from both my time at college and the time I have spent working on my placement. Many things I have seen can be applied to our own farm and I can see more things around the farm that could be

tweaked to maximise inputs.

From my time working with other breeds I have also confirmed my preference in the guernsey breed. Working with large Holsteins as well as as Jerseys it is clear to see why those who farm with Guernseys, do so with such passion and vigour for the breed. I was surprised at just how different Guernseys are to work with than the other breeds and the variation in the quality of the milk produced also surprised me, I had always known the delicious, creamy milk of a guernsey.

The BCBC competition is open to anyone under 26 who is interested in representing their breed or cross-breed. You have to create a multimedia presentation which is submitted to the club. Pre-selection will then take place over christmas, six semi-finalists, three from dairy and three from beef breeds, will then be asked to present their speech and display to three 'dragons'. The presentations



Emmor Daffodil was sired by the £100 a straw semen bought at auction by Richard Emm of Tannery Hill Champions Claude, she was EX 90 and GDM

that the judges are most impressed by will then be shown in the main conference.

The Woodlands Herd

Martin and Sue Staples Woodlands herd is located in North-west Leicestershire near the Charnwood hills.



The herd was formed in 1961 when Martins father decided to leave the security of the family farm and set up on his own. Jersey and Guernsey cows were purchased and the farm still runs two pedigree herds to this day, There are about 110 Jerseys and 40 Guernseys in milk at any one time. The milk from the cows is used locally to produce Stilton Cheese at Melton Mowbray.

Over the years many changes have taken place, the most recent investment was the installation of a new milking parlour in 2010. This has allowed the herd to expand a little bit as milking is now a much more streamlined operation that can be done, for the most part, by one person. The 18:18, 50 degree herringbone features cluster flush, ACR's and feeders, auto ID and activity monitors

As all the information from the parlour is linked directly to the computer we are able to focus more on calving intervals and concentrate on getting animals back in calf as soon as possible. We aim to have cows served

at least once by 80 days in milk. Last year the Calving Interval was 398 and cell count 125.

On a day to day basis Sue rears all the calves, does all the paperwork and helps out with the milking. She is also the Midlands Representative to Council attending EGCS meetings two or three times a year. Being keen on data analysis, she initiated work on behalf of the Guernsey society, to study and report on how the Guernsey breed can perform in the UK. Most herds' milk record, but the very nature of the job means that sometimes they don't seem to have the time to look at the information which should help them to make important decisions. The KPI reports which Sue emails to producers are designed to help people focus on important areas in their business.



Sue rears all the calves from birth until 6 months. Calf care during the latter half of the year takes up a large portion of the day. All calves are navel dipped and given at least 2 litres of colostrum within 2 hours of being born. Calves are on a twice daily bucket fed system, receiving 6 litres of milk replacer per day. All calves are weigh taped at birth and again at weaning to monitor weight gain. They are weaned at 8 weeks and

moved from individual rearing pens to group housing. During the winter months smaller calves wear calf jackets to reduce loss of body heat and maximise growth.

Currently, age at first calving is 2 years and 3 months which we are trying to reduce to 2 years.



On the few days that we get away from the farm we enjoy visiting historic homes and gardens. We are looking forward to meeting new faces at the 2013 World Guernsey Conference.

Leigrange Guernseys from page 34 based payment system used by Wisemans, a Channel Island premium offered after EGCS met with Wisemans/A2 Corp to reflect the extra Protein in Guernsey milk which is thought to be an important reason for the success of A2 in Australia, where competing milks are "standardised" ie. have lower protein levels than A2 milk.

An important side affect is that at present Guernsleigh cheese is the only A2 cheese in the market place, and with the Wiseman milk price guaranteed for the first two years that allows time to develop the cheese sales from the farm. www.guernsleigh.com

NWF Sila Guard 40 – Intelligent Silage

Good quality silage is the foundation of performance in all dairy herds. But are you making the best silage for your cows? Is it palatable and rumen friendly? Does it allow the best use of the conserved nutrients? Does it last well in the clamp?

NWF Agriculture asked the same questions after a problematic year on farm. Many farmers were struggling to achieve consistent levels of good cow health and productivity. The correlation seemed to be silages tested in the

NWF lab were averaging very high lactic acid levels. NWF Agriculture's Inoculant Specialist Leigh Berrisford stressed 'excessive lactic acid levels can have a disastrous effect on rumen health and cow performance. Higher levels of lactic acid levels were leading to aerobic instability so in simple terms the quality of silage farmers were working so hard to produce effectively goes to waste.'

Mr Berrisford adds 'We were in a difficult place. Our customers were finding much of the forage they produced was leading to acidosis and other cow health issues.'

NWF Agriculture's answer to this was to market a new silage additive which changes our way of thinking about effective silage fermentation. The NWF Sila-Guard 40 uses a unique three step formula to help make better silage.

STEP 1 specific enzymes break down the usually indigestible cell wall to produce sugars which influence the rate and quality of fermentation.

STEP 2 bacteria which produces a balance of acetic and lactic acid use these naturally occurring sugars to produce a stable fermentation. Therefore NWF Sila-Guard 40 silages will have higher levels of acetic acid and reduced lactic levels compared to traditional inoculant fermented silages. This gives a more rumen friendly fermentation.

STEP 3 other bacteria in the additive control and inhibit the growth of pathogens in the silage, improving aerobic stability and slashing waste.

The results have been impressive. In difficult circumstances this year's silages treated with the NWF Sila-Guard 40 are better fermented with far lower lactic acid levels.

Mr Maughan of Gateshaw Mill Farm near Carlisle was particularly delighted with the result. 'Treating our grass silage with the NWF Sila-Guard 40 complimented what we were trying to do with longer chopped grass perfectly. As well as a stable clamp with lower lactic levels the silage was noticeably sticky and smelt great! The cows loved it. It



The mid yielders at Meadwell Farm prove the proof of a product is in the eating!

was noticeable how much more palatable the Sila-Guard treated silage was.'

Mr Philip Cox, Guernsey breeder of Meadwell Farm in West Devon is also very impressed with the quality and palatability of his silage in a difficult year. Advised by his Nutritionist, John Cann to attend a Presentation by Colin Hanson-Orr, the brains behind Sila Guard 40, Philip, who admits to being very sceptical about additives cannot believe the difference it is making to the silage and ultimately to the cows. Everyone knows that you need to cut grass when the sun is shining to draw out the natural sugars, but in a year like 2012 that was easier said than done. However he made cuts of silage on the 20th May, 20th July and the 29th September, finding a small window of opportunity when the weather was far from settled and all 3 cuts have been analysed with a PH of 4.2 – 4.6.

In previous years he has had too much lactic acid in the cow's diet and other additives were just adding to it, causing poor PH, resulting in rumen imbalance and overall poor digestion. Using Sila Guard 40, the face of the pit is cooler with not so much reheat and little or no waste. As far as the cows are concerned the intake levels are out of all recognition, the cows eating every morsel. The yields are above average and the cows look particularly well, especially in the coat.

All in all – improved intake – improved yield. Recently he held a Guernsey committee meeting at the farm and 2 members commented on the sweet aroma coming from the silage.

Leigh Berrisford concludes, overall the results have led to better fermented, more palatable silages with far lower lactic levels. The NWF Sila-Guard 40 is proving to be a rumen friendly additive for modern dairy cattle. For more information on the NWF Sila-Guard 40 please contact Leigh on 01829 262 294.

South West Dairy Show 2012

The exhibitors at The Dairy Show held at Shepton Mallet on 3rd October should be congratulated for providing me with some lovely cattle to judge. Though the classes were small, they were of a very good standard.

The first class, which was for in-calf cows or heifers, only had two entries, but I was impressed with the first cow, Graylands Hugette 18th by Rozelyn Glaciers Holiday and exhibited by C G Parfitt & Son. She was very correct with a very deep body and a well set rump. She was also better in both legs and udder than the second cow, White Ladies Ruby 93rd who was a very tall dairy animal, by Trotacre Jay Mr Luck and from Sir Howard Guinness.

The next class was for in-milk heifers, and this gave me one of the most difficult decisions of the day. The first two heifers both came from Chettle Farm and were by Cracker Banger Boy. They were both impressive specimens of the modern dairy heifer, tall, dairy, deep bodied, and they paraded well on good legs and feet. At the time of judging however, I felt that Blacknor Cracker Banger Boy Bear had



Champion Heifer and Champion Pair

coming from Chettle Farm, this time with Blacknor Cracker Banger Duchess, a daughter of My Day Bliss Banger. She was a tall, well balanced dairy cow with very good legs and a tidy udder. Her size and quality of udder gave her the advantage over the second cow, from the Greenslades called Greensfield Lamar Phyllis. This daughter of Rutter Bros Option Lamar was a smart, deep bodied dairy cow that walked really well. The third cow, from the Parfitts was Graylands Elissa 7th, by Graylands Meadowsweets McCoy. She was a tidy cow, but not as dairy as the first two. She was however better in the udder and over the rump than the fourth cow, who was a lovely deep bodied cow.

The third calver class was dominated by the Greenslades, Greensfield Icy Phyllis. This daughter of Spring Walk Icy Iceberg was a super dairy cow with a lovely spring of rib, well attached udder and superb legs and feet. She was an easy winner as the second cow, the Parfitts, Grayland Jackie 4th lacked the scope of the first cow. This daughter of Graylands Samanthas Simon was more correct over the rump and in the udder than the third cow who was herself a nice dairy cow. She was from Hinton Farm Ltd and was Chiddingstone Cassidy Margaret 2nd by Sweet Symphonys Cassidy.

The senior cow class was won by the Parfitts, Graylands Meadowsweet 62nd another daughter of Graylands Samanthas Simon, who was a nice, stretchy, well balanced cow with good width on the rear udder, which gave her the edge over the very dairy runner-up from the Greenslades, Greensfield River Phyllis, progeny of Tiresford River.

Next came a terrific pairs class led in by a very well matched pair of dairy heifers from Chettle Farm, that were the same size and colour and both very smart. The second prize gave me a problem as the Greenslades pair that I selected were both very similar types and both really good cows, except that one was bigger than the other. In the end I went for their quality over a well matched pair from the Parfitts, with the pair from Sir Howard Guinness not



Greensfield Icy Phyllis

the advantage in that her udder was very well bagged up, showing off the height and width of her rear udder in particular. She also looked to have a slightly better fore udder as the second heifer Blacknor Cracker Banger Margaret was looking a little stale. The third heifer was from Hinton Farm Ltd and was called Romany Nancy. She was by Coopers Court Secret Agent and I was pleased to see that she has developed into a very decent heifer, with a nice deep body and correct udder and legs but small in comparison with the first two. However she was tidier than the other two in the class.

The second calver class was next, with the winner again

disgraced in fourth. The wining pair did the breed proud by coming third in the Inter-Breed class.

Nine quality cows entered the ring for a very impressive Championship class. The cow that stood out for her dairyness, body capacity and sheer presence in the ring was Greensfield Icy Phyllis, a well deserved Champion. For the Reserve Champion, I decided to go for the style and dairyness of the second calver Blacknor Cracker Banger Duchess.

The Parfitt family have consistently turned out good quality cows over the years, and this year was no excep-

tion, so they deservedly won the Peter Down Cup for the most points.

I would like to thank everyone involved in making this such a successful show. I would also like to thank Mrs Langley for sending me a disc with 85 photographs of the show on it. It is a very good reminder of my 50th show as a judge.

Finally, I would like to thank Tony Mallett who has given me so much help and guidance over the years and who will be sorely missed as my fellow steward.

Colin Glead

The End Of An Era – Tony Mallett

Firstly a huge thank you to everyone who generously contributed to the beautiful glass bowl and garden tokens – now a plum tree which will be a constant reminder of all the kind folk I have enjoyed stewarding at The Royal Bath and West, The South West Dairy Show and also at The Royal Show since 1996, when Tom Emm asked me to take over his roles.

Having previously exhibited in many shows across the country, I soon came to realise the importance of stewarding in the smooth running of the classes. Not

without hazards – escaping animals and struggling to maintain contact with the results book, prize cards and rosettes and on occasion stopping them from blowing away and /or soaked with rain! A good sense of humour was essential especially when up to your ankles in mud!

I am confident the Guernsey exhibitors are in good hands with Colin Glead carrying on ably assisted by Lesley Durbin.

Thank you all again. Good Luck and see you all next year.



Tony Mallett with Colin Glead and new steward Lesley Durbin and above at The Royal Show

TREDINNEY GUERNSEYS

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Herd Classification average is 86.7 pts.
with 32 EX Cows and 46 VG Cows/Heifers

There have been 29 Heifers classified
in 2012 to average 84pts.with 11VG

TREDINNEY SILVERADO'S PRIMROSE 21st EX93 2E

TREDINNEY ANDANTE'S ECLIPSE 11th VG89 2nd calver



**Daughter of Laity Farm Primrose 97th
EX94 4E**

who is also the dam of

Tredinney Yogi's Primrose 16th EX90

The Primrose family were runners up for the
E.G.C.S. Cup for 5 cows with the highest
weight of Fat and Protein in the 2011
E.G.C.S. Herd Competition

**Daughter of Tredinney Yogi's Andante
FOURTH GENERATION VG/EX
2nd Lact 9044kgs M 4.77 F 3.25 P in 305 days
Calved back in 11 months 12 days with a
son by Grumpy**

Eclipse 11th won the North American
Trophy with 4 other family members for the
highest type family in the 2011 E.G.C.S.

Herd Competition

Their score average 90.6 pts.

Another member of the E' family

TREDINNEY JASPER'S ESSENTIAL ESSENCE EX93 2E

Won the E.G.C.S. Trophy

HERD PRODUCTION 7121 KGS.MILK 4.70 % FAT 3.56 % PROT.

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VISITORS WELCOME

All Breeds All Britain Calf Show 2012

by Laura Sales

This year's All Breeds All Britain Calf Show was again held at Stoneleigh on 5th – 7th October. We had 13 calves forward from 6 exhibitors and although the turnout was disappointing for our breed, the quality of calves forward was of the highest we have seen at the show since our involvement.

As usual the 1st day was dedicated to the showmanship classes and judge for all breeds was Mr. Steven Miller of Shanael Holsteins. Representing the Guernseys in these classes were; Shannon Dawes, Michael Dawes, Andrew and Robert Thomas, Chris Kilford, Emma Greenslade, Maxine Gray and Cat Gould.

Shannon, Andrew and Robert, Chris, Emma and Maxine made it through to the Guernsey championship after qualifying through the integrated Coloured breeds classes. Steve found his Champion in Emma Greenslade with Chris Kilford in Reserve and Honorable Mention going to Maxine Gray. Emma had also shone earlier in her qualifying class where she stood 3rd in a very strong class of Mature Handlers.

Sunday saw our 13 calves judged by Mr. Martyn Smith of Kingspool Holsteins. It proved to be a very successful week for Emma and the Greenslade Family. Not only taking champion showman she also took champion calf with Greensfield Lucks Mr Luck and Reserve going to her Greensfield Stinky Hope. Honorable Mention was awarded to Latifa Saturn from Caroline Moody.

Many thanks must go to Colin Evans for agreeing to steward the classes and to Martyn Smith to come and Judge a great standard of competition.

Full Results:

Showmanship

Junior Showman:

Shannon Dawes

Intermediate Showman:

Andrew Thomas (1st Guernsey)

Robert Thomas (2nd Guernsey)

Michael Dawes (3rd Guernsey)

Senior Showman:

Chris Kilford

Mature Showman:

Emma Greenslade (1st Guernsey)

Maxine Gray (2nd Guernsey)



Winning line up in the Calf Competition with Judge Mr Martyn Smith

Cat Gould (3rd Guernsey)

Calf Classes

Calf born 1st March 2012 or after

1st M Dawes – Edgehill Grumpy Holly 2 by Golden J Ronald Grumpy

2nd Norman and Mills – Cadbury Magicman Charlotte 3 by Four Winds Magicman

Calf born between 1st Dec 11 and 29th February 12

No calves forward

Calf born between 1st Sept 11 and 30th Nov 11

1st A Thomas – Kimcote Elizabeth 2 by Lang Haven Spider Nomar

2nd M & C Greenslade – Greensfield Lady Luck by Trotacre Jay Mr Luck

3rd A Thomas – Kimcote Geranium by Lang Haven Spider Nomar

Calf born between 1st May 11 and 31st Aug 11

1st M & C Greenslade - Greensfield Stinky Hope by Greensfield Stinky Iceberg

2nd Norman and Mills – Cadbury Magicman Charlotte 2 by Four Winds Magicman

3rd Norman and Mills – Cadbury Magicman Poppy 74 by Four Winds Magicman

4th M Dawes – Edgehill Grumpy Holly by Golden J Ronald Grumpy

Calf born between 1st Jan 11 and 30th April

1st M & C Greenslade – Greensfield Lucks Mr Luck by Trotacre Jat Mr luck

2nd C Moody – Latifa Saturn by Tredinney Yogis Andante

3rd Page & Newham – Blanches Nash Polyanthus by Lang Haven Tiller Nash

4th A Thomas – Kimcote May by Lang Haven Spider Nomar

Addington Fund

Addington was set up as the Churches' response to Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in 2001, when it distributed grants totalling £10.3 million to over 22,000 applicants. Since November 2002 the core work of the fund has been a strategic rural housing scheme, supporting farming families who need to leave their farm and in doing so lose their family home.

The objective of the fund is to find an appropriate home for a family which usually involves trying to keep them in their current locality so that they can continue to enjoy the support of local family and friends and they can continue to contribute to the social and economical fabric of their own community. The overriding aim of the fund is to allow farming families to retire with the dignity that they deserve.

Ruthvoes Farm – Project nearing completion

Despite the poor weather over the summer months, progress has been excellent for developing Addington's work/live affordable rural housing project in Ruthvoes, near Indian Queens, Cornwall.

This innovative project will widen the scope of the Fund, with the first affordable housing project completed in 2006 at Trevorva, near Probus. The aims are to create opportunities to help people involved in a rural industry get started on their own or for anyone thinking of leaving farming, an opportunity to continue working in the rural sector. Many farmers have built up skills during the years they have farmed which they can take away from the farm with them. Until now, Addington has only been able to offer accommodation; this is a unique chance to offer a home and a place of work, tied together.

The courtyard development consists of a redundant stone barn refurbished to provide four affordable homes; one with a ground-floor bedroom and wet room with wider door openings for wheel-chair access if required. All have under-floor heating on both ground and first floors. There are three new build workshops and a smaller stone barn provides a small workshop; all are fitted with three

phase electric and under-floor heating.

Annabelle, our latest Golden Girl

After the first successful project of having a Guernsey Heifer (Claudia) donated to us, it happened again. In April this year, Hamps Valley 7 Annabelle, was collected by our Guernsey show team, Brian and Sheila Adams (*pictured*), from Langport in Somerset. Annabelle, like her predecessor, was a nervous little calf, but due to Brian and Sheila's tireless efforts has become a top winning maiden heifer on the South West showing circuit. She won 1st Prize at Devon County Show, Bath & West and Royal Cornwall to name but a few.

We plan to raffle Annabelle off next year, to fundraise and raise awareness of Addington, and hope that like Claudia, she ends up in a Guernsey herd. There will be an option of winning Annabelle or a cash alternative. Addington Fund are indebted to the projects sponsors, NatWest who have adopted Annabelle for their office mascot, Showtime for her new show halter, Farmplus Buildings, Synergy Vets, and not least, Riverside Feeds who supplied all of Claudia's feed for the last year and are happy to do the same for Annabelle.

Shows

A very wet disappointing summer saw many shows, that Addington would have been at, cancelled. Before the weather got too bad we teamed up with South West CLA again to attend Devon County, Bath & West and Royal Cornwall. Our sincere thanks to Stephens Scown Solicitors for laying on a great BBQ for us at Royal Cornwall Show, where we entertained over 200 guests.

We also managed one day at Great Yorkshire show and enjoyed two glorious days at Cheshire Show. Courtesy of Strutt & Parker, we had a presence at Bucks County Show and Moreton-in-the-Marsh one day show. We were honoured that Their Graces, The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire selected Addington as one of their charities to benefit from their annual Chatsworth Country Fair.

Summer Drinks Reception with Farmers Club Under 30's

July saw Addington join forces



with the The Farmers Club Under 30's to host a summer drinks reception in the India Office at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office. The extremely successful evening showed there is a pool of talented young people wishing to enter the farming industry and gave Addington an opportunity to explain how we are trying to help with housing solutions that will enable older tenants to retire with dignity therefore enabling young farmers to enter on the farming ladder. We are very grateful to Mark Spencer for introducing us into the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and hosting the reception and also to Butterfield Private Bank for supporting us on the night.

Charity Race Day – 14th November

For the last six years, the Anne Duchess of Westminster's Charity has held a Charity Race Day at Bangor-on-Dee race course, sponsoring the main race and also nominating another charity to benefit financially from the day. This year Addington was privileged to have been selected as the nominated charity which presented us with a huge opportunity to raise funds and increase our profile in the North-West.

We were delighted that HRH, The Prince of Wales, donated an artist's proof of his painting 'The South Front Highgrove' for the main auction on the day.

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PRE CONFERENCE TOUR SUNDAY 23RD - SATURDAY 29TH JUNE 2013

You will all be aware by now that the Guernsey World Conference will be held on the Island of Guernsey in the first week or so of July 2013. I would like to draw your attention to the series of the events which will make up the Pre Conference Tour in the UK to which you are all invited, giving you an opportunity to meet your fellow Guernsey breeders from all four corners of the globe and a chance to visit some of the top Guernsey herds in the UK. You are all very welcome to join any of the herd visits or cultural outings included in the Itinerary. There are 2 Dinners included in the schedule and we encourage you to support your local Guernsey Club with your attendance.

DAY 1 – SUNDAY 23RD JUNE – BOLTER END FARM, LANE END, HIGH WYCOMBE, HP14 3LP.

Approx 11am - If you missed the AGM last September, here's an opportunity to visit the Beechgroves herd of Gideon and Daniel Lacey and their families. A walk around the cows will be followed by a visit to the farm shop and then Luncheon.

For those members in Somerset the party will be touring the world famous Roman Baths and Abbey in Bath later in the day – why not join them.

The day will conclude with a **“WELCOMING DINNER”** at The Centurion Hotel, Midsomer Norton organised by the Wessex Club – details from Mrs Kim Sales on 01761 413303.

DAY 2 – MONDAY 24TH JUNE – BICKFIELD FARM, COMPTON MARTIN, BS40 6NF

Approx 10am – A chance to visit the largest herd of Guernseys in the UK, the life's work of Maurice and May Durbin and now run in partnership with their son, Philip. Luncheon included.

APPROX 2.30PM – GRAYLANDS FARM, UPTON LANE, DUNDRY, BS41 8NR

Colin and Nick Parfitt invite you to see the Graylands herd and their new business, Chew Moos Ice Cream, named after Chew Valley Lake which lies just a few miles away in the distance. Refreshments included.

DAY 3 – TUESDAY 25TH JUNE.

The Party will be travelling to Devon through the Exmoor National Park via Lynton for Lunch.

APPROX 2PM – HARTLAND VIEW FARM, SHIRWELL, BARNSTAPLE, EX31 4LA

Visit Andrew and Debbie Lewis's newly formed Guernsey herd run alongside their established Holstein herd. Refreshments available.

DAY 4 – WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE

10am – The Party will be visiting Royal Horticultural Society Rosemoor Gardens at Great Torrington.

2pm – Visit to Tintagel Castle on the North Cornwall coast.

You are welcome to join both these visits.

DAY 5 – THURSDAY 27TH JUNE – TREDINNICK FARM, TREGONY, TRURO, TR2 5TQ

Visit the Thomas family's Tredinnick herd hosted by Matthew Thomas followed by Luncheon.

2.30pm – LOWER POLGEAR FARM, NINE MAIDENS, REDRUTH, TR16 6ND

Andrew Hutchings, young, enthusiastic member of the Cornish Club invites you to view his herd.

Refreshments available.

DINNER HOSTED BY THE CORNWALL GUERNSEY CLUB at The Penventon Hotel, Redruth – more information available from Mrs Rosemary Warren on 01736 810352

DAY 6 – FRIDAY 28TH JUNE – CARNE COTTAGE, MORVAH, PENDEEN, PENZANCE TR19 7TT.

10am – Visit the Carne Herd of Andrew and Christine Hichens.

11.45am – Move on to **TREWEY FARM, ZENNOR, ST IVES, TR26 3DA** to visit the Treway herd hosted by Harry, Caroline and David Mann. Luncheon included.

2.45 – Visit **TREDINNEY FARM, ST BURYAN, PENZANCE, TR19 6HX** to view the Tredinney herd by kind invitation of the Warren family, including Judging Competition and BBQ.

DAY 7 – SATURDAY 29TH JUNE – MEADWELL FARM, KELLY, LIFTON, DEVON, PL16 0HJ

10am – Visit the Bourton herd of Philip and Caroline Cox. Luncheon included.

3PM – HIGHER MURCHINGTON FARM, CHAGFORD, NEWTON ABBOT, TQ13 8HJ

3pm – Chairman of The English Guernsey Cattle Society, Duncan Vincent, invites you to visit the Kenvin herd.

Refreshments included.

We would be very pleased to welcome all of you to all or any of these visits that you are able to attend. Look forward to seeing you there.

14th World Guernsey Conference - Meeting the Challenge



UK Pre Conference Tour 23 - 30 June 2013 Conference Programme

23rd June 2013

Visits to the Beechgroves Herd and the Roman Bath Abbey, Bath
Dinner hosted by The Wessex Club

24 June 2013

Visit the Bickfield Herd and the Graylands Herd

25 June 2013

Scenic drive through Exmoor National Park, stopping in coastal town of Lynton and visit to the Hartland View Herd

26 June 2013

Visit to Royal Horticultural Society Rosemoor Gardens and Tintagel Castle, believed to be the birthplace of King Arthur

27 June 2013

Visit the Tredinnick Herd and Andrew Hutching's Herd or free time in Truro.

Dinner hosted by The Cornish Club

28 June 2013

Visits to the Carne Herd, Trewey Herd and Tredinney Herd BBQ Supper & Judging Competition

29 June 2013

Visit to the Bourton Herd and scenic drive through Dartmoor National Park. Visit to Kenvin Herd

30 June 2013

Visit to Olympic venue and Victorian seaside resort of Weymouth

Guernsey Island Tour 30 June - 13 July

30 June 2013

Evening President's reception at Castle Cornet and a Vin d'Honneur, hosted by The Bailiff of Guernsey

1 July 2013

Visit Le Hechet Farm and 'Le Viaer Marchi', a highlight of Guernsey's summer events

2 July 2013

Visit the Island of Sark for an unique experience of life at a different pace where transport is by horse and carriage, tractor or bicycle. La Seigneurie gardens are some of the finest formal gardens in the Channel Islands. The house dates from 1675 and has been the home of Sark's Feudal Lords of the Manor since 1730. Or climb Cornet Street to Hautville House, once home to the French literary giant Victor Hugo. Or view Guernsey's Millennium Tapestry at St James Concert Hall. The Island's history is depicted in ten beautifully embroidered panels.

3 July 2013

RGA&HS's Annual Cattle Show in Saumarez Park. The Guernsey Folk Museum and recently restored Victorian Gardens, are situated within the grounds of Saumarez Park

4 July 2013

Non Conference delegates may choose to visit Hautville House, a private Garden or Candie Gardens where a permanent exhibition tells the story of the Islands and their people at the museum.

5 July 2013

Non Conference delegates may choose a Half-Day Heritage Tour. Evening visit to Bruce Russell & Son, the Island's renowned Gold and Silversmiths and Jewellers at their showrooms.

6 July 2013

Non Conference delegates may choose the WWII Occupation of the Channel Islands Tour

Conference Banquet this evening at St Pierre Park Hotel.

Thursday 4th July

Opening Address by the Conference Moderator, Dr. Brian Wickham

Farming in Guernsey, Dr. Andrew Casebow

Managing Your Herd for Profit, George Ramsbottom - Teagasc

Friday 5th July

Opportunities for Feeding the World John Giles - Promar

Guernsey Genetics, How are we doing and How do we compare? Dr. Marco Winters

'Rising to The Challenge' Guernsey Farmers describe how their businesses have thrived in a competitive environment

Saturday 6th July

"Can we meet the Challenge?" How do we plan to keep our breed, our herds and our farms profitable and sustainable for the future?

Conference Summary by Dr. Brian Wickham

7 July 2013

Visit Les Jaonnets Farm and Les Fauconnaires Farm or alternatively attend a Church Service and enjoy the day at leisure.

8 July 2013

Visit the States of Guernsey Dairy followed by boat trip to Herm Island or visit St Peter Port. In the evening a talk based on Mary Ann Shaffer and Elizabeth Barrows' world famous book 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society'

9 July 2013

Visit Le Bigard herd and the Myrtle herd or take the Half-Day Heritage Tour or visit a private Garden

10 July 2013

Visit Meadow Court farm, the Little Chapel and the Petite Croute herd or take either a Guided Walk Option or visit Guernsey's Millennium Tapestry. Evening Reception hosted by The Lieutenant-Governor of Guernsey, Sir Peter Walker.

11 July 2013

Visit Alderney, where Mike & Claire Cox are the only farmers.

12 July 2013

Visit the Adamsons herd and a farm walk at St Catherine Farm. Barn Dance at Meadow Court Farm.

13 July 2013

After breakfast depart for flight home.

The French Tour 13 - 15 July

13th July 2013

Visit Cancale, Brittany, famous for its oyster beds and Mont St Michel. This weekend there will be various activities and festivals celebrating Bastille Day for you to enjoy

14th July 2013

Visit the landing beaches, American cemetery at Omaha Beach and Pointe Du Hoc followed by a cider tasting and visit to the Bayeux Tapestry Museum

15th July 2013

After breakfast transfer to Caen or Dinard airport for flight home.

For further information contact Field Farm Tours on 01636 616060 or visit www.fieldfarmtours.co.uk