



The English Guernsey Cattle Society

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Bickfield Venessa 37
South West Dairy Show Champion

INSIDE

Dr Maurice Bichard explains why Breeding Values Change on page 8

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Owner: Compton Martin, Bristol BS40 6NF

BICKFIELD NOVAK GRANDSLAM 43852 A2/A2

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
pa	278	9.8	9.2	-0.06	0.00	19.0	0.4	1.1	9	0.6	199	0.7	135

Born: 22 September 2013 GMI: 199
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GOLDEN J RONALD GRUMPY 604960													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
91	183	8.5	6.7	-0.01	0.01	15.2	0.8	2.3	0	0.0	201	0.5	236

MARODORE GOLIATHS RONALD 603218											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%F + P F&L	MamSCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI	
92	127	1.8	2.1	-0.08	-0.04	3.9	-0.3	0.7	6	7.0	1580.2 87

GOLDEN J OAK GRINCH 3070844											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%F + P	F&L	MamSCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
67	236	7.5	7.3	-0.07	-0.01	14.80	6.16	1	-8.6	-23	0.0 -61

DECISIONS NATURAL 604878											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + PF&L	MamSCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
72	137	-1.7	5.4	-0.150	0.023	-0.2	1	5	-3.7	-18	1.6 -72

LANG HAVEN LUXURY NIKITA-ET 3070989											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + PF&L	MamSCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
45	451	6.9	12.4	0.25-0.06	19.3-0.4	-1.3	10	-4.2	4	0.0	-60

LANG HAVEN GRUMPY NOVAK 68042542													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
35	289	8.8	9.8	-0.09	0.00	18.6	0.6	1.0	2.7	-1.9	152	0.9	128

BICKFIELD LINDA 52 450275 VG89 (4YR)													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
68	268	10.9	8.6	-0.04	0.00	19.5	0.3	1.2	16	3.1	246	0.8	141
Age	Milk	Days	Fat %	Fat %	Fat	Prt%	Prt			Pi			
2/5	6167	298	4.75	293	3.57		220			112			
3/5	7343	305	5.03	370	3.59		264			132			
4/6	7140	276	4.91	351	3.75		268			111			

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P
95	91	6.5	6.2	0.03	0.06	12.7

BICKFIELD LINDA 19 437485													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
72	52	3.4	1.4	0.04	0.02	4.8	0.0	0.0	16	5.0	149	0.0	67
3/3	5725	305		5.25			300		3.54		203		121
4/3	6264	305		5.40			339		3.65		229		126
5/5	5799	305		5.30			308		3.58		208		106
6/8	6723	305		5.37			361		3.45		232		123

98	311	-1.7	5.5	-0.28	-0.08	3.8	-0.8	1.6	10	1.1	15	0.3	-17
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BICKFIELD LINDA 8 429047 VG85 (4YR)												
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	MamSCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
72	-413	-12.2	-9.5	0.20	0.16	-21.7	0.0	0.0	9	12.3	119	0.0131
3/4	4149	297			5.65	234			3.75	156	106	
4/3	3671	287			5.61	206			3.98	146	89	
7/5	5237	303			5.62	294			3.71	194	101	
10/5	4214	293			5.65	238			4.00	169	86	

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Editor's Letter 2015

Dear Members and Friends of The English Guernsey Cattle Society,

Its that time of year again, when we all catch up through the Journal and in turn look back over the past year that is fast drawing to a close, and many would say "not a moment too soon." I cannot remember a year when the pressures on farmers have been so acute, especially those of us that choose dairying as our main enterprise. In most cases we have had to sit back and watch as at least a third of our income is just wiped away through no fault of our own. Periodically we receive a letter from our various buyers telling us that they are doing their best and how they feel our pain – I doubt that very much unless they have taken a substantial cut in their salaries, which I suspect is very unlikely. Every one of our herd owning members is feeling the pain, even more so if you have mortgages, heavy loans and rent to find. The only comfort to be found is in unity – none of this is down to us, the farmers are not failing, the agricultural system is failing us. Our primary role is to feed our own people and until the day dawns when this country is self sufficient in milk and dairy products how can we be producing too much milk! But its not that simple, is it?

As if finance was not enough of a worry, the weather hasn't helped. What has happened to the concept of four seasons when you used to have a rough idea what to expect each month? One of the main requirements of a good silage crop is 3 dry days together, not much of that this summer. Those of us who grow maize have spent the last month willing it to ripen before the frosts set in, its too expensive a crop to harvest if the feed value is yet to reach optimum level. Ours was harvested last Friday, thank goodness its safely under a sheet even if the fields are in a bit of a mess but theres still plenty standing in the fields.

Time to put on my other hat, that of your Administrator, and I am pleased to tell you there have been valuable advances in the life of the Society, particularly in our semen trade. We have managed to develop our export trade even further, the usual exports to New Zealand and The Island are now supplemented by a regular trade with Holland and our first ever export of Briddlesford Bluebells Leopold to the Guernsey Association in Canada. On the home front, we are supplying Genus with both proven and young bull semen. In 2015 we collected from Aber Samson specifically for the Genus home market and they have just agreed to take Lucky Cow Boy in 2016. We very much value our new found trade with Genus and it also helps the Society to have some influence on even more Guernsey breeders – so its all good news.

At the last Council Meeting and subsequently a series of changes have been agreed in connection with semen pricing, registration and classification which will help our members through this difficult time. I have listed and highlighted these on page 24 so you are all informed and can take full advantage of these benefits.

Good news is always tempered with the unhappier



Briddlesford Bluebells Leopold

news of the passing of some of our friends and colleagues, none more so than the loss of Graham Facks-Martin. Over the last few years Graham's suffering has become more and more acute, but his bravery and courage in adversity knew no bounds, it certainly wasn't going to stop him leading the life he had always led and enjoyed. In the last few years, when Graham could no longer drive, Philip and I would collect him for meetings, dinners, etc or he would get a taxi to Meadwell. Many, many times we would be instructed on the way home from Council not to take him home but to go directly to Launceston Town Hall to another meeting. The last time we saw him he insisted on being dropped off at the top of his road so he could walk down the hill – he was failing then.

Those of us who attended Graham's funeral could not help but be impressed by his impressive Memorial Service – few of us can hope for a send off like that. Thank you Graham for all you did for this Society – the important things as Chairman of Finance and all the small acts of kindness and consideration which made you the person you were.

We also remember Peter Hocart and The Duke of Wellington, both influential in the Breed. Having contacted Lavinia Dolbear, she kindly sent us a copy of Bob's eulogy so we can learn of all the other facets of the life of this man that many of us are indebted to.

This year we held our first National Breed Show at The Dairy Show in October. This was always going to be a steep learning curve and I think we did pretty well. There are little things we could and will do differently next year but in the main it was a success. In a perfect world all of our members will be free of TB in 2016 and the 30 odd cattle representing the breed will, at least, double if not treble, but a huge thank you to those members who take their cattle out throughout the year.

And now to the Journal itself, hopefully you will find it enjoyable, helpful and thought provoking, there are a range of articles that should tempt all of you to keep reading to the very end. In particular I would like to draw your attention to the article by Maurice Bichard *Continued page 7*

Presidential Report Peter Richardson

Well, its been and gone, my year as President. What an enjoyable time, except for all the miles I have travelled – 10,000+. When I got on the M5 the sat nav lady had great pleasure in telling me to turn right in 167 miles if I was going to Devon or Cornwall. I'm sure she enjoyed that, I know I did when I got to either a show or one of the two Dinners – never enough Dinners! The shows are mainly supported by the same few – well done and thanks. I know there are others that are shut down with TB, the Ministry seems to keep finding odd ones at each test to stop any movements.

After the Cornish Dinner, which I've been to for the last five years and hope to again this year because it's a good do, Digby put me on to some young stock for sale. I called in on my way home and bought 14 weaned calves – thanks Maurice and Philip. Since then I've bought the young stock from Andrew Hope, making mine the largest Guernsey herd in Cheshire. Andrew has sold his remaining cows to a local, young family who are very keen – Digby has already been to see them.

I also have 2 heifers on Guernsey Island, which I bought off Carol Allet and I've had some fun with them at two local shows, 3 first and a LAST (come on Bryan!)

The AGM came along, a day at Reeceheath College where we saw the old Genus herd, even they are losing 2p per litre averaging 11,000 litres. We also had a tour of the Food Processing Hall, if anyone is thinking of going into processing any milk, either go on a course or seek advice, they will be more than helpful. We then had Dinner in the Great Hall at Peckforton Castle. On Wednesday morning some went to Emma Bridgewater's Pottery – James and Rosemary now know what happens to the clay from Cornwall. Others came to the farm and saw the biomass boiler and my growing herd. We met up at my local cricket club, had Lunch followed by



Peter Richardson relinquishes the "sacred cow" to Maurice Durbin

the AGM where I handed over to Maurice. Sorry the M6 was closed on your way home, it happens quite often up here – I've had to come home via the M50 and A49 or the M54 and Telford to get around it.

West Midlands had their Dinner last night with Maurice and May back again, with Digby as our guest. Digby did some herd visits and went to the QMP AGM – wouldn't like to do his miles.

young handlers – keep it up – and thanks to all of you that have looked after me. All the very best to Maurice and May in their second term of office. I might get a chance to do it again – yes please. I really did enjoy it and when I get my new knee, hopefully soon, I'll be chasing around the young stock.

We have one of the best breeds so lets keep it going and if any of you are ever in Cheshire, I've always a bed for



Dressed to thrill at Reeceheath

On a sadder note, we, as a Society, have lost some good breeders this last twelve months.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to have been your President, all the lovely people I've met and friends I have made. Good luck to all you

a night or two.

Many thanks, *Peter*.

PS – Still situation vacant, Mrs Cox, could we start a column in the Journal for match making?

From the Editor – You've all met him now – any takers?

INTRODUCING OUR PRESIDENT

Maurice Durbin

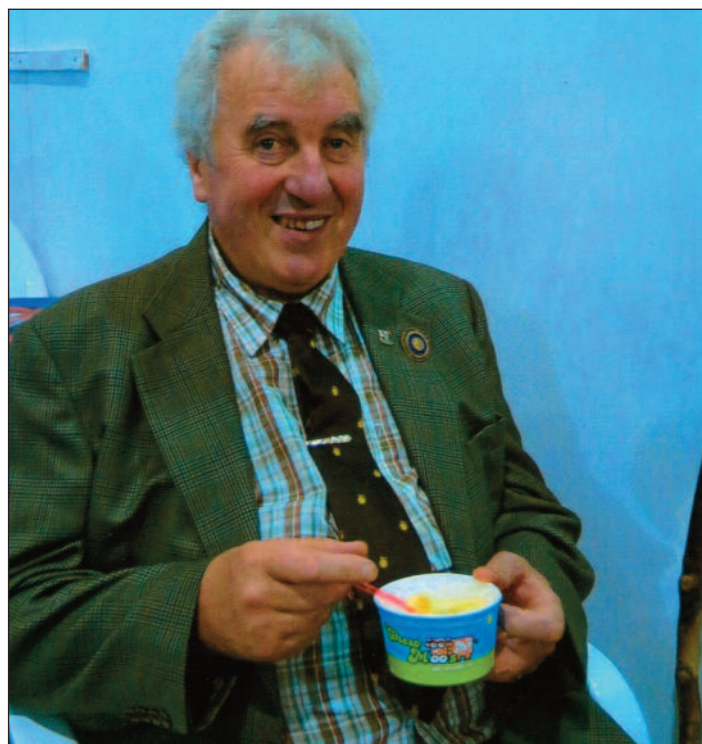
I feel very honoured to become President of The English Guernsey Cattle Society for a second time. I will do my best for the Society and get to see as many members as possible through attending shows and accepting invitations to the various associations.

My own beginnings with the Guernsey breed was through my Mum and Dad who took on Bickfield as a council holding on the 6th August 1930. They changed to Guernsey cows the year after I was born in 1945. I left school in 1960, worked with Dad to keep the herd going and then took on running the farm when Dad's health deteriorated. May and I got married in the May of 1974 and were lucky to gain the tenancy of Bickfield. Avon Count Council said they had no money for improvements on the holding but no objections to our spending money on it! So with the help of our right hand man, George Ogborne, who thankfully is still with us, we put up a new parlour, cubicles, silage pit and slurry lagoon.

I was introduced to the Guernsey Society, after being laid up by a chain saw accident, by Tom and Mary James who took me to a stockjudging evening at Shelagh Andrews. Since that night we have been to a lot of venues and made a lot of friends through the Breed, although unfortunately many of them are no longer with us.

I remember saying to our Landlord that if we ever had the chance to buy Bickfield we would move heaven and earth to do so, even though at that time we didn't have the money to do so. "No chance", was his reply but in 1994 he phoned me asking us to make an appointment to see him and then threw those words back at me – time to move heaven and earth. So the Guernseys had to start giving more milk to fund it.

Our son Philip has now taken on most of the work with



his wife Gill, who weans and rears the heifer calves. Since the failure of Dairy Farmers of Britain we have sold our milk to a local cheese maker, Lye Cross Farm.

We have had an excellent year in the show ring, thanks to Kim, Neil and Laura Sales after being closed down with TB for a long while. Well done to all those who competed at The All Britain All Breeds Calf Show at Malvern, it was very well attended. We have visited The Welsh Dairy Show, unfortunately no Guernseys present and attended lovely Dinners in Devon and Nantwich.

I am sad to see that a large proportion of Guernsey breeders have lost faith in their breed and introduced other breeds to their herds. I would like to see the Society reward those herds in some way that decide to stay pure.

Maurice Durbin

The Bickfield Herd: The Story of our Show Season

by Kim Sales

After six years of TB restrictions, the Bickfield Herd belonging to the Durbin Family of Compton Martin, Somerset, were finally able to complete a season of showing. (A brief window in 2013 saw the herd doing well at Frome Show winning Supreme Dairy Champion and at the S.W. Dairy Show, Reserve Breed Champion.)

After movement restrictions were at last lifted earlier in the year, we decided to start preparing for the forthcoming show season. This began by sourcing an in-calf heifer. You may think this would be easy with over sixty to choose from? Think again! Eventually, Bickfield Suprema 125 stood out from the rest. She was a very young heifer due to calve at under two years, by Hamps Valley May's Yogi, a bull brought in to run with heifers three years previously. On closer inspection of her pedigree, she was found to have 4 generations of VG in her ancestry.

Around this time, it came to light that Laura was ex-



Bickfield Suprema 125
3 first prizes as In-Calf Heifer

pecting her first child. This meant that I was called into action once again to break in and later, clip the show animals. One forgets how much hard work goes into this task, especially as several years have passed since I last took this on, as Laura was the “main woman” since she started work at the farm. Never-the-less, I tried to pace myself and continue to break in the rest of the animals that Laura hadn’t already done.

The first show, The North Somerset, was a little disappointing numerically so our team of seven were very successful, winning every class entered. Judge, Colin Glead, placed our heifer in milk, Bickfield Mary 34 by Ezekiel, Champion, with dry cow, Bickfield Venessa 37 in reserve. Mary then went on to be Reserve Interbreed Champion.

The Royal Bath & West soon followed and we entered 6 from Bickfield. Neil and I also looked after three for Sir Howard Guinness and our own heifer in partnership with Richard Norman. It was, in hindsight, a little foolish, especially when the washing water supply was out of action! But we muddled through with the help of Stepfather, Rob. A very successful show followed against much more competition. Mary was once again to the fore, winning Champion Heifer and Reserve Breed Champion. Our first prize group of three went on to compete in the Interbreed classes where they were placed a creditable reserve.



Bickfield Show Team at Royal Bath & West

Frome Show in September soon came upon us and we took 5 animals all taking a first prize. Judging was Richard Emm and he also took a shine to heifer Mary, making her Breed Champion with dry cow, Bickfield Indus 7 in reserve. Indus was making her show debut, a cow which we thought would never be shown due to the shut down and that she is a lazy breeder. Since the show she has had a bit of bad luck prolapsing before calving, but she did eventually produce a fine Guernsey heifer calf which was a wonderful surprise after being served by natural service and AI to Belgian Blue. We keep our fingers crossed for a full recovery.

In the Interbreed Dairy classes at Frome Show, our in calf heifer, Suprema, was placed first as was Indus the dry cow. Mary was then in a very strong class of 8 milk heifers which she won! She then went on to be tapped out Reserve Interbreed Dairy Champion in a class of seven other breeds. A great day for Bickfield, and for the Guernsey Breed.



Bickfield Mary 34
Champion and Reserve Interbreed Champion
North Somerset Show
Champion Heifer and Reserve Royal Bath & West

The S.W. Dairy Show incorporating the National Guernsey Show followed a few weeks later. Luckily, Bickfield Venessa 37 and Bickfield Phyllis 18 had calved cleanly 3 weeks previously and had both classified EX post calving, so they joined the show team for our final show. What a show it turned out to be for the Bickfield team. Suprema, the in calf heifer, completed a hat trick of first prizes this year by topping an impressive class of 7 stars in the making. Mary continued her unbeaten run by winning the heifer in milk class of seven very even animals. Michelle, the junior cow was placed 3rd, Liz, the intermediate entry was 2nd and Venessa and Phyllis were 1st and 2nd Senior Cows respectively. This duo also went on to win the pairs class. The Bickfield team went on to win the Peter Down Memorial Trophy for the most points in the Guernsey Section. It seemed fitting that a member of our show team goes back to the Phyllis family bred by Peter himself.

The highlight of this season was Judge, Chris Watson, tapping out Venessa as Breed Champion at the inaugural National Show and Phyllis being Reserve Champion with Mary as Hon Mention.

We certainly enjoyed our return with the Bickfield animals to the Show Ring having had such a successful season. Big thanks must go to Neil and Rob for their help before and at the shows and to Heather Limmond for her last minute leading duties and not forgetting Laura, who with an expanding waistline, still managed to topline the cows!

Unfortunately, at the time of writing, we have had the devastating news, that a barrener at the slaughterhouse has been found with lesions and we are now under movement restrictions once again! Sadly this is all too common within our industry. How our fortunes can change in a short space of time. Still, it was wonderful to be able to showcase the Bickfield animals for the Durbin family once more and we must remain optimistic that the herd can once again grace the show ring in the future.

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A TRIBUTE TO GRAHAM FACKS MARTIN MBE

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TREDINNEY ANDANTE'S ECLIPSE 11th EX94 (2E)

DAM OF TREDINNEY GRUMPY'S ECHO IN A.I.
LTY 43,500 kgs. CURRENTLY IN HER 4TH LACT.

TREDINNEY JASPER'S ESSENTIAL ESSENCE EX93(3E)

DAM OF TREDINNEY CONQUEROR'S ESSENCE H86
LTY 57,000 kgs CURRENTLY IN HER 6TH LACTATION



DAM:TREDINNEY ANDY PANDY'S ECLIPSE 6th EX92 (4E)

CME DM LTY 61,000 kgs CURRENTLY IN HER 8th LACT

G. DAM: TREDINNEY TALLYRANDS ECLIPSE GP81

(scored in her 3rd lact) LTY 60643 kgs IN 10 LACT.

GG DAM: TRETHEVY EXOCHORDA VG 85 DM GDME

LTY 76088 kgs in 10 LACT.



DAM: TREDINNEY STING BOY'S ESSENTIAL ESSENCE

G. DAM: TREDINNEY JAMES ESSENTIAL ESSENCE H86

GG DAM:TREDINNEY LUXURY'S ESSENCE EX92 (3E) CME DM

GGG DAM: TRETHEVY EXOCHORDA VG 85 DM GDME

HERD PRODUCTION AVERAGE 7264kg 4.92%B/F 3.77% PROT (Nov. 15)

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – JAMES WARREN 2015

I would like to start with saying what an honour it is to give you this, my first report as your Chairman of E.G.C.S. It is a privilege to hold this position and I would like to thank Duncan for all his work as your past Chairman and the help he has given me.

When I look back to Duncan's report only twelve months ago, what a completely different situation we as dairy farmers find ourselves in and I only hope that in twelve months time we will be in a different situation again. I was talking to one of our contractors only a few days ago and he was saying that he has had to increase his overdraft as his money is slower coming in and as that permeates down the line it just shows how much our industry affects the rural economy.

Your society is not immune to the current financial circumstances of the industry at present, but as members and valued customers the society is there to help when needed and I believe that it is as important as ever to keep adding value to the stock on your farm with pedigree cattle. I know that here at Tredinney the cattle we have lost to T.B. in the last eighteen months when valued as pedigree stock has more than covered the cost of our pedigree membership for the last two years.

In the past twelve months Dairy Co have revised PLI and we have also had a base change which showed once again how much the Guernsey breed has improved in the past 4 years. The F.O.B. have chosen to include fertility in G.M.I. and when you look at the young bulls registered which we will be selecting our next bulls to go through to A.I. many have positive or small minus figures for fertility which will make our breed more profitable and by early 2016 we should have the use of Genomics within our breed as another tool for improving our breeding decisions. A sales rep. said to me recently that he had heard a rumour that dairy companies will be increasing their solids payments onto their contracts in a way to increase the milk price without the oversupply of milk which will definitely help the channel island breeds. I believe that the bulls that EGCS have, offer the best genetics available at very competitive prices so please support our scheme.

It was great to attend the young handlers training day kindly hosted by Chris and Louise Carpenter and the children present learnt a great deal and thanks to Louise and Tracy Marshall for getting this started again.

Congratulations to all those that have been able to show over the last twelve months and it is good to see the Bickfield herd out on the road again and taking the Championship at North Somerset Show. Chris and Louise Carpenter took the breed championship at the South West Dairy Show and Sales and Norman had champion Guernsey at the A.B.A.B. calf show. At the County shows this summer a past Addington calf was champion at the Devon County show a win for Pam Coryn and a daughter of the previous Addington calf took the championship at the Bath and West show for the Bartlett family, and was bred by Brian and Sheila Adams. Royal Cornwall saw one of our junior members Abi Marshall take the champi-

onship and at the Livestock Event, it was a first breed championship for the Griffin family from the Isle of Wight with Briddlesford Laredo's Bluebell and she now has a new home in West Wales with the Glanmor herd. Your society has decided to make the S.W. Dairy Show our national show and extra sponsorship has kindly been given, so please support it if you can. Special thanks to all of our sponsors especially to G.L.W. Feeds for sponsoring all the calf classes at the shows.

The past 12 months has seen some very valued members pass away, each of them having given a tremendous amount to the breed and we remember David Crouch, Bob Dolbear, Peter Hocart, Robert Moore and The Duke of Wellington.

I would like to thank Peter Richardson for all that he has done in his Presidential year representing the Society and hope to see as many of you as possible at the A.G.M. where we will welcome Maurice Durbin as President.

Thank you to the Council members and area representatives for giving up their time during the last twelve months and attending meetings and a huge thank you to Caroline Cox who has worked tirelessly again keeping the society running smoothly and I would like to thank her personally for all she has done to help me and a thank you to James Bartlett as he finishes his first year as treasurer and to Nigel Kennard for his work behind the scenes.

Thanks to Digby for what he has done within the breed and for showing many overseas visitors around our herds and promoting The English Guernsey Cow.

James Warren

Editor's Letter – from page 2

Richard supported by member, Sue Staples on breeding values and how they are there to help you. So often our members do not fully understand nor appreciate the mountain of information that is available to you when making your breeding decisions. Hopefully this article will dispel any of the confusion and misinformation that seems to abound.

Finally thank you to all those people who make this Society tick, to my Chairman, James Warren, Vice Chairman Duncan Vincent and all the Council members who make the sometimes difficult decisions which take the Society forward. To Digby for supporting our members and his relentless efforts in finding markets for our product and to James Bartlett and especially Nigel Kennard, who not only keep the Society on the straight and narrow but are my point of reference, in what is sometimes, a manic world at Michaelmas Cottage. I did somehow, find time to move a few hundred yards to our new home, as our 2 sons, Joe and Chris embark on their new lives in their new homes. They're still around most of the day, one bonus is there is less laundry!

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas with the hope that the New Year will eventually bring a glint of light at what has become a very long tunnel.

WHY DO ESTIMATED BREEDING VALUES CHANGE?

by Dr Maurice Bichard* (with technical help from Dr Janet Roden and Sue Staples)

BACKGROUND

When I first became conscious of our breed, in the mid-1940s, farmers could only choose their replacement heifers and bulls by assessing their juvenile conformation, consulting the milk records of their dams and more distant relatives, and remembering the appearance and life histories of their families. Over the years the quantity of recorded data on each animal has increased while our supporting organisations have greatly improved the information which they present to us on a regular basis.

We now have access to estimates of an individual's breeding value for many measured or assessed traits. Some of these are complex traits like overall mammary score, feet and leg score, and fertility index (based on calving interval and non-return rate). But because herd profit depends upon so many performance traits, scientists and economists have long tried to help breeders by producing

asking MDC/DairyCo to rank our animals on this in its publications. But these organisations (now AHDB Dairy) have promoted the use of £PLI (Profitable Lifetime Index) for some years as a useful tool in bringing together all the individual components. It is defined as the additional profit expected from an average progeny during its lifetime.

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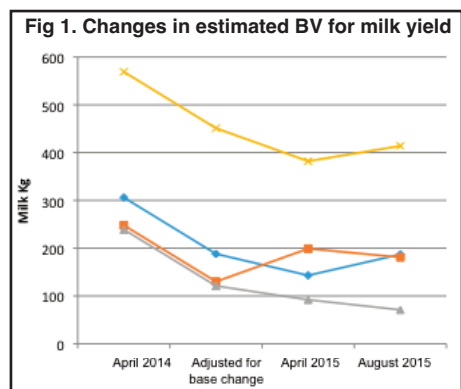
Some members have asked for help in understanding why these figures keep changing, particularly in the last year or two. We can illustrate these changes in values and ranking of four young bulls being offered by EGCS (Tredinney Grumpy's Echo), Genus (Aber Samson), Semex (Dairymen Double Dawson) and Cogent (Coulée Crest Grumpy Legend from April 2014 to August 2015. Figures 1, 2 and 3 highlight just three traits, milk yield, £PLI and GMI).

proaches you, make sure they are giving you the correct figures.

THE REASONS BEHIND THESE CHANGES

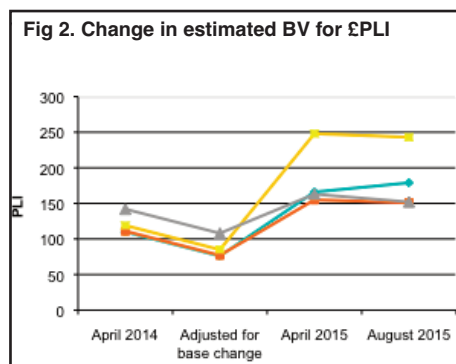
TIME PASSES

The data used to predict breeding values flow continuously from your own production records, from type classification, and from observations made in every other herd where relatives of your stock are kept, even overseas. We can obtain an estimate before a heifer (or a bull calf) is born, from a simple pooling of what is known about its sire and dam (called the Pedigree Index) but the reliability will be low, somewhere between 20 and 40% (for production). As the heifer begins to milk it reveals its own performance, while more records flow in from all its living relatives. But because a cow seldom has many recorded daughters we can never get a really precise picture of her true



estimates for overall genetic merit. These of necessity are based on the idea of an average farm and how variation among animals in output and costs affect profit.

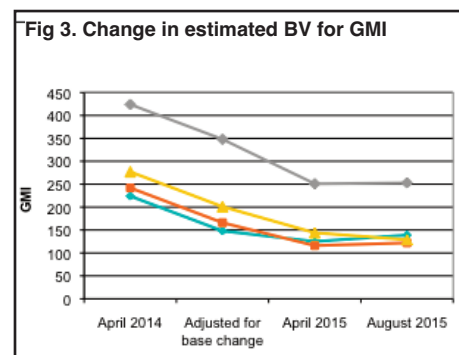
We established the Global Guernsey Breeding Programme (GGBP) in 2002, in consultation with members in Britain and the Island. We asked members to indicate the relative importance they put on improving the several production and type traits. Professor John Woolliams then created the Guernsey Merit Index (GMI) for us, and we adopted it,



Key to all 3 figures above



As you will see (Figure 3), all these bulls had GMI values between 200 to 400 in April 2014. You were used to these, but from April 2015 their new range is now between 150 and 250. So one important message is that you must adjust your thinking to lower average scores. The second is that individual bulls have seriously changed rankings. Please be careful: whichever semen supplier ap-



breeding merit (reliability up to 70%), and only after several years.

As a young bull produces daughters so their records accumulate. By the time he achieves 100 daughter records the reliability will be over 95%. Hence, while the true breeding value of an individual, relative to its contemporaries, is fixed at conception and remains constant, our ESTIMATE of this may bounce up and down since it is continuously refined as more information pours in every day. In my old company (Pig Improvement Company, now part of Genus) where all recording is in house,

breeding values are re-estimated daily! In UK dairying the Edinburgh-based EGENES unit, which has the contract to process data for AHDB-Dairy, provides revised estimates three times a year making use of worldwide analyses for bulls by INTERBULL in Sweden.

So here we have the first reason why EBVs change, and why we must always compare animals based on values in the same analysis. Be particularly cautious of published bull catalogues which are quickly out of date! Forget what was produced four months ago—use the most current figures.

SELECTION GOALS MOVE FORWARD

The overall merit indices £PLI and GMI were both designed more than a decade ago. But of course circumstances change. To take one example, as it became clear that excessive emphasis on milk yield (in all breeds) was causing a deterioration in measures of female fertility so we were given an additional trait: the Fertility Index. We argued long over whether to change GMI to include this in order to arrest its decline, Eventually the Islanders agreed, and adopted GMIF(25). EGCS decided to remain with GMI.

Subsequently AHDB Dairy consulted widely with the UK industry about updating £PLI. They persuaded

ted their needs and adopted it. EGCS still considered it inappropriate but started to publish GMIF(25) values. The latest situation (from August 2015) is that EGCS has adopted GMIF(20) as its preferred index, where the weight given to fertility has been slightly changed (from 25 to 20).

Notice in the Figures above that, while Legend has the highest prediction for milk yield throughout, and this continues to give him the highest GMI, the reassessment of profitability using New PLI has now demoted him. Dawson is promoted because of his good milk quality and lifespan figures.

Here is the second reason why estimated breeding values change: new understanding leading to a re-definition of goals.

The individual Guernsey herd owner has to decide which index best identifies the type of cattle he or she needs, and then compare animals based on that index. Some companies offering semen are not part of GGBP and so don't quote our GMIF but Dr Janet Roden takes the new AHDB Dairy data every four months and produces for us not only the trait values but also the current PLI and GMIF values.

BASE CHANGES

Breeding values are always expressed as deviations: how much better or worse than the average of a reference population. Currently this is the average of all animals born in

where almost every animal would be shown as better, than the average calculated many years ago! In order to prevent this there is a so-called base change every five years. In August 2014 the reference population was changed from the previous (2005-born animals) to the new one (2010-born). The effect of this was to reduce every milk PTA by 118kg, with corresponding shifts in all other traits.

Here then is the third reason for index values changing: every five years there is a base change for every trait or index.

Incidentally these figures allow us to analyse the relative contribution from our selection in raising herd performance compared with other improvements you have made in nutrition and management. CDI figures show our breed mean for milk production was around 5600kg in 2007/8 and increased by 380 to 5980kg over the 5 years to 2011/12. Because the average PTA increased by 118kg the underlying genetic mean has increased by twice this, or 236kg. So we may conclude that just over 60% of the on-farm improvement (phenotypic change) was created by selecting more productive bulls and cows.

We give below the detailed changes for a number of traits for the bulls featured in Figures 1 to 3. Table 1 shows their figures when they were still being evaluated against all 2005-born animals.

Table 1. Estimated breeding values in April 2014

	Rel %	Milk kg	Fat %	Protein %	Feet & Legs	Mam	SCC	Fertility Index	Lifespan Years	£ PLI	GMI
ECHO	38	306	-0.02	-0.04	1.0	2.2	-2	-2.2	0.3	110	224
SAMSON	26	248	0.02	0.01	0.7	1.3	-6	-1.8	0.3	111	242
DAWSON	35	239	0.14	-0.02	1.0	1.6	-9	-1.5	0.3	119	277
LEGEND	34	569	0.05	-0.07	0.6	2.3	2	-4.3	0.0	142	424

farmers that production efficiency should now be addressed by penalising large cows, because they require more maintenance feed. The New £PLI which emerged in August 2014 also gives increased emphasis to fitness (lifespan and fertility) and somewhat less to production. The Islanders decided that this new profit index fit-

2010.

But as successful selection drives genetic change then the average merit of each generation improves, and so the mean breeding value increases. Over the last generation (5years) our average PTA for milk yield increased by 118kg. Without an adjustment we would get to a stage

Note the reliabilities are all quite low (26-38%), based only on ancestor records. These strictly apply only to milk production, and are even lower for traits like fertility which are only weakly inherited. Positive deviations are always favourable except for Somatic Cell Count (where, for example, Echo's daughters would be expected

to have SCC 2% below average). The feet and legs, and mammary values are composite scores between -3 and +3, and summarise all the linear scores made during classification. Echo's negative fertility predicts that his daughters will have calving intervals about one day longer, and a non-return rate 1% worse than average. Nevertheless his lifespan figure suggests they will last a third of a year longer in the herd. His PLI predicts that they should leave an additional £110 contribution over that life. GMI was designed to predict how well an animal would improve the production and type traits which members voted to emphasise when we launched the Guernsey Global Breeding Programme.

Table 2 (which was not published) has been constructed to illustrate the simple effect of changing the basis of comparison to 2015-born animals (instead of 2010). The absolute figures change, but not the rankings.

Table 2. (unpublished) breeding values using April 2014 data but after making a base change from 2010 to 2015-born animals											
	Rel %	Milk kg	Fat %	Protein %	Feet & Legs	Mam	SCC	Fertility Index	Lifespan Years	£ PLI	GMI
ECHO	38	188	-0.04	-0.03	0.9	2.0	-1	-0.6	0.3	76	148
SAMSON	26	130	0.01	0.03	0.6	1.0	-5	-0.2	0.3	77	166
DAWSON	35	121	0.13	0.60	0.9	1.3	-8	0.1	0.3	85	201
LEGEND	34	451	0.04	-0.05	0.5	2.0	3	-2.7	0.0	108	348

Table 3 now shows the additional effects of an extra year's data from all their relatives. As reliability hardly changed there cannot have been much. There are however large shifts in the index scores because the New £PLI has a changed formula, while GMIF has replaced GMI by incorporating fertility for the first time.

Table 3. Breeding values in April 2015 after the base change, more data, a new formula for PLI and the inclusion of fertility in GMI											
	Rel %	Milk kg	Fat %	Protein %	Feet & Legs	Mam	SCC	Fertility Index	Lifespan Years	New £ PLI	GMIF (25)
ECHO	40	143	-0.01	-0.01	0.8	1.8	-3	0.3	0.3	166	125
SAMSON	27	199	0.01	0.03	0.6	0.9	-4	-2.5	0.3	155	116
DAWSON	35	92	0.13	0.00	0.8	1.6	-8	-1.7	0.4	248	144
LEGEND	36	382	0.02	-0.05	0.6	1.8	4	-1.3	0.0	163	251

Table 4 adds a little more information from relatives, and the formula for GMIF was slightly changed.

Table 4. Breeding values in August 2015 after more data and a small change in the weight given to fertility in GMI											
	Rel %	Milk kg	Fat %	Protein %	Feet & Legs	Mam	SCC	Fertility Index	Lifespan Years	New £ PLI	GMIF (20)
ECHO	40	187	-0.03	-0.01	1.1	1.7	-3	0.1	0.2	179	139
SAMSON	27	181	0.01	0.04	0.6	0.9	-4	-2.5	0.3	151	122
DAWSON	36	71	0.15	0.00	0.7	1.6	-9	-2.8	0.5	243	129
LEGEND	37	414	-0.02	-0.04	0.9	1.7	6	-1.5	-0.1	152	253

CONCLUSION

Merit index values are changing all the time. More information; newly defined goals; a base change. The **GOLDEN RULE** is **ALWAYS** to compare animals using values for the **SAME INDEX** published at the **SAME TIME** (three times per year). They are available, if not from the semen suppliers, then from your own Society.

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ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

In response to the short piece on sire proofs and index values in the Autumn 2015 Newsletter, we received the following questions from members.

Q1: Why do we sometimes experience daughters whose performance is so different from what was predicted from their sire's EBV or proof?

A: First, a bull does not deliver an identical package of genes into each sperm. Every one is different and his EBV only gives us the overall average figure. Add to this that the traits which interest us are only partially controlled by the individual's genes. Milk yield may be up to 50% heritable, but SCC and locomotion only 10%; and fertility and lifespan even less. So individual daughter performance may be lowered by inheriting a poor sample of genes, or by rearing treatment, nutrition, infection, or other non-genetic causes.

If the sire's proof had low reliability, as is the case with most of our young GGBP bulls, then it is easy to see how single daughters, or even groups of them, in our herd may disappoint. In the past we may have used bulls from overseas whose dams' records had been inflated by preferential treatment. This is one reason why their proofs are somewhat discounted on conversion for us, and given lower reliability.

But what if the sire has been highly proven, based on a hundred recorded daughters? His proof still only predicts the average performance of a large number of future daughters, not how one or even half a dozen will perform in our herd.

Unfortunately our breed has now become so reduced in numbers that we cannot prove many bulls with high accuracy. And having found one, we cannot afford to use him extensively to breed lots of second-crop daughters, as has been the norm in the Holstein breed. What we can, and must do, is to breed some sons and use a few as young sires. Naturally, just like his daughters, they will not all be good ones. This is where the new genomic techniques should soon help us. We can take tissue samples from them soon after birth, get a laboratory to extract and examine their DNA, and assess the actual gene packages which each one received. This should increase the reliability of their early proofs and so improve our decisions on which sons to be reared to service age.

The sciences which have underpinned the breeding methods recommended over the past 50 years (Quantitative Genetics, now enhanced by Molecular Genetics) work most effectively when we are dealing with large numbers of animals. The 'laws of averages' have a chance to operate so that our predictions are more often realised. It is not surprising that poultry breeders, and later pig breeders, working with thousands quickly embraced these new methods. They could measure the mean performance of their flocks and herds and see them responding steadily to selection each year. By con-

trast the cattle breeder, closely watching a few new replacements each year, has seen less to convince him that statistical predictions are valuable. So he has been slow to move away from his traditional reliance on observations at home and in the show ring. (Particularly slow in the beef breeds.) As herd sizes continue to grow we may be less confused by the disappointing performance of small groups and more ready to trust EBVs.

In summary, it is inevitable that single daughters, or small groups, will sometimes fail to reach their sires' predicted performance. But don't forget that others will do even better! Particularly in our breed we just have to accept that there can be no certainty. Because of this you must use several bulls to spread your risk. But learn to think in terms of your herd average being raised every year by a small amount.

Q2: When expected breeding values are calculated, is heifer performance adjusted for age at first calving?

A: Yes. A heifer's performance is statistically adjusted for age, month of calving, and for the average yields in the herd where she was milked before it contributes information to her sire's breeding value.

Q3: Are members 'hiding' poor daughters to make their figures look better?

A: This is always possible if the herd owner is determined, but it seems unlikely to be an important source of errors in our breed. Of course some heifers will be culled early if they fail to impress. But production information is used from every milk recording test day. Classification of heifers is free to members (unlike in some other breeds) so there is no financial incentive to exclude poor animals when the classifier visits, though some may have been culled since his visits are infrequent. Excluding a single individual would have little effect on her sire's eventual proof, but would tend to increase the herd average performance.

Q4: Why do we get so many bull calves from AI?

A: Is this another example of us hoping for heifer calves, expecting to get them from close to 50% of all births, and then being upset when a smallish sample in our herd fails to deliver what we want? Do we just underestimate the frequency with which such outcomes occur by chance? Perhaps we should all try tossing a coin 10 times and counting heads! I checked with a contact who had investigated this and published papers some years ago. He was clear that he had found no evidence for unusual sex ratios when the data sets were adequate: there was always a very slight surplus of males, as in many other species. No doubt those hoping for males from contract matings with selected bull dams are often frustrated in the opposite direction!

Maurice Bichard

OBITUARIES

Graham Facks- Martin – A stalwart councillor and a true gentleman

Tributes have been paid to Graham Facks-Martin MBE, a stalwart of Cornish local government who died on Friday 11th September.

Mr Facks-Martin, who served as a member of the Launceston Town Council until his death, developed an interest in politics in the early 1960s. North Cornwall MP at the time, Conservative James Scott-Hopkins, invited Graham to work for him and he would have, but for the former's defeat at the 1966 General Election. In 1967 Graham was co opted on Launceston Rural District Council as one of the three representatives from South Petherwin, until the Council was abolished due to local government reorganisation in 1974. He was elected on to the new North Cornwall District Council in June 1974, and became its first chairman of housing. He was the only member who served on the North Cornwall authority for its entire existence, until it merged to form Cornwall Council in 2009.

Graham served for 42 years as a district councillor – more than 30 years on South Petherwin Parish Council and over 10 years on Launceston Town Council. He specialised in housing and planning as a district councillor, involved in social housing for some 50 years, at first council housing and, latterly, housing associations at local, regional and national levels. He was made an Honoured Burgess of Launceston in May 2012.

Born in 1934 in Bramley, Surrey, Graham was a mix of Scottish, English and Russian heritage, and joked that he considered himself to be a "mongrel". He was educated at Lanesborough Preparatory school, Kelly College, Seale Hayne Agricultural College and the London School of



Economics, attaining numerous qualifications, including an MSc degree (housing) from the London School of Economics in 2001. He was made an MBE in 2006. His family lived in Guildford, where his father had a garage between the wars. In the 1940s it was converted into a machine shop, making parts for the war effort – the first time in his life his father made any money.

They started milking cows in 1953, which they continued to do for 50 years. Their pedigree Guernsey herd was once the highest yielding in the UK and in the top 10 for years. Graham was involved in the Guernsey Society for 20 years. He was involved in Launceston Young Farmers Club in the 1950s, and after he left college he

joined the Young Conservatives and the party. In the 1980s, when left leaning Conservatives were referred to as "wets", Graham said of his political inclination "When there were "wet" Tories I was once labelled 'of positively oceanic wetness', I think it was meant as an insult, but I have always enjoyed it."

He married late in life, in 1975, to Phyl Penfound, his only Cornish connection – her father was Cornish. They were together for over 21 years until she died of cancer in 1997. They did not have any children.

Leading the tributes to Graham was the mayor of Launceston, Brian Hogan who said, "It was with great sadness the mayoress, myself, the town council and indeed the whole of the community heard the news. Some words need to come from the head but this is one of the occasions when they need to come from the heart. Graham was a gentleman in the true sense of the word. He worked tirelessly

for the benefit of other people. He never had a bad word to say about anyone. Graham was a kind, generous man who commanded the respect of everyone that knew him. We all send our condolences to his friends and family. It has been an honour to have known Graham and to be able to call him a friend.

Dame Margaret Fry Patron of Torridge and West Devon Conservative Association, said "I have known Graham since he was a teenager. Throughout his life he has been determined and enthusiastic in whatever he undertook. As a young Conservative, a constituency member and officer and as a councillor, Graham was forthright, committed and articulate in discussions but

would also consider the other person's point of view. We mourn his passing and marvel at the very positive way in which he coped with his recent years of illness."

Martin Perry, who was the agent for the North Cornwall Conservative Party from 1971 to 1980 said, "Graham was a very close and dear friend. He was a stalwart of the party in North Cornwall during the 1970s when I was the agent and leading up to our successful campaign in 1979. His ability and enthusiasm knew no bounds and he was always utterly reliable. He will be very sadly missed by all who knew him, by the Conservative Party and indeed by the council authorities on which he served."

Connie Leach, who served with Graham on North Cornwall and District Council said, "I have known Graham since 1974 when the reorganisation took place and North Cornwall District Council was started. He played a big part in that and was very sorry about its demise. He was a very fair councillor and a very good committee chairman. Housing was his work in whatever council he was on and he would try to achieve a fair balance with the housing association. I travelled many times with him to meetings. He was always a member of the Conservative Party, I was a member of the Liberal Party, but he always said if I wanted any power, I would have to join the Conservative Party."

Graham Facks-Martin MBE

A tribute by Chris Watson

I was delighted to accept this invitation to say a few words about Graham, mainly because, normally, when one listens to these eulogies, one wonders whether the person being described is the same person you knew. But in Graham's case there will be few complements given which are not absolutely deserved and to the point. Graham was one of those people whose services were always available to us in the Guernsey Society, the two local branches of Cornwall and Devon and all the other organisations to which he devoted his life. He was always available to help with the menial tasks even if they were things that were not his normal responsibility.

He registered his Trethevy Prefix with the society in 1980 and very soon established his herd as one of the leading production herds in Cornwall, in spite of his grass and hay forage system, averaging well over 5000 litres at a time when the national average was nearer 4,500 litres. He finally sold his cows in 1999 but never stopped giving his services to the Society and was made its President in 2007, and a Vice-President in 2009.

He never became a judge but always came to the judges conferences and local judging competitions when he, invariably, was the scorer. Despite him rarely taking part he was an excellent judge of a DAIRY cow.

Graham's greatest contribution to the Guernsey Society was his thirteen years as our treasurer. I became

Chairman in 1990 and when after two years the existing treasurer stepped down, according to the old and bold, I made a controversial appointment of Graham, to succeed her. It did not take long for everyone to realise that I had made the correct one. He would travel to Rickmansworth, where the Society's office was then located, before every Council meeting, so that we would have the up to date figures to work from. This meant that I was able to concentrate on other major subjects affecting the Society, such as the new Index.

Amongst all his other activities he was also Secretary of the Cornish Branch for years where he kept a tight rein on all their events, including the Society Tent at the Royal Cornwall Show, where he was also a class sponsor. He was twice President of the Cornwall Branch.

My greatest admiration for Graham was the way he continued with his support for the organisations to which he belonged despite his considerable health problems, as far as the Guernsey Society was concerned he was responsible for the Society's investments to the very end.

Lastly, Graham had a dry sense of humour, always responding well to quips at his expense. I expect a lot of you were at the party he gave in Bude on the occasion of his 70 birthday. Three of us kept asking him which birthday it was he was celebrating and he refused to say. So we gave him a 90th birthday card. The response "you Buggers". THAT WAS GRAHAM.

Arthur Valerian Wellesley, 8th Duke of Wellington

The 8th Duke of Wellington died peacefully at his home near Basingstoke on New Year's Eve 2014, six months before the 200th anniversary of The Battle of Waterloo and seven months before his 100th birthday.

He was influential in The English Guernsey Cattle Society during the 1970s and 1980s, standing as President of the Society in 1985. His Stratfield Saye herd of Guernseys were well renowned in the breed and their genetics were well circulated to excellent effect following the dispersal

sale during the 1990s.

A busy man with a military career from 1936 – 1968, he sat in the House of Lords from 1972 – 1999 and in later life had business interests in Massey Ferguson Holdings Ltd (1967 – 1989) and Motor Iberica, Spain.

In his final year of life he continued to conduct public engagements, attending the Order of the Garter investiture in June 2014.



Peter Rougier Hocart

1923-2015

Peter Hocart was born in Guernsey in 1923. His father, Osmond, came from a long-established local family, and his mother Olive Rougier was a member of another local family. When Peter was aged one the family moved to Clovelly, a farm in St. Andrew's parish, which was to be Peter's home for most of his life. Peter's father had a small dairy herd and grew tomatoes, radishes and daffodils for export.

Peter was educated on the island and left school at 16 to work on the farm, his father having died in the previous year. Plans for agricultural training in England had to be abandoned in 1940 when the island was occupied by the Germans. For the next five years Peter and his mother farmed under increasingly difficult conditions. Many times Peter would break the German curfew to check on the cows. Liberation came on 9 May 1945.

In 1948 Peter bought the farm from his mother and in 1950 he married Anne Blampied, the daughter of Guy Blampied, who was later to be President of the Royal Guernsey Agricultural and Horticultural Society (RGAHS), the breed society founded in 1842. Peter and Anne had three children, Richard, Kate and Steve. In the 1950s and '60s Peter took on more land, some by purchase and some by lease, and increased the size of his herd. He also grew potatoes and tomatoes, and was one of the first growers to put up metal-frame glasshouses. Usually three men were employed on the farm, but Peter was always a hands-on farmer and was normally to be found working on the farm. He only showed a cow once, explaining later that he decided after that experience that it had taken up too much of his time.

Peter's public service began in 1951 when he was appointed procureur of the poor for his parish; this unpaid position involved dispensing public assistance to needy parishioners. He served later as a member of the douzaine (parish council) and from 1978 to 1993 served in the States of Guernsey (the island parliament) as the representative of his douzaine. But his involvement with island administration had started many years before, when, in 1949, he was elected as a member of the States Committee for Agriculture. He was to be re-elected several times and when he retired in 1993 he was Vice-President and had a continuous record of 44 years service on the committee, involving two or three meetings a month and many other appointments. As Guernsey is self-governing the Committee's role was akin to that of the Ministry of Agriculture, although obviously on a smaller scale. Peter was particularly involved in the establishment and management of the local AI service, which was run by the



Committee.

From 1982 to 1987 Peter was President of the Guernsey Farmers' Association, which is involved in negotiating the price paid to producers for milk delivered to the States Dairy. From 1996 to 2005 Peter was President of the RGAHS. He became a director of the World Guernsey Cattle Federation and with Anne attended the Federation conferences in Kentucky (1998), South Africa (2001), England (2004) and Australia (2007).

Bill Luff, secretary of the WGCF, wrote in an appreciation of Peter published in the Guernsey Press: 'An intelligent, straightforward, honest and hardworking man, he was a true son of Guernsey, who served his island and the Guernsey breed with passion and integrity. I worked with him when he was chairman of the States AI sub-committee and president of the RGAHS and a director of the WGCF. He was a constructive and original thinker, always open to new ideas and very supportive of his fellow farmers and staff. I cannot think of anyone in my lifetime in agriculture that I held in higher esteem'.

Peter handed on the Clovelly herd to Steve in 1997 and he and Anne retired to La Fosse in St. Martin's, Anne's family home. Anne died in 2013. Towards the end of his life Peter was delighted to be made an honorary member of the EGCS. He died in a nursing home in Guernsey on 18 February, 2015. He is survived by his three children and three grand children.

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ROBERT LEONARD DOLBEAR

09.09.1936 – 24.09.2014

"On a personal note, I can tell you many a time when Bob reminisced over his "grass root" members with whom he had a special affection." – *Lavinia Dolbear.*

Bob was born in Malvern in 1936 and was one of four children. His father worked for Lloyds Bank and the family moved when Bob was three years old to Hove in Sussex. His earliest memories included wartime sights, sounds and fears.

As a growing boy Bob soon gained a love for sport, he represented his school at cricket and went off happily to watch Sussex play at the county ground. A further move to a larger house, in Henfield, meant many happy days at the village cricket club and playing in the large garden.

Schooldays led on to National Service and then to Bicton College of Agriculture where Bob met Lavinia; they married in 1960 and set up home near Barnstaple where Bob was now working on a farm. Soon they were back near Bicton where Bob was offered the post of herdsman at the Col-

lege farm. Two boys Philip and Robert, came along in the course of time and the family were back in North Devon with Bob running the North Devon Farmer's Livestock Marketing Group.

In 1968 Bob joined The EGCS as Field Officer covering the South West of England. In 1972 the family moved to Dorset when Bob's responsibilities required him to cover the whole of the country. There was lots of travelling both here and abroad and he gained a reputation for never once being late for an appointment! In 1988, with the family leaving home, Bob and Lavinia moved to their bungalow in Marston Magna. He served the Society for 30 years.

As a devoted family man, Bob was very proud of Philip and Robert and their achievements. Beyond meeting the demands of work and family he was always interested and active in politics; a Parish councillor in Marston Magna for many years, the last 7 as Chairman, Bob was known fair minded and concerned for everyone in the village. He was a deeply patriotic man and a fervent supporter of



the England test cricket team in their encounters especially with Australia. I recall him also on our visits to the county ground at Taunton and his warm support for Somerset though his first love perhaps remained Sussex. Bob was a great supporter of village events and of the life of the local church, we remember him always ready to engage in the often hard work of setting up and then clearing away afterwards at the church fete and numerous occasions in the village hall.

Thanks be to God for dear Bob.

*Rev Michael Hayes, St Mary's Church,
Marston Magna*

Addington Fund says thank you

Over the last six years we have had three Addington Guernsey heifers; Claudia, Annabelle and Libbie, all suitable celebrity names! During that time we have made some great friendships within the English Guernsey Cattle Society and on the Island of Guernsey; thank you for all your support. I hope in return we have been able to play a small role in promoting your society.

Special thanks must go to John Berry, especially during his Presidential Year, Brian and Sheila Adams for all their hard work without which we would never have reached the show ring and to our main corporate supporters Farmplus Construction, NatWest and Mole Valley Farmers. And to you the members who have tried each time to win our heifer by purchasing raffle tickets. Tickets are still available for Libbie who is due to calve in December!

Pam Coryn did win one! Annabelle has continued to compete in the show ring after having her second calf; a good bull calf, which Pam and Dawn have reared and recently sold for £750 which they have generously donated to Addington.

It has been a real pleasure to meet so many members of the society and to spend time with you, especially at shows. Please keep in touch and remember that Addington is here to support the farming community.

Ian Bell

The logo for CMC Crediton Milling features the letters 'CMC' in large, bold, blue font. Below it, the website 'www.creditonmilling.co.uk' is written in a smaller blue font. Underneath the website, the tagline 'Feeding Tomorrows Farmers Today' is written in a green font. The background of the logo is a blue sky with white clouds and a green field with a few sheep. At the bottom of the logo, there is a blue square with a white 't' icon, followed by the phone number '01363 772212' in a large, bold, blue font.

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Heifers classified (VG) between 1/12/14 and 31/10/15

55 heifers from 26 herds with Bickfield (7) being the leading herd, Tredinney (6), Trewey (5), Leighgrange (4), Beechgroves (4) and Trewarnevas with 3 are the most successful. 34 different sires have daughters listed with Andante (7) the leading sire, Lyndell (4), and Novak, LJ C Merlin and Beechgroves Eldorado each have 3. D R Gribble

HBN	Prefix/ Sire	Animal Name	Serial No/ Owner	D o B/	Date of Inspection	F S	Legs/	Mamm/
452342	FAIRFIELD	BONNIE		11/04/2012	02/07/2015	88	88	90
	Sniders Option Aaron		C & L Carpenter					
452505	BICKFIELD	MARY 34	34	15/06/2012	21/09/2015	88	88	87
	Beechgroves Ezekiel		M & P Durbin					
453479	BEECHGROVES	ELDORADO ELSIE		27/04/2013	17/09/2015	87	88	87
	Beechgroves Eldorado		The Lacey Family					
453509	LATIFA	PRINCESS LEIA		02/05/2013	28/10/2015	87	87	86
	Tredinney Yogis Andante		C & M Moody					
453343	HINTON	HOLLY 13	13	15/03/2013	13/08/2015	87	88	86
	Lang Haven Grumpy Novak		The Bartlett family					
452943	WHITE LADIES	RUBY 94	94	03/11/2012	30/07/2015	87	86	87
	Tredinney Yogis Andante		Sir H Guinness					
452536	SHARNFORD	TILLER KHAN DARCY		06/01/2012	30/03/2015	87	85	88
	Riverwood Tiller Khan		J & K Salisbury					
451845	LEIGHGRANGE	HELIOS FLORA DORA		07/09/2011	15/05/2015	87	88	85
	Thornton Helios		E Durose					
451843	LEIGHGRANGE	HELIOS BEWILDERED		29/08/2011	15/05/2015	86	86	88
	Thornton Helios		E Durose					
453803	TREDINNEY	PRINCE MARSHMALLOW 3	3	02/08/2012	03/03/2015	86	85	85
	Tredinney Yogis Prince		The Warren Family					
453145	TREDINNEY	CONQUEROR EXCELLANCE	11	09/05/2012	03/03/2015	86	85	86
	Les Jaonnets Caras Conqueror		The Warren Family					
452373	TREWARNEVAS	POLYANTHUS		04/12/2011	10/12/2014	86	86	86
	Thornton Hercules		N & P Bottom					
452726	TREWEY	ANDANTE JACKIE	52	06/10/2012	13/02/2015	86	85	86
	Tredinney Yogis Andante		The Mann Family					
452629	BLACKNORCRACKER	WESTON DUCHESS		01/09/2012	29/06/2015	86	85	86
	Eby Manor Weston		A Marshall					
453158	TREDINNEY	LYNNDLELL MINUETTE	3	28/12/2012	17/06/2015	86	86	85
	Flambeauu Manor YB Lyndell		The Warren Family					
451935	TREWEY	HELIUM MARILYN 9	9	08/10/2011	28/07/2015	86	85	85
	Tredinney Sonics Helium		The Mann Family					
453802	TREDINNEY	CONQUEROR ESSENCE 7	7	30/07/2012	17/06/2015	86	86	85
	Les Jaonnets Caras Conqueror		The Warren Family					
452446	CARNE	MISCHIEF		23/11/2011	23/07/2015	86	87	86
	Les Jaonnets Conquerors Merlin		The Hichen Family					
453193	GREENSFIELD	J O TETLEY		13/08/2012	07/05/2015	86	85	86
	Greensfield J O Brandy		C & M Greenslade					
452900	BICKFIELD	WENDY 11	11	30/11/2012	21/09/2015	86	86	86
	Flambeauu Manor YB Lyndell		M & P Durbin					
452336	GRAYLANDS	MEADOWSWEET 71	71	17/03/2012	05/10/2015	86	88	85
	Tredinney Yogis Andante		C & N Parfitt					
452335	GRAYLANDS	JACKIE 6	6	31/01/2012	05/10/2015	86	87	85
	Tredinney Yogis Andante		C & N Parfitt					

HBN	Prefix/ Sire	Animal Name	Serial No/ Owner	D o B/	Date of Inspection	F S	Legs/	Mamm/
453652	GOOD TIMES Tiresford Pedro	LADY FAIR		28/04/2011	13/07/2015	86	86	86
			P Jeffries					
452348	TREWEY Les Jaonnets Caras Amir	AMIR SHIELA 31	31	15/04/2012	28/07/2015	86	86	87
			The Mann Family					
453433	TREWARNEVAS Marodore Les Lightning	LIGHTNING ANNIE		16/01/2013	11/08/2015	86	85	86
			N & P Bottom					
452964	BICKFIELD Tredinney Yogis Andante	JEWEL 39	39	17/01/2013	21/09/2015	86	85	86
			M & P Durbin					
452670	BOURTON Golden J Ronalds Grumpy	CLOVER	42	11/09/2012	05/10/2015	86	85	87
			P & C Cox					
0CB331	ADLINGTON KC Chatters Rose Red (Holstein)	CHATTER DISNEY		12/08/2012	25/09/2015	85	85	85
			G Wainwright					
454290	SEVERN Trewarnevas Ivor	IVORS SWEETPEA		02/07/2012	11/08/2015	85	87	85
			J Edwards					
453933	HINXDEN Kenvin Sallys Ghengis	MABLE 7	7	10/05/2012	06/07/2015	85	85	87
			R Manford					
453913	BEECHGROVES Becchgroves Eldorado	ELDORADO CAMPHION		10/09/2013	17/09/2015	85	85	85
			The Lacey Family					
452921	BICKFIELD Flambeauu Manor YB Lyndell	ESTHER 29	29	23/12/2012	21/09/2015	85	89	85
			M & P Durbin					
453167	BICKFIELD Les Jaonnets Conquerors Merlin	MARY 35	35	07/02/2013	21/09/2015	85	86	85
			M & P Durbin					
452757	BICKFIELD Flambeauu Manor YB Lyndell	SUPREMA 119	119	15/10/2012	21/09/2015	85	87	85
			M & P Durbin					
453408	HINTON Lang Haven Grumpy Novak	OENONE 5	5	27/03/2013	13/08/2015	85	86	85
			The Bartlett family					
452828	FAIRFIELD Jens Gold Aaron Crunch	BARBARA		10/10/2012	02/07/2015	85	85	85
			C & L Carpenter					
453160	TREDINNEY Tredinney Yogis Prince	PRINCE BRENDA 9	9	01/01/2013	05/08/2015	85	86	86
			The Warren Family					
451839	TREWEY Trewey Loreleis Buzzard	LB BROOM 2	2	18/09/2011	28/07/2015	85	85	85
			The Mann Family					
453864	KELSMOR Lang Haven Grumpy Novak	MEADOWSWEET 552	552	21/04/2013	30/06/2015	85	85	85
			The Jones Family					
453086	BURWOOD Les Jaonnets Conquerors Merlin	SAMANTHA		02/09/2012	28/04/2015	85	85	85
			T Butler-Stoney					
453744	TREDINNEY Oak Knob Maxie Laredo	LAREDO ALICIA 22	22	08/09/2012	17/06/2015	85	85	85
			The Warren Family					
452993	BRIDDELSFORD Pine Ridge Double L	DOUBLE LS DAFFODIL 6 6	6 6	07/12/2012	01/05/2015	85	85	85
			The Griffin Family					
452326	BRIDDELSFORD Marodore Aarons Levi	LEVIS PRIMROSE		31/03/2012	01/05/2015	85	86	85
			The Griffin Family					
452427	LEIGHGRANGE Skeel Norman	NORMANS BEWILDERED		11/05/2012	15/05/2015	85	87	85
			E Durose					
452436	TREVIDER Trevider Bonnie Aaron	BA PENNY		22/05/2012	03/03/2015	85	86	85
			K Hosking					
452374	TREWARNEVAS Thornton Hercules	HERCULES MAY		05/12/2011	10/12/2014	85	85	85
			N & P Bottom					
452956	BEECHGROVES Beechgroves Ezra	EZRA ELINOR		07/12/2012	03/12/2014	85	85	85
			The Lacey Family					

HBN	Prefix/ Sire	Animal Name	Serial No/ Owner	D o B/	Date of Inspection	F S	Legs/	Mamm/
452664	BEECHGROVES Becchgroves Eldorado	ELDORADO COUNTESS		26/08/2012	03/12/2014	85	85	86
			The Lacey Family					
452011	BICKFIELD Bickfield Chillerie	RAINBOW 66	66	16/11/2011	19/12/2014	85	86	85
			M & P Durbin					
452404	TREDINNICK Boskenna Junes Royal Oak	JENNI 6	6	29/12/2011	16/01/2015	85	85	85
			M Thomas					
451816	BICKFIELD Bickfield Chillerie	DOT 119	119	15/09/2011	19/12/2014	85	85	85
			M & P Durbin					
451696	LEIGHGRANGE Les Jaonnets Dairymaids Dynamite	DYNAMITES NANCY		15/08/2011	15/05/2015	85	85	85
			E Durose					
452389	SKEEL Skeel Showman	REBECCA 108	108	10/01/2012	10/03/2015	85	85	85
			The Davies Family					

ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW 2015

Judge David Mann reports

This year's Royal Cornwall Show was held between the 4th – 6th June 2015 in Wadebridge. I have attended The Royal Cornwall Show every year of my life, so it was such a privilege to be asked to judge the Guernsey cattle. I believe it to be one of the best Guernsey shows in the country. Sadly there were only 14 Guernsey cattle entries due to TB restrictions, but those in attendance were of super quality.

My first class of the day was the Maiden Heifer Under 12 Months, I put Trewey Legend Joanne 5 in 1st place (now owned by Bryan and Sheila Adams) above her stable mate, Wiltown Patience, for showing greater stature and dairyness.

The second class, Heifer under 2 years (and largest of the day, 5 forwarded) was won by Dawn Coryn's Lucky Cow Lavender. A really balanced heifer which had the advantage over White Ladies Marius Graceful 11 from Sir Howard Guinness which was being expertly shown by the Sales family.

The Heifer in Calf Class was won again by Dawn Coryn with Blacknor Cracker Dynamic Lavender. She was placed above Hinton Nancy from Bryan and Sheila Adams, a very similar heifer but showing better teat placement. In third place was the Addington Fund heifer Trewey Ezekiel Plum Crazy, the biggest heifer



Blacknor Cracker Weston Duchess
Champion Royal Cornwall Show

in the class but showing less dairy characteristics than the two heifers above her.

The hardest class of the day to judge was the In Milk Heifer Class. Although only two heifers entered, there was little to choose between Abi Marshall's Blacknor Cracker Weston Duchess and Sir Howard Guinness's White Ladies Ruby 94. I placed Abi's heifer 1st for having a higher and wider rear udder and a better fore udder. These really were two fantastic heifers, which really reflected the future of the breed.

The Cow in Milk Class (2 entries) was won by David Christopher with

Trerose Yogi Bracken over the now famous (through The Addington Fund) Hamps Valley Annabelle 7 from the Coryns. The freshly calved Bracken had the advantage over the longer calved Annabelle in the fullness of her udder.

The only Group of 3 was won by Sir Howard Guinness.

I chose Abi Marshall's Duchess heifer as my Guernsey Champion on the day with Reserve going to David Christophers with Bracken.

I thoroughly enjoyed my day. I would like to thank all the exhibitors for turning out such good quality animals in the Show Ring.

Guernsey Interbreed Success at Frome Show 2015

The Guernsey Breed was at the fore in the Interbreed Classes at this year's Frome Show held at West Woodlands on Saturday September 12th. Bickfield Mary 34th, a first calf heifer by Beechgroves Ezekiel, from the Durbin Family, was awarded Reserve Supreme Dairy Champion by Holstein Judge, Tom Barrett, in a class of 7 other Dairy Breeds. (Frome Show must be one of the only one day Shows in the country to offer competitive classes across all Dairy Breeds.) Mary also stood at the top of an Interbreed Heifer in Milk class consisting of two Holsteins, two Ayrshires, a Jersey and Norman and Sales' Bourton Fiona 13, who was placed fourth. The



Reserve Supreme Champion Bickfield Mary 34



Bickfield Mary 34 and Bickfield Indus 7 line up

Durbin's also won the previous Interbreed Heifer in Calf class with Bickfield Suprema 125 and the Dry Cow class with Bickfield Indus 7.

Earlier in the day, Bickfield and Avalon Guernseys were joined in the competitive classes by animals from The Addington Fund, Brian and Sheila Adams and The Limmond Family. Missing from the usual line up of exhibitors was

Andrew Tilley who has unfortunately been hit with movement restrictions. Hopefully we will see a return from him next year. Judge for the day was Mr Richard Emm.

In the handling classes, Heather Limmond was reserve Champion Handler and Izzy Phillips continued to impress as she gains more experience.

Results are as follows:

Calf Under 6 months

Norman & Sales. Avalon Pinto
Linda

Calf 6 to 12 months

Adams. Trewey Legend Joanne.
Adams. Willtown Patience.
Limmond. Bickfield Lillian 36.

Maiden Heifer over 12 months

Norman & Sales. Bickfield Indus 9.
Limmond. Bickfield Sally 26.

Heifer In Calf

Durbin. Bickfield Suprema 125.
Addington Fund. Trewey Plum Crazy.

Dry Cow

Durbin. Bickfield Indus 7.

Heifer in Milk

Durbin. Bickfield Mary 34
Norman & Sales. Bourton Fiona 13.

Junior Cow in milk

Bickfield Michelle 32.

Senior Cow

Durbin. Bickfield Liz 16.

Pair

Durbin.
Adams.

Champion

Bickfield Mary 34.

Reserve Champion

Bickfield Indus 7.

2014 EGCS ANNUAL COMPETITION RESULTS

TIRESFORD PERPETUAL TROPHY

Herd of 65 or more qualifying lactations which records the highest total average of Fat + Protein in the last official recording year (1/10/13-30/9/14)

Winner: D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)

90 cows avg. 7317 kgs 4.95%F, 3.74%P = 636 kgs F+P

Reserve: A B Moore Farmers Ltd (Brymor)

83 cows avg. 7111 kgs 4.91%F, 3.63%P = 607 kgs F+P

Stockmans Trophy

James Warren

ERIC ROSE of LEWESTON PERPETUAL TROPHY

Herd with less than 65 qualifying lactations which records the highest total average of Fat + Protein in the last official recording year (1/10/13-30/9/14)

Winner: GA Payling (Oxlynch)

63 cows avg. 6913 kgs 5.41%F, 3.68%P = 628 kgs F+P

Reserve: CJR & SMH Evans (Hilcol)

22 cows avg. 6808 kgs 5.13%F, 3.55%P = 591 kgs F+P

Stockmans Trophy

Andrew Payling

EGCS SPECIAL AWARD

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

Winner: CJR & SMH Evans (Hilcol)

+ 105 kgs F+P

Reserve: D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)

+ 71 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: D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)

Tredinney Prince Milkmaid 11 EX 90 DM, CM

sire. Tredinney Yogis Prince

Lactation 3, 9644 kgs 5.25%F, 4.10%P = 901 kgs F+P

Reserve: JA & JH Mann (Treway)

Treway Poppy 15 EX 91 DM, CME, CM

sire. Spring Walk Icy Iceberg

Lactation 4, 8759 kgs 5.93%F, 4.08%P = 876 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 2011.

Winner: JA & JH Mann (Treway)

Bred in line from Kirthen Crocus Juno

Average 91.4 points

Reserve: D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)

Bred in line from Trethevy Exochorda

Average 91.0 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. Boskenna Junes Royal Oak

Briddlesford Oaks Bluebell 9 = 850 kgs

Briddlesford Oaks Cowslip 2 = 823 kgs

Briddlesford Oaks Lily = 741 kgs

Total = 2414 kgs F+P

Reserve: D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)

s. Tredinney Buzzards Astronomer

Tredinney Astronomers Tansy 8 = 813 kgs

Tredinney Astronomers Maud 2 = 744 kgs

Tredinney Astronomers Anne 22 = 744 kgs

Total = 2301 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: D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)

Tredinney Heliums After Me DM, CME, CM, GP82

Lactation 6, 10617 kgs 5.09%F, 3.86%P = 949 kgs F+P

Reserve: D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)

Clay Hill Sparkey 3 DM, CME, CM, EX 90

Lactation 4, 11524 kgs 4.44%F, 3.65%P = 931 kgs F+P

FITZWALTER MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP

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

Winner: D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)

Tredinney Heliums After Me DM, CME, CM, GP82

Tredinney Hawks Primrose 23 DM, CME, CM, VG85

Tredinney Saggys Jingle 5 DM, CME, CM, EX90

Total = 2624 kgs F+P

Reserve: GA Payling (Oxlynch)

Oxlynch Lynn 15 DM, CM, H83

Oxlynch Hippy 35 DM, CM

Oxlynch Fruhling 34 DM, CME, CM, GDM, VG86

Total = 2415 kgs F+P

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: D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)

Chylasson Maureen Family Total = 3831 kgs

Reserve: EJ Griffin & Son (Briddlesford)

Briddlesford Bluebell Family Total = 3451 kgs

EGCS BUTTERFAT TROPHY

Awarded to the owner of the cow to reach the GDM qualifying standard at the youngest age in 2014. GDM is calculated on natural lactation quantities.

Winner: D J Vincent (Kenvin)

Kenvin Silver Molly 21 H84, CM, DM, GDM

(Qualified at 9 years 1 month)

sire. Coulee Crest R O Silverado

5 lactations avg. 10675 kgs 5.48%F, 3.72%P, PLI £89

Reserve: EJ Lacey & Sons (Beechgroves)

Beechgroves Anna 5 VG86, CM, CME, DM, GDM

(Qualified at 10 years 1 month)

sire. Rozelyn Patmar Jay Greg

6 lactations avg. 10446 kgs 4.67%F, 3.18%P, PLI £121

EGCS TROPHY

Awarded to the Female Champion or Reserve Female Champion, at a show in 2014 where an EGCS Championship Rosette was presented, with the highest weight of Fat + Protein in a lactation completed in the last recording year.

Winner: Hinton Farms Ltd (Hinton)

Ermie and Gertie Dorcas VG 86

Champion National Livestock, Frome & North Somerset

Lact 2, 9706 kgs 4.06%F, 3.48%P = 732 kgs F+P

Reserve: Hinton Farms Ltd (Hinton)

Wiltown Claudia H 85

Reserve Champion National Livestock

Lact 1, 6035 kgs 4.63%F, 3.62%P = 498 kgs F+P

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 2014 who has the lowest % score for SCC

Winner: GA Payling (Oxlynch)

Oxlynch Mountbatten

-14 SCC Rel 54%

21 daughters in 3 herds

Reserve: GA Payling (Oxlynch)

Oxlynch Wesley 2

-10 SCC Rel 51%

12 daughters in 2 herds

THE IFORD CUP

Awarded to the Breeder or Importer of the Bull with a minimum of 5 daughters registered in 2014 who have the highest avg. GMI (calculated from Parent Average Scores)

Winner: PC & CG Cox (Bourton)

Meadow Court Ellys Eric

8 daughters avg. GMI 161.25

Reserve: EJ Griffin & Son (Briddlesford)

Briddlesford Bluebells Leopold

11 daughters avg. GMI 153.82

THE HUNTON TROPHY

Awarded to the Breeder of the Bull born in 2014 with the highest GMI.

Winner: PC & CG Cox (Bourton)

Bourton Grumpys Claude

s. Golden J Ronald Grumpy d. Bourton Clover 24 EX91
+93 kgs M +16.4 kgs F+P +0.11%F +0.09%P PLI £267 GMI 271

Reserve: EJ Griffin & Son (Briddlesford)

Briddlesford Violets John

s. Beechgroves Ezra d. Briddlesford Deltas Violet VG87
+57 kgs M + 15.0 kgs F+P +0.15%F +0.06%P PLI £141 GMI 187

THE SPENCER FOLLETT TROPHY

Awarded to the breeder/importer of the Bull with a minimum of 10 heifers classified in 2014 which has the highest average score.

Winner: D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)

Tredinney Prince Proper Job

13 Heifers avg. 84.46 points

Reserve: JA & JH Mann (Treway)

Treway Loreleis Advent Lamar

13 Heifers avg. 82.92 points

MRS CARY BARNARD PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TROPHY

Awarded to the Herd with the highest percentage of cows born in 2006 that have qualified CM/CME and have the highest average of Fat + Protein in their lactation.

Winner: D J Vincent (Kenvin)

Cows born – 25, Qualified CM/CME – 15 = 60.0%

Reserve: RE Staples & Son (Woodlands)

Cows born – 10, Qualified CM/CME – 4 = 40.0%

GUERNSEY STOCKMANS CUP

Awarded to the owner of a group of 10 cows listed in the DairyCo Top 1,000 Cows in April 2014 that have the highest average £PLI.

Winner: D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)

Average £PLI – 271, Average GMI - 322

Reserve: A B Moore Farmers Ltd (Brymor)

Average £PLI – 237, Average GMI – 264

OXLYNCH TROPHY

Awarded to the oldest surviving Guernsey cow having calved in 2014

Winner: PC & CG Cox (Bourton)

Stroxworthy Gregs Annette – born 22/10/1998

13 completed lactations

Last calf 24/1/2014

Reserve: M C & Mrs Durbin (Bickfield)

Bickfield Pride 13 – born 10/3/1999

12 completed lactations

Last calf 20/11/2014

Cows classified Excellent between 1/12/14 and 31/10/15

53 cows have been scored or re-scored as Ex in the year with 23 scored Excellent for the first time. Remarkably two cows have been scored Ex on 6 occasions, there are 4 cows having calved more than 11 calves and 6 cows are ASR, foundation cows.

Leading sires are Trewey Surprise (5), Sniders Option Aaron (3), Boskenna Junes Oak (3), Rutter Bros Option Lamar (3), and St Senara Jeans Oak (3) with 34 sires having daughters listed.

Leading herd is Trewey with 20 listed and 8 of these are first time Ex, Tredinney have 6, Bickfield have 5, with Tredinnick and Highway Legacy each having 4. Kimcote and Fairfield both have 3.

Highway Legacy has come to pedigree in the last 2 years and Matt Blanch is to be congratulated on the progress he is making with the herd.

Digby Gribble

HBN/	Prefix Sire	Animal Name	Date of Birth/ Owner	Date of Inspection	No of Calves	Final Score	Legs/Ft Score	Mammary Score
14987	HIGHWAY LEGACY	BLAZE	11/09/2001 Matt Blanch	11/03/2015	11	94	93	94
446951	BICKFIELD	VENESSA 37 (Ex3) Spring Walk Icy Chiller	01/09/2007 M & P Durbin	21/09/2015	6	94	97	94
449534	WATLING	FRAGRANT GERANIUM (Ex 2) Watling Fragrant Iceberg	10/09/2009 A & R Thomas	01/09/2015	4	93	96	93
447770	TREWEY	VIOLET 13 (Ex3) Sniders Option Aaron	19/05/2008 The Mann Family	28/07/2015	5	93	92	92
447726	TREWEY	ZOE 5 (Ex3) Spring Walk Icy Iceberg	04/04/2008 The Mann Family	28/07/2015	5	93	95	92
447007	TREDINNEY	SILVERADOS PRIMROSE 21 (Ex5) Coulee Crest RO Silverado	01/08/2007 The Warren Family	05/08/2015	5	93	89	94
446450	BICKFIELD	LINDA 35 (Ex 3) Boskenna Junes Royal Oak	05/04/2007 M & P Durbin	21/09/2015	6	93	94	91
448147	COOPERS COURT	PRIDE 3 (Ex2) Thornton Hercules	25/07/2008 A & R Thomas	01/09/2015	5	92	92	91
447503	BICKFIELD	PHYLLIS 18 (Ex 2) Boskenna Junes Royal Oak	09/02/2008 M & P Durbin	21/09/2015	3	92	95	90
443489	TREDINNICK	MIMI (Ex2) Edgewater Meadows Yogibear	20/10/2005 M Thomas	16/01/2015	6	92	92	90
447584	HILCOL	IVOR DOT (Ex2) Dawn Jay Ivor	10/09/2007 C & H Evans	26/03/2015	4	92	91	91
454625	HIGHWAY LEGACY	SOFA (Ex2) Thornton Hercules	18/09/2009 Matt Blanch	11/03/2015	4	92	91	92
449639	GREENSFIELD	LAMAR PHYLLIS (Ex 2) Rutter Bros Option Lamarr	25/08/2008 M & C Greenslade	07/05/2015	4	92	91	92
443625	EASBY	JULIA 7 (Ex 2) Edgewater Meadows Yogibear	03/12/2005 P Jeffries	13/07/2015	7	92	88	93
442883	TREWEY	SHIELA 19 (Ex3) Brymor Stingboy	15/05/2005 The Mann Family	28/07/2015	7	91	88	91
15004	HIGHWAY LEGACY	PEANUT (Ex2) Boskenna Junes Royal Oak	16/06/2008 Matt Blanch	11/03/2015	4	91	89	92
445701	TREDINNICK	SHARON 2 (Ex 2) Tredinnick Lucky	26/10/2006 M Thomas	16/01/2015	5	91	93	90
14771	HARTLAND VIEW	TILLY N/K	25/10/2007 A & D Lewis	23/02/2015	4	91	92	91
444906	SUMMERHILL	EMBER 38 (Ex2) Tiresford Preacher	07/02/2006 C & L Carpenter	02/07/2015	6	91	90	91

HBN/	Prefix Sire	Animal Name	Date of Birth/ Owner	Date of Inspection	No of Calves	Final Score	Legs/Ft Score	Mammary Score
446423	TREWEY Treway Surprise	POPPY 14 (Ex 3)	23/03/2007 The Mann Family	28/07/2015	6	91	88	91
445837	SUMMERHILL Riverford Tiller Khan	ROSEISLA 2	08/10/2006 C & L Carpenter	02/07/2015	6	91	91	89
445291	TREDINNICK Sire	SNOWFLAKE 2 Rutter Bros Option Lamarr	24/08/2006 M Thomas	16/01/2015	5	91	92	90
448358	ABER Aber Golden Boy	GOLDEN VIOLET 8 (Ex 2)	07/09/2008 C & L Carpenter	02/07/2015	4	91	91	91
449094	HILL HOATH Sire	SHOWTIME BELL Four Winds Showtime	29/05/2009 A & D Lewis	23/02/2015	4	91	91	90
14999	HIGHWAY LEGACY N /K	VOFIVE (Ex2)	08/07/2002 Matt Blanch	11/03/2015	11	91	90	91
451026	BICKFIELD Spring Walk Sherberts Mint	LIZ 16	20/11/2010 M & P Durbin	21/09/2015	3	91	92	90
449714	TREWEY Les Jaonnets Caras Amir	JUMBO 17	14/10/2009 The Mann Family	28/07/2015	3	91	88	91
448326	TREWEY Sniders Option Aaron	POLLY 43 (Ex2)	25/09/2008 The Mann Family	28/07/2015	4	91	91	91
447046	TREWEY Spring Walk Icy Iceberg	POPPY 15	18/09/2007 The Mann Family	28/07/2015	5	91	91	91
14877	LATIFA Shalford Pacific	WHINWHISTLE MARY	29/04/2007 C Moody	28/10/2015	5	91	93	91
447593	TREWEY Treway Surprise	DAFFODIL 16	03/03/2008 The Mann Family	28/07/2015	5	90	88	89
445386	TREWEY St Senara Jeans Oak	POLLY 33 (Ex3)	10/09/2006 The Mann Family	28/07/2015	6	90	92	89
446647	TREWEY Treway Surprise	YORKIE 11 (Ex3)	12/06/2007 The Mann Family	28/07/2015	5	90	91	90
450280	TREWEY Rutter Bros Option Lamarr	PENNY 3	12/04/2010 The Mann Family	28/07/2015	3	90	90	90
448775	TREWEY Treway Surprise	STRAWBERRY 14	04/01/2009 The Mann Family	28/07/2015	4	90	90	90
436003	TREWEY Rhandir Magician	POLLY 20 (Ex 6)	07/10/2001 The Mann Family	28/07/2015	11	90	92	90
446573	TREWEY Spring Walk Icy Chiller	VIOLET 12 (Ex 3)	10/05/2007 The Mann Family	28/07/2015	5	90	88	89
447115	TREWEY Treway Surprise	RED KATE 15	13/10/2007 The Mann Family	28/07/2015	4	90	88	88
441286	TREDINNEY Easby Jordans Rocket	ROCKETS PRIMROSE 10	15/08/2004 The Warren Family	05/08/2015	8	90	88	90
441211	TREDINNEY Tredinney Lorrays Hero	HEROS ALICIA (Ex4)	18/06/2004 The Warren Family	05/08/2015	8	90	90	88
449028	ST.SENARA Shalford Young	ANNIE 3 (Ex2)	28/04/2009 The Mann Family	28/07/2015	4	90	91	89
449104	WATLING Thornton Eros	EROS CHRISTINE	09/06/2009 A & R Thomas	01/09/2015	5	90	88	91
436587	TREDINNEY Trewarnevas Tom Dee Thomas	THOMAS MILKMAID 7 (Ex 6)	03/12/2001 The Warren Family	05/08/2015	9	90	88	89

HBN/	Prefix Sire	Animal Name	Date of Birth/ Owner	Date of Inspection	No of Calves	Final Score	Legs/Ft Score	Mammary Score
432141	ROUSELANDS	NECTARINE FREESIA	12/10/1999	11/08/2015	11	90	93	88
	Kelsmor Mays Sonny Boy			J Edwards				
450650	GREENSFIELD	ICEBERG JUNE STAR	19/07/2010	07/05/2015	3	90	88	91
	Greensfeilds Stinky Iceberg		M & C Greenslade					
450422	TREDINNEY	ASTRONOMERS BRENDA 7	02/02/2010	17/06/2015	3	90	86	94
	Tredinney Buzzards Astronomer		The Warren Family					
450735	BICKFIELD	GOLDEN BLANCHE 14	30/08/2010	19/12/2014	3	90	91	90
	Tredinney Yogis Prince		M & P Durbin					
450715	TREDINNEY	AARONS LIZ	24/08/2010	03/03/2015	3	90	92	90
	Sniders Option Aaron		The Warren Family					
445385	TREWEY	JUNO 74 (Ex3)	09/09/2006	28/07/2015	6	90	91	90
	St Senara Jeans Oak		The Mann Family					
451148	SKEEL	STARLIGHT 15	23/05/2010	10/03/2015	3	90	88	92
	Tiresford Pedro		The Davies Family					
442086	TREDINNICK	MO	12/10/2004	16/01/2015	6	90	91	89
	Shalford Yette		M Thomas					
448443	TREWEY	FREDS VINNEY 9	14/10/2008	28/07/2015	4	90	88	90
	St Senara Jeans Oak		The Mann Family					
441844	TREWEY	PLUM CRAZY 12	21/11/2004	28/07/2015	8	90	90	92
	Kelsmor Mays Sonny Boy		The Mann Family					
14372	ST.SENARA	GERALDA (Ex3)	25/04/2007	28/07/2015	5	90	88	91
	Boskenna Heidi Jasper		The Mann Family					

NEW FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO HELP OUR MEMBERS – FROM 01.01.16

SEMEN PRICING

The new pricing structure of semen will reflect the true cost to the Society which will in turn benefit those members and customers who place larger semen orders. There will be no minimum order size but the larger the order the greater the saving to the customer.

There will be a discount of £1 per straw on the base price for Levy paying members.

Base semen price – **Young Sire - £7.50 per straw**
(Levy member £6.50)

Proven Sire - £11.50 per straw (Levy member £10.50)

Sexed semen - £28.50 per straw (Levy member £27.50)

In addition to the base price the costs from our distributors for handling and delivery will be charged as follows;

Handling @ £15.00 for each bull in the same order
(i.e. for 2 different bulls = £30, for 3 different bulls = £45.00)

Delivery to Farm Flask = £35.00.

As an example – 20 straws of one Young Sire to a Farm Flask of a Levy paying member is 20 x £6.50 = £130.00
+£15.00 + £35.00 = £180.00 or £9.00 per straw

Delivery to Genus = £10 +£3.00 per straw

Delivery to a 3rd Party that charge the Society = at cost.

Registrations and Classification are the main stays of your Levy – register all your calves, cross breeds as well,

and ensure that you classify all your heifers, good or bad, and your third calvers that have improved (the classifier will advise on this) and get the most out of your Levy – the Society is working for you, the member and your stock to take the Breed forward.

The penalty of £3.00 per calf for late registration after the 60 day window will cease.

Please keep up to date with your registrations through Telereg, Webreg or through the Office.

For every birth in 2015 registered within the 60 day window (up to the 29th February 2016 for calves born in December 2015) you will receive a £1 per registration discount on your semen order.

If you registered 35 calves on time in 2015 you will qualify for £35 discount on your next semen order.

Keep up to date and you will earn a discount every year.

CLASSIFICATION

Every member will be allowed 3 free of charge classifications in the lifetime of any one animal.

Ideally as a heifer, a 3rd calver and one other. Any additional classifications will be charged @ £6.50 per classification.

Classification of bulls will continue to be charged @ £6.50 per classification.

Royal Guernsey Island Show 2015

Judge Duncan Vincent reports

It was a great privilege to be asked to judge at the Royal Guernsey Society Annual Show. The weather was perfect and some fine animals paraded at Saumaraz Park.

Class 1 – 6 yrs and over

This class saw 2 very strong cows forward with St Catherine's Zest showing better cover over the front teats and better teat placement to give her the advantage over the slightly more dairy Myrtle's Sonata.

Class 2 – 4 – 6 yrs

Four forward saw an outstanding cow dominate the class. Petite Croute Sidney had tremendous dairy strength and very impressive mammary with great rear leg and set and strong fore udders. It was very close between 2nd and 3rd with St Catherine's Isabelle parading



Champion Heifer
20130208 St Catherine Shulah
Sire: St Catherine Laredo



Her Majesty The Queens Cup For Cows
20100020 Les Jaonnets Laredos Princess VG87
Sire: Oak Knob Maxie Laredo

strongly with better feet, legs and locomotion. Les Jaonnets Laredo's Princess was also very dairy and had better condition than Le Cocq's Mandy 4.

Class 3 – 3 – 4 1/2 yrs

Petite Croute Lust stood top in this class, so far the best udder on show, with good width and strong fore and rear attachments. Altogether a very dairy type and very clean boned. Petite Croute Jo Jo had a strong and wide frame with good locomotion. This gave her the advantage over her herd-mate Munchie who was just too freshly calved on the day. Her firmness of udder and body condition gave her the placing over the more stale Le Cocq's Glisten 2.

Class 4 – Heifers in milk under 3 yrs

This tremendous class of 4 very promising heifers could

have seen any one win this class on their day. I gave it to the youngest Petite Croute Nerdena who showed a really tight mammary with fantastic rear and fore udder attachment. At just 2 yrs she was very dairy with fine bones but still showed width and strength. Robin Jamouneau's Carla showed great strength and balance throughout to hold off Myrtle's Foxglove who again had good capacity and width in the rump without losing dairy character. St Catherine's Doreen completed the strongest class of the day who again had strength and dairy character but not the tightness and finish of the others in the group.

Class 5 – Heifers in milk 3 yrs and over

Petite Croute Blue took this class for her strength and balance and correctness of the udder over the strong but not so

dairy Spirit from the same herd. Le Cocq's Maddy was not so fresh but still showed strength and longevity traits who had the advantage over St Catherine's Chrystal who didn't show her potential.

Champion

A really top class line up of animals. I picked the 5 yr old Sidney from Petite Croute as a very worthy champion with strong dairy frame, a great top line and rear view of a tremendous mammary system with perfect teat placement. She also took the production trophy. In Reserve was Petite Croute Blue.

Thank you once again to the States of Guernsey for your hospitality and especially to Liz Naftel and her family for accommodating me.

SOUTH WEST DAIRY SHOW 2015

Judge Chris Watson reports

This was our first National Guernsey Show, to be held as part of The Dairy Show, with 30 animals forward from a dozen exhibitors. With a further 13 calves exhibited in the Calf Classes the previous evening, the Guernseys presented the highest number of entrants of all the Breeds present, in spite of the fact that four of our major competitors were absent due to TB restrictions. This must surely justify Council's decision to make this a special event. Thanks must go to The Bath and West Society for making additional facilities available to us and congratulations to Caroline and Digby for getting the numbers present and the extra sponsorship, in addition to normal sponsorship by NMR for which we are always grateful.

We started with Class 19, the Dry Cow or heifer class which was further sponsored by UK Sire Services, the results as follows;

- 1st Glanmor Hercules Okapi – D and H Cox
- 2nd Cadbury Magicman Poppy 74 – Mills and Norman
- 3rd Hamps Valley Annabelle 7 – Polard and Coryn.

The second class, a very strong class of 7 in-calf heifers was the start of Kim and Neil's tremendous run, showing on behalf of our President, Maurice Durbin. This class was the first of 2 classes sponsored by QMP.

- 1st Bickfield Suprema 125 – MC and Mrs Durbin
- 2nd Trewey Plum Crazy – Addington Fund
- 3rd Hinton Nancy – B and Mrs SV Adams.

Class 21 presented me with 8 excellent In Milk Heifers, the eventual top four of whom must have been entering the ring thinking they had every chance of winning, my eventual winner being an outstanding Ezekiel daughter from Bickfield. This class

was sponsored by Digby's Guernsey Gold Milk.

- 1st Bickfield Mary 34 – MC and Mrs Durbin.
- 2nd Blacknor Cracker Weston Duchess – L Rockett and T Marshall.
- 3rd – Latifa Princess Leia – Moody Cow Dairy.
- 4th - Hinton Holly 13 – Hinton Farm Ltd.

Class 22, the Junior Cow Class, sponsored by Chew Moos Ice Cream saw the Adam's Wiltown Claudia, bred from their first Addington Fund heifer, triumph.

- 1st – Wiltown Claudia – B and Mrs SV Adams.
- 2nd – Trewarnevas Amir Day – Mrs N Bottom.
- 3rd – Bickfield Michelle 32 – MC and Mrs Durbin.

Class 23 for the Intermediate Cow saw the Cox and Evans Partnership's recent acquisition, Briddlesford Laredos Bluebell repeat her success of The Livestock Event, after which she was purchased from the Griffin family of The Isle of Wight. The class was sponsored by Crediton Milling Company, who also supplied sponsorship for the calf classes the previous evening.

- 1st – Briddlesford Laredos Bluebell – Cox and Evans.
- 2nd – Bickfield Liz 16 – MC and Mrs Durbin
- 3rd – Ermie and Gertie Peggy – Hinton Farm Ltd.

Class 24 for Senior Cows was only 3 strong but contained the 2 stars of the day, both from Bickfield, Venessa 37 and Bickfield Phyllis 18 – both 6th calvers. This pair were 1st and 2nd, they won the Pairs in the next class before I made them Breed Champion and Reserve. To complete the Bickfield day I made their heifer, Bickfield Mary 34 my Honourable Mention.

- 1st – Bickfield Venessa 37 – MC and Mrs Durbin
- 2nd – Bickfield Phyllis 18 – MC and Mrs Durbin.



1ST GUERNSEY NATIONAL BREED SHOW

3rd – Romany Nancy – Hinton Farm Ltd.
Class 25 – Pair of animals sponsored
by Quality Milk Producers.

1st MC and Mrs Durbin

2nd – Mrs N Bottom

3rd – Hinton Farm Ltd.

I really enjoyed the display of excellent cattle produced for me on the day, the standard of udders continues to improve but I would still like to see more milk on a lot of the In Milk entries. I particularly enjoyed the comments from spectators from outside the Breed who came to me to congratulate ME on the quality of the Guernseys forward. When studying the catalogue afterwards, it was noticeable how many of the top prize winners were bred from the Society's Young Sire Scheme.

I would like to thank all those involved with the Show, Exhibitors, Stockmen, Handlers and Stewards and congratulate them all on putting on such a successful Show. I would also like to congratulate the Show and our Society Officers for the facilities for members and friends attending the Show.

Editor: In addition to Chris's report I should like to thank the following for their many contributions to making this, our first National Breed Show, the success it was. This was always going to be a steep learning curve, but in the main I think we have every reason to be proud of what we achieved that day. We have laid a firm foundation for making this an annual event which can only get better and better.

In particular I would like to thank the following:

The Bath and West Show Society, in particular Sarah-Jane Chick, for all her advice and practical help in planning the day. Also the extra facilities that were provided free of charge – all much appreciated.

To all our sponsors, UK Sire Services, Quality Milk Producers, Guernsey Gold Milk, Chew Moos Ice Cream, Cre-

diton Milling Company and Richard and Judi Griffin and family for their support and generosity. In particular, to Nicola and Simon Parfitt who spent the day selling Ice Cream, I would hope that the day was financially successful, they were attracting quite a crowd at one time. Also to the EGCS Branches in the South West, Cornwall helped to sponsor the Calf Classes and both Devon and Wessex funded the refreshments in the hospitality suite.

To Digby, who persuaded those of you who were able to show to be there, not just the seasoned campaigners but new faces as well. Hopefully in 2016 you will all be free of TB and we will twice as many cows parading. Finally to our members in so many roles.

To the competitors, who brought out their cattle in number when asked, hopefully the Warrens, the Carpenters, the Greenslades, the Parfitts and many others will join you next year.

To Colin and Lesley our stewards in the Show Ring – very professional as always.

To all the youngsters who exhibited calves late into the evening on Tuesday. This is one area we need to improve and the Show committee and the Society already have ideas to achieve this.

To the Bartlett family, James, Sarah and Catherine who prepared the mouth watering Cream Teas and to those members who helped with hospitality.

To GLW Feeds who not only sponsored the Calf Classes at this Show but at 15 other Shows during 2015. Bryan and Sheila kindly offered to take delivery of the 60 bags of cake and have carefully stashed the 24 bags that they won through the year to one side. Those of you who won bags and live in Somerset have been notified and I would appreciate it if you could collect your cake from Arundels Farm, to the other members throughout the country, Digby will deliver when he is in your area.

Well done to all of you and thank you.



News from Briddlesford

In order to mitigate the effect of low milk prices over the past 15 (or arguably 40) or so years, we have developed our business to include farm-house bed and breakfast, farm shop, café, school and group educational visits, solar energy, a heritage centre, and of course, Guernsey veal. Most recently, the world famous 'Minghella' ice cream have moved their production facility onto the farm and are using exclusively Briddlesford milk and cream.

In spite of all these developments, we have kept dairy farming as the core business. We add value to our

and retail shops, and it is our aim to further expand this part of the busi-



own products, milk, and also veal from our bull calves, but we promote Isle of Wight food and farming in everything that we do.

We are now rapidly increasing the number of outlets for our processed milk, both to catering establishments

ness with a new, purpose built, dairy processing building. We hope to move into this new building next year alongside Minghella.

You all know that milk from Guernseys is better than milk from other breeds but we believe that if the

breed is to prosper, as it did before, it is the duty of us all to take this message to the consumer and promote it.

There is a lot of interest in A2A2 milk from the public at the moment, and we believe there is a good opportunity here to highlight the benefits of Guernsey milk. All our heifers are tested for A2 status before they enter the milking herd, and we would like to see the Society give all members an incentive to do likewise. We were awarded 2nd prize at the AGM for the bull born in 2014 with the highest GMI. This bull was A1A2, so we killed him for veal. Perhaps the society should only allow A2A2 bulls to be registered?

To come back to the farming year, it has been an excellent growing season here, although a little more sunshine would have been nice! We have had sufficient grazing throughout, with the exception of July, and good crops of grass silage. Hopefully we will be able to harvest our maize in good conditions..... by the time you read this, we will know.

In conclusion, we have to look for opportunities in the market place for Guernsey milk. Most businesses are faced with the same problem, so in that respect we are not different, but we do have several advantages over other breeds of dairy cow. If we don't make the most of this, the outlook for the breed is a continued decline.



Abi Marshall What A Year!

Congratulations to Junior member, Abi Marshall, aged 13 years, who has enjoyed considerable success in the show ring in 2015, not just showing her beloved Guernsey calves, but also Ayrshires, Holsteins and Jerseys.

Her run of success started with a flourish at The Royal Cornwall Show when she took the Breed Championship with Blacknor Cracker Weston Duchess.

Following that Show she had to exhibit calves from various breeds due to age restrictions on some classes, but she has managed to win 8 Championships in various young handler classes during the summer. She was further thwarted during August when her home herd was closed down by the Ministry with a suspected virus, but she is very grateful to her friends in the showing world who loaned her calves during this period, in particular Chris and Louise Carpenter at Okehampton Show and Gemma Smale at Ashwater Show.

She had not entered calves at Totnes Show but was persuaded to exhibit Jerseys with Alex Marks and Tracey Hooper – Abi really enjoyed the experience but thought that Jerseys were a bit of a challenge.

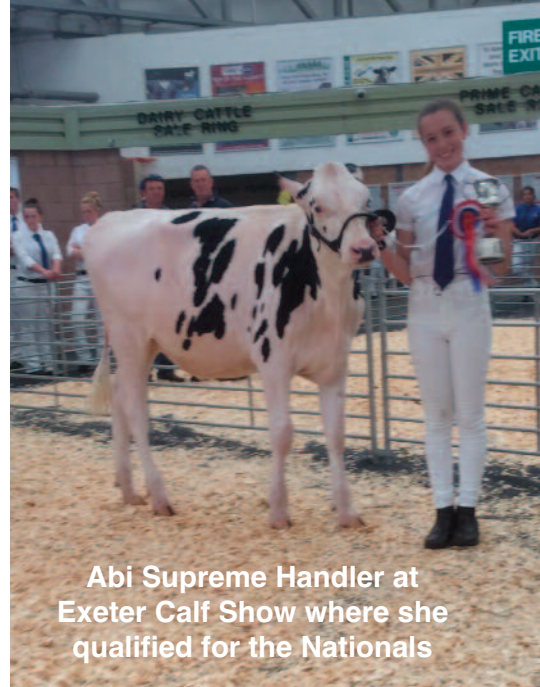
At the Devon Calf Show at Exeter Market, Abi was persuaded to show

one of Guy Ley's Holsteins, where she won her class, the Holstein Championship and the Supreme Championship, beating some very strong competitors, even some who had judged her in the past. This achievement qualified her to compete in the Holstein classes at The All Britain All Breeds Calf Show.

Well done Abi – we look forward to seeing you on the show circuit in 2016.



Abi wins at Liskeard Show
photo courtesy The Cornish Times



Abi Supreme Handler at Exeter Calf Show where she qualified for the Nationals



Champion Any other dairy breed at North Devon show with Judge Mark Nichols



Champion Young Handler at Okehampton Show with Chris and Louise Carpenters Fairfield Bonny



Reserve Champion Handler at Wadebridge calf show with Lucky Cow Dum Dum

Instead Herd

It all started from a chance conversation.

For the first three years after we married, Anne and I lived in an eighth floor flat in south west London. Wanting to move out of town we were offered a house to rent in Norfolk. Unfortunately the landlord soon wanted it back for himself so we had to find somewhere else to live. By then Anne had acquired a horse so we needed a house with a field.

That chance conversation was with the blacksmith who told her about Instead Manor being up for sale. The net result from that was that we bought a house with several fields; 50 acres in all. That is a bit too much for just one horse, so we had to find something else to do with the land.



Instead Rosalie 3



Instead Beauty 27

The individual we “inherited” with the farm had previously been a herdsman and it was he who persuaded us to start a dairy herd as there was a barn on the farm already set up to milk 15 cows in stalls, which had not been used for many years.

We wanted to sell cream as well as milk which we did for several years. The choice of breed therefore was not difficult for me as I was brought up in Guernsey where my parents went to live in 1954. So we then got in touch with the local association and through them with E.G.C.S.

There were not enough Guernsey cattle for sale in East Anglia at the time so Frank Pigney suggested we go and see the Pettings herd in Kent. From there we bought eight heifers and three older cows for £1,946.50 which in 1975 became the founding animals of the Instead herd. Over the years we have bought Guernseys from all over the country, mainly at dispersal sales including Queen Charlton, Horton Priory, Eastwell, Owley, Painswick and Thicket Mead. However those eight heifers were, with one or two exceptions, the best that we ever bought.

We started by milking into buckets in those stalls and from there into churns. Fairly soon we “upgraded” to a pipeline and a bulk tank but still milking in those stalls. After a couple of years we gave up the stalls and bought a prefabricated 6 point abreast parlour from Weycroft Macford which is still in use today.

Installing this parlour introduced us to journalists for the first time, something that has happened many times since. This time it was the Dairy Farmer magazine who gave us a multi-page spread. Three years later Anglia Television did a ten minute feature on us for their series “Down to Earth”. We have also supplied cows for filming an episode of “Jonathan Creek” but our widest coverage was during the 2001 foot and mouth outbreak. We had applied to the Ministry to move the cows across a narrow

country road. The fax that they sent back was 17 feet long and hadn't finished before the roll ran out. This was longer than the road was wide. As well as the story being covered by all the regional papers and television, Anne was featured on page 3 of the Daily Mail and I was on the front cover of Farmers Weekly.

We started showing the cows in the summer of 1979 at the Royal Norfolk Show. The competition in those days from Kelsale, Thurlow, West Morden, Honingham and others was so strong that we were delighted to win two third place prizes. The following year we went to the Suffolk Show as well as the Norfolk Show and won a class for the first time with Pettings Rosalie 3. We continued with these two shows until 2010 after which the breed classes were abandoned.



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Two cows that we bought as calves in herd dispersals did particularly well. Owley Robins Pride won six championships and prize money totalling almost £1,000, rather more than the £50 we paid for her as a calf. The other was Chiddingstone Clarissa 32 who won four championships, all at the Norfolk Show, which we believe to be an unbeaten record for any breed at that show.

We also bought a Maple Leaf heifer in the days when the Island exhibited at the Royal Show. Her daughter was the dam of Instead Oberon, well known to some.



Interbreed Pairs Champions 1990 & 1991

In 1987 we took a relatively stale heifer, Instead Rosalie 3, to the Suffolk Show where she won us our first ever championship. Four weeks later she repeated this at the Norfolk Show. A few days after that we went to the Royal Show for the first time. There were 52 Guernseys forward that year and she was champion there as well. So we had our first three championships all in the space of five weeks. The reserve champion at the Norfolk show that year was Instead Doris 4, another descendant from the Pettings heifers, who would go on to win the Rita Barnard trophy at the Royal Show several times. However the best of those original heifers was Pettings Antonios Beauty 3 who started our Beauty family that has won numerous championships and from whom every animal we have today is descended. One year we took eight animals to the Norfolk show, every one of which was an Instead Beauty!



Heifers at home

After forty years of breeding pedigree Guernseys we have decided to retire – almost. We couldn't possibly go shopping and buy milk so we continue to milk one or two Guernseys here today. Hopefully there will be Guernseys on the farm for many years to come.



Brymor Ice Cream

High Jervaulx Farm, Masham

After a tough period for both the Moore family and staff here at Brymor Ice Cream, following the passing of Robert Moore in September 2014, the future is now more certain. In April 2015, Brymor was sold to a local farmer and business man and Brymor's legacy continues. Robert's daughter Nicola Moore, remains as Operations Director; running the operations and daily management of the Ice Cream business and the 12 former full time employees, all of whom live locally, have also been retained. Robert's wife, Diane is doing well and now lives just four miles from the dairy and Ice Cream Parlour. Diane is still on a farm with 88 acres, where one of the sons has sucklers (some of the original Guernsey's in fact!) and has been able to keep her much loved horse. Still close enough to pop in for an Ice Cream too!

So, Brymor Ice Cream is now 'full steam ahead' and we are looking to grow the much loved brand regionally as well as raising the profile of our cherished pedigree Guernsey Cows. As the farm was sold separately to the business, it was announced in the press that our Guernsey's were going to be sold

which wasn't the case. Although we continue to own the herd, some misunderstanding still exists so we want to clarify that although our cows graze only 5 miles down the road from us, they are still at the heart of the business. We still retain ownership and still have our quality golden whole milk being delivered into the dairy at High Jervaulx Farm for the production of our Ice Cream.

In the coming year, our objectives are to further our brand reach, enter our Ice Cream into local foodie competitions and also some of our young stock into competitions in the area. We have had some excellent comments and feedback regarding quality of the herd from the sale of some of our heifers in Exeter in September this year.

We have invested in the 'Brymor' brand significantly by re-branding the logo and website, making a modern and fresh touch, although still keeping the same values for the product. We now have a dedicated marketing manager and sales representatives on the road going out to reach those potential customers. Brymor had 250 wholesale customers previously, including farm shops, cafes, and restaurants and our new approach to sales and marketing is starting to pay off. We have already gained 85 new cus-



Welcome to Yorkshire Chief Executive, Sir Gary Verity (3rd from left) with (L-R) Brymor owner and Managing Director Paul Hodgson, Operations Director Nicola Moore, Key Accounts Manager Ricco Darbishire and James Ashford, Marketing and Business Development

tomers in the first 6 months of this year and we are now talking to retail multiples for regional opportunities. We are also continuously updating our 150 seat Ice Cream Parlour and so far this year we have installed an outside play area and an indoor play area for the winter months.

More developments are planned and we want to thank all our friends in the EGCS for their continued support as we go forward in to 2016.

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PAUL YOUNGER

My father bought Pottshayes in the early 1950s. He very soon realised with a small farm (then 60 acres) he had to move away from traditional ways of farming with a few cows, a few sheep, growing a few acres of cereals and roots, etc. So he decided to specialize in dairying; his thoughts then were, quality would always sell and chose Guernseys to build a herd with. By the mid 1960s he was running 60 cows plus followers on the 60 acres which, at the time, was a large herd. He also decided or was persuaded, I don't know which, to register the herd with the Society and gradually graded the herd up to its pedigree status.

By the time I left college in 1974 the 60 cows could not support both of us; with my interest in pigs, we put up a hundred sow breeder unit and produced weaners which we sold to a fatterer on a regular basis.

In 1974 I also met Louise, who was the sister of a friend I had met at college, after a long engagement, the time it took to build us a bungalow to live in, we married in November 1977. Our daughter Rea was born in January 1981 and our son Blair in 1982. In 1983, twenty six acres, joining us were purchased along with 60k litres of quota, for which we paid 12 and a half pence a litre.

Over the years with the peaks and troughs in pig prices, the pigs did us OK but coping with the stall and tether ban and then the wasting diseases that hit the national herd, the peaks got fewer and further apart and the troughs were getting deeper and longer. By the end of the 1990s our son left college and soon decided that he could earn more doing other things, eventually starting his own plumbing business, with still an interest in the farm, he would help out when he could. Louise and I could not cope with running the dairy herd as well as the pigs, so one of them had to go. With the pig buildings very well used by this time, the whole system was too labour intensive. It was not a difficult decision, although it was



with sadness that the pigs went. Soon after Louise realised that I was missing the pigs so with a large Lottery win of £20.00 a friend who bred Konni Konnis saw her as she collected the winnings and said that he only had two left and if she did not have them they would be for the chop! We now have two pet pigs which live in the orchard and are great stress relievers.

In 1991 my father sadly passed away having suffered from diabetes for forty years. He had his left leg amputated below the knee in 1981 and half of his other foot in 1983. After his recovery he was milking cows and driving tractors up until the end.

In 1993 another 12 acres which we had rented for a few years was purchased taking us up to 98 acres in total, (still a small farm), cow numbers hover around 85 to 90 plus followers. We became a closed herd several years ago, although we have had one or two go down with TB, we have been very lucky compared with many. The ever increasing numbers of badgers and setts on the farm give us great cause for concern.

Our elderly neighbour of ninety eight passed away on her farm in January 2013; this meant her 31 acres which joins us on the other side of the farm, would be on the market. We spent a small fortune on accountancy

fees for them to do an in-depth financial projection to see the feasibility of us purchasing the property which had one decent 12 acre field, the rest was as steep as the roof of a house and most of it covered in brambles, which when cleared would have been suitable for young stock. This would save us having to buy grass keep every summer for them. The house would need in excess of £100,000 spent on it to put it right. We ended up with three finance backed offers from different sources, so went to the auction and stopped bidding at £460,000. It sold to our other neighbour who purchased it for £470,000 plus stamp duty, taking it to well over £500,000, plus having to put the house right. Naturally very disappointed, I congratulated the new owner. Its funny how things work out, who then could see the milk price fall to where it is now and for how long – it is the best thing I could have done by far.

November 2014 saw us start a new development company when we entered a joint venture with a developer Blair had come to know very well over the years when he was plumbing. Going in on a fifty/fifty basis the projected returns from this, even on a conservative projection, cannot be matched in agriculture. So we purchased six properties in Ottery St

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TREWEY GUERNSEYS

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

Owned By The Mann Family

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Cow Average Production 7024kgs @ 4.97% BF & 3.65% P, 605 kgs F + P

Herd Average Producton 6749kgs @ 4.96% BF & 3.64% P, 580 kgs F + P

Herd Classification: EX37 VG52

Cows average 85.63 Pts, **Heifers average** 82.04 Pts

Herd Average 84.50 Pts (138 animals)

Days out on grass/kale 296, Milk from forage 3318 litres

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GDM Cows qualified between Dec 2014 and August 2015

18 cows from 13 herds have reached the qualifying standard of 5000 kgs of Fat + Protein in their lifetimes.

4 of them marked with an * are second generation GDM and Tredinnick Faye is second generation Ex as well.

5 are classified as Ex, 6 are VG , 2 GP, 1 Good and 4 with Heifer scores.

16 different sires with Flambeau Manor Ron Landon and Jensgolden Harpoon Maypennant each siring 2 daughters.

Given the decreasing age of the qualifying cows it is perhaps time to introduce new awards for cows going on to achieve higher lifetime yields.

Digby Gribble

HBN/	Prefix	Animal Name	Date of Birth/ Owner	Lacts	Fat +Protein	Score	PLI	GMI
441102	Skeel sire	REBECCA 72 Skeel Rosebuds Stingray	20/04/2004 The Davies Family	8	5520	VG 88 (90 / 88)	£67	240
443273	Oxlynch sire	FRUHLING 34 Rozelyn Patmar Jay Glacier	23/07/2005 A & R Payling	8	5488	VG 86 (85/86)	£222	278
436630	Tredinney sire	HEROS TARA Tredinney Lorrays Hero	15/01/2002 The Warren Family	10	5285	GP 80 (86/76)	-£70	-150
438030	Oatfield sire	JUDY 3 Trotacre Jay Mr Luck	14/09/2002 D Vincent	7	5273	G 79 (87/72)	£170	300
435428	Tredinnick sire	FAYE ** Dutchmill T Fayette	18/05/2001 M & MA Thomas	9	5260	Ex 91 (90/92)	-£41	-106
435225	Wrens sire	EQUINOX Larschland Magic Billy Beau	20/03/2001 Berkeley Farms	9	5068	VG 88(90/87)	£58	64
436511	Skeel sire	VERONICA 7 * Coulee Crest Saber Stingray	27/11/2001 The Davies Family	9	5081	H 81 (82 / 82)	-£170	-235
432141	Rouselands sire	NECTARINE FREESIA Trotacre Jay Mr Luxury	12/10/1999 I Godwin	11	5165	Ex 90(93/88)	-£16	-196
438319	St Senara sire	ANNORRA 2 Trewarnevas Precious Lorry	07/10/2001 I Crouch	7	5217	VG 86 (88/83)	-£109	-53
439191	Rosewood sire	PEARL Jens Gold H Maypennant	15/11/2002 M & R Dunn	6	5214	GP 83 (83/81)	-£12	-8
440879	Trewey sire	PENNY Sunninghill Park Royal Oak	26/03/2004 The Mann Family	7	5206	Ex93 (93/91)	£61	76
439827	Bentley sire	CLARION YOLANDA Brocklesby Gitas Clarion	04/11/2002 T Dallyn	7	5186	VG 85 (86/82)	£79	-4
441009	Tredinney sire	HIGHNESS LILY 3 Tredinney Royal Highness	15/12/2003 The Warren Family	8	5183	H 82 (86/80)	£30	70
443740	Kenvin sire	LANDON CARRIEANNE 14 * Flambeau Manor Ron Landon	06/08/2005 D Vincent	8	5182	H 83 (86/80)	£95	93
438154	Kenvin sire	PENNANTS LYNNE 19 * Jens Gold H Maypennant	30/11/2002 D Vincent	9	5151	H 79 (85/74)	-£101	-78
440208	Bickfield sire	PRIDE 28 Brymor Stingboy	16/12/2003 M & P Durbin	7	5139	Ex90(90/90)	£74	74
446750	Hinxden sire	FLATTER Shalford Saggitarus	07/06/2004 R Manford	5	5119	VG 85 (86/83)	£10	1
444046	Oxlynch sire	STREAKER 9 * Flambeau Manor Ron Landon	23/12/2005 A & R Payling	7	5101	Ex 90 (90/90)	£165	151

Cows ranked by GMI from the August 2015 Proof run

The GMI calculation now includes Fertility Index scores which are multiplied by 20 as the heritability and reliability are low. Cows with high Fertility Indexes tend to give less milk and whilst better Fertility will contribute to longer Herd Life, the loss of milk may be a concern in time.

There are 81 cows from 25 herds with Tredinney (19), Bickfield (10), Brymor (9) and Beechgroves and Briddlesford each having 5.

There are 27 bulls with daughters listed with Beechgroves Ezekiel (25) well out in front, and Pine Ridge Double L (10) and Tredinney Yogis Prince (8) also making their mark.

Digby Gribble

Rank	£PLI	Cow Name/ Bull Name	Cow HBN	Lacts	Curr Lact	Rel %	Milk (kg)	Fat (kg)	Prot (kg)	Fat (%)	Prot (%)	GMI
1	438	BOURTON CLOVER 42 GOLDEN J RONALD GRUMPY	452670	1	1	57	565	20.2	20.4	0	0.04	475
30	287	GREENSFIELD ICEBERG BUTTERCUP GREENSFIELD STINKY ICEBERG	CB251	2	2	61	415	20.4	12.9	0	-0.02	429
7	343	TREDINNEY DOUBLE L MILKMAID 14 PINE RIDGE DOUBLE L	453143	1	1	62	644	22.1	20	-0.03	-0.02	413
51	261	TREDINNEY PRINCE MILKMAID 11 TREDINNEY YOGIS PRINCE	450483	3	3	70	387	18	16.2	0.01	0.09	395
272	185	OXLYNCH LYNN 18 MEADOW COURT ELLYS EPIC	450752	2	2	66	33	18.7	7.5	0.34	0.15	387
56	259	TREDINNEY PRINCE MAUD 4 TREDINNEY YOGIS PRINCE	453146	1	1	58	259	14.1	15.3	0.11	0.14	373
24	294	BICKFIELD DUCHESS 39 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	452128	1	1	62	416	9.2	15.5	-0.12	0.05	364
18	315	TREDINNEY PROPER JOBS ALICIA 20 TREDINNEY PRINCE PROPER JOB	3.83897E+11	1	1	60	263	16.6	10.8	0.05	0.04	351
81	243	BICKFIELD PRIDE 58 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	451911	1	1	62	399	12.6	10.5	-0.16	-0.06	345
53	260	ABER ESQUIRE HAREBELL 3 TREDINNEY YOGIS ESQUIRE	448359	4	5	70	226	9.3	11.3	-0.01	0.1	328
20	309	TREDINNEY DOUBLE L BUNTY 9 PINE RIDGE DOUBLE L	453141	1	1	62	326	12.9	11.3	0.03	0.03	327
149	215	WEBBERY ENID 10 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	452254	1	1	63	181	12.8	11.1	0.15	0.12	325
105	230	WOODLANDS EZEKIEL BESS 5 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	14746	2	2	67	306	9.2	10.4	-0.14	0	324
198	200	BICKFIELD IRIS 60 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	452012	2	2	65	200	6.3	7.4	-0.09	0.02	323
216	198	BICKFIELD SHARON 17 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	452013	1	1	62	386	15.9	12.2	-0.08	-0.02	321
32	285	TREVIDER PRINCE OLWYN TREDINNEY YOGIS PRINCE	452489	1	1	61	266	4	11.7	-0.12	0.07	320
246	190	BEECHGROVES ELIZABETH 3 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	449728	4	4	68	245	13.1	10.5	0.05	0.07	317
172	208	TREDINNEY PRINCE MARSHMALLOW 3 TREDINNEY YOGIS PRINCE	453803	1	1	59	-11	5.1	6.2	0.15	0.16	311
101	233	TREDINNEY PRINCE MILKMAID 12 TREDINNEY YOGIS PRINCE	450484	4	4	68	-6	7	6.7	0.16	0.18	309
267	187	TREWEY EZEKIEL JACKIE 47 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	451801	1	1	62	213	8.9	8.9	-0.05	0.04	308
233	193	BRYMOR MAID MARIAN 41 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	451421	2	2	67	217	8	8.9	-0.07	0.04	307
37	272	BRYMOR WESTWARD 42 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	451346	2	2	67	197	8.8	6.2	-0.04	0	302

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113	226	BRIDDELSFORD DELTAS VIOLET FOUR WINDS ROYAL DELTA	447156	5	6	70	254	17.3	9.1	0.1	0.03	300
324	176	BICKFIELD ANGELA 59 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	452249	1	1	61	118	7.4	8.7	0.08	0.12	294
92	237	WOODLANDS EZEKIEL FLOSS 15 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	451573	2	2	67	272	8.2	9.5	-0.12	0.01	293
29	289	TREDINNEY PROPER JOBS AFTER EIGHT 3 TREDINNEY PRINCE PROPER JOB	3.83898E+11	1	1	60	189	11.7	9.6	0.03	0.07	291
287	183	ABER ERIC VIOLET 16 MEADOW COURT ELLYS ERIC	452896	1	1	62	449	17.3	16.2	0.02	0.04	290
184	204	LEIGHGRANGE DYNAMITES RED GOLD LES JAONNETS DAIRYMAIDS DYNAMITE	14730	2	2	66	480	18.1	14	-0.13	-0.05	283
5	348	SEVERN FANFARES ROSEBUD ASTON EYRE FINAL FANFARE	441242	5	8	68	-142	1.3	0.1	0.18	0.14	278
151	214	LITTLE DAISY KINGWELL YOUNG MONT	3.6187E+11	5	5	63	-46	3.8	4.3	0.13	0.15	277
27	292	BRYMOR WILLOW 34 PINE RIDGE DOUBLE L	452581	1	1	55	377	16.2	11.8	0.06	0.01	276
291	182	TREDINNEY YOGIS BUNTY 8 EDGEWATER MEADOWS YOGIBEAR	450517	4	4	69	404	12.2	11.4	-0.1	-0.01	274
139	217	ARTIS TESSA BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	451720	3	3	68	37	-2.1	3.9	-0.07	0.08	271
223	196	BRYMOR MARSHMALLOW 69 TREDINNEY YOGIS ANDANTE	450596	2	2	67	346	14.6	12.1	-0.05	0.01	271
205	199	BICKFIELD JEWEL 33 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	450706	2	2	68	306	14.2	11.2	-0.02	0.02	270
259	189	BRIDDELSFORD HERCULES HAREBELL THORNTON HERCULES	451189	2	2	67	196	13.3	11.6	0.07	0.11	268
315	177	BLACKNOR CRACKER ANDANTE LAVENDER TREDINNEY YOGIS ANDANTE	452332	1	1	46	-89	-1	1.7	0.07	0.13	268
209	199	KENVIN HERCULES JANE 20 TREVIDER W GRACEFUL HERCULES	452999	1	1	56	170	9	9.9	0.08	0.11	265
86	241	TREDINNEY PRINCE AFTER EIGHT 2 TREDINNEY YOGIS PRINCE	450419	4	4	69	198	11	11.1	0.06	0.12	263
213	198	TREDINNEY AARONS FLO 6 SNIDERS OPTION AARON	451564	2	2	67	242	19.5	12.5	0.14	0.09	261
303	180	BRIDDELSFORD HERCULES DAFFODIL 5 THORNTON HERCULES	451188	2	2	67	75	12.3	7.6	0.17	0.12	260
161	211	KENVIN YOGI SYLVIA EDGEWATER MEADOWS YOGIBEAR	445407	5	7	72	128	4.6	9.2	-0.01	0.11	257
249	190	BRYMOR WESTWARD 40 SPRING WALK SHERBERTS MINT	450700	2	3	67	395	19.8	13.2	0	0	256
261	188	CARNE CHIP BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	452442	2	2	68	-80	1	2.1	0.09	0.12	255
191	202	MERLINS HILL YOGIS RAINBOW EDGEWATER MEADOWS YOGIBEAR	454311	1	1	53	143	5.9	8.2	0.03	0.09	253
100	233	TREVIDER DL HAREBELL PINE RIDGE DOUBLE L	450709	2	2	70	99	14	6	0.18	0.07	250
196	200	BENTLEY CLARION JOYCE 2 BROCKLESBY GITAS CLARION	440325	5	8	74	-141	-4.6	0.8	0.07	0.15	248
84	242	TREDINNEY DOUBLE L AFTER ALL PINE RIDGE DOUBLE L	453133	1	1	61	458	15.6	13.4	-0.02	-0.01	247

Rank	£PLI	Cow Name/ Bull Name	Cow HBN	Lacts	Curr Lact	Rel %	Milk (kg)	Fat (kg)	Prot (kg)	Fat (%)	Prot (%)	GMI
128	221	HILCOL IVOR DOT DAWN JAY IVOR	447584	4	4	66	32	-0.8	4.6	-0.02	0.1	246
256	189	CARNE SOCKET TREDINNEY ROYAL HIGHNESS	448753	4	4	68	216	12.2	6	0.05	0	246
306	179	BEECHGROVES EVELINE 5 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	449814	4	4	70	-30	-1.5	3.5	0.03	0.13	241
82	242	BEECHGROVES EVITA 5 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	450942	3	3	69	129	7.8	7	0.03	0.07	239
265	188	EDGEHILL GRUMPY HOLLY 2 GOLDEN J RONALD GRUMPY	452659	1	1	58	277	11.6	11.9	0.04	0.07	238
48	262	SKEEL ROSEBUD 68 PINE RIDGE DOUBLE L	449884	3	4	68	352	10.9	9.8	-0.08	-0.01	237
171	208	BEECHGROVES EZRA ELINOR BEECHGROVES EZRA	452956	1	1	59	281	17.7	8.4	0.17	0.01	235
182	205	BICKFIELD DOT 114 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	450569	2	2	67	-21	-2	1.5	-0.01	0.07	234
83	242	TREDINNEY DOUBLE L ESSENCE 6 PINE RIDGE DOUBLE L	453142	1	1	62	162	7.6	5	0.05	0.02	231
55	259	TREWEY AL JERRY TREWEY LORELEIS ADVENT LAMAR	450827	3	3	66	144	8.6	6.6	0.03	0.05	230
109	228	TREWARNEVAS GRUMPY EVITA GOLDEN J RONALD GRUMPY	452378	1	1	61	298	10.4	10.6	0	0.04	230
156	213	BRYMOR ROSA 37 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	451345	2	2	67	300	2.3	12.4	-0.26	0.04	230
192	201	THORNTON AUREA 21 SNIDERS OPTION AARON	441512	5	7	69	193	14.1	10.8	0.1	0.1	230
280	184	BEECHGROVES ELDORADO EVITA BEECHGROVES ELDORADO	452865	1	1	58	44	6.9	5.5	0.14	0.11	223
230	194	BRIDDLIESFORD ALSTARS DAFFODIL 2 SNIDERS RONALDS ALSTAR	452228	1	1	62	232	12.3	5.4	-0.01	-0.05	222
257	189	LEIGHGRANGE RONALDS GOLDSTREAM TREDINNEY RONALDS HIGHLANDER	446439	5	5	68	142	5.4	3.7	-0.01	0.01	218
212	198	BICKFIELD TRACEY 19 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	451256	2	2	67	-223	-2.7	-0.8	0.17	0.18	215
326	175	ARTIS ANGELA 2 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	451719	3	3	67	25	4.9	4.1	0.08	0.09	215
273	185	TREDINNEY AARON CANDY 26 SNIDERS OPTION AARON	453798	1	1	62	143	13.3	5.6	0.1	0.02	212
217	198	TREWEY PRINCE JUMBO 18 TREDINNEY YOGIS PRINCE	451938	1	1	62	144	7.4	5.2	-0.01	0.01	210
327	175	BRYMOR TINY 44 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	451289	2	2	67	101	4.3	6.6	-0.03	0.08	210
60	257	TREDINNEY PROPER JOBS ELEGY 15 TREDINNEY PRINCE PROPER JOB	453123	1	1	60	103	5.5	6.4	-0.01	0.07	209
66	251	BRYMOR QUIZZICAL 54 PINE RIDGE DOUBLE L	452608	1	1	55	251	8.7	9.5	0	0.05	209
323	176	BICKFIELD DAISY 95 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	452110	1	1	62	252	8.6	6.8	-0.1	-0.03	209
283	183	EASBY VALERIE 3 EDGEWATER MEADOWS YOGIBEAR	443624	5	6	72	-81	2.8	2.9	0.15	0.15	208
152	214	TREDINNEY DOUBLE L LOBELIA 3 PINE RIDGE DOUBLE L	453800	1	1	60	98	9.7	3.5	0.15	0.04	207
26	292	BRIDDLIESFORD DOUBLE LS DAISY 5 PINE RIDGE DOUBLE L	452994	1	1	55	160	14.6	1.6	0.21	-0.03	206

Rank	£PLI	Cow Name/ Bull Name	Cow HBN	Lacts	Curr Lact	Rel %	Milk (kg)	Fat (kg)	Prot (kg)	Fat (%)	Prot (%)	GMI
318	176	TREWEY SHIELA 24 TREWEY LORELEIS ADVENT LAMAR	449458	3	3	67	526	13.1	15	-0.18	-0.03	205
78	245	BRYMOR EVA 74 GOLDEN J RONALD GRUMPY	450480	3	3	66	694	13.4	16.5	-0.36	-0.13	204
298	181	TREDINNEY PROPER JOB PERIWINKLE 9 TREDINNEY PRINCE PROPER JOB	453128	2	2	65	100	5.4	5.2	-0.01	0.05	202
103	231	TREDINNEY PRINCE JUNE AMY 14 TREDINNEY YOGIS PRINCE	450505	4	4	71	-243	-3.8	-2.3	0.19	0.17	201
311	178	BICKFIELD MARY 33 BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	452438	1	1	63	308	10.5	11.4	-0.01	0.04	201
243	191	ARTIS LAURA BEECHGROVES EZEKIEL	451722	2	2	66	-46	-3.3	0.3	-0.01	0.07	200



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Future Gold TRAINING DAY

Back in July, Future Golden Breeders coordinators, Tracy Marshall and Louise Carpenter organised a Training Day at Fairfield Farm in Denbury, Devon. Eleven youngsters attended and thoroughly enjoyed a clipping demonstration by Molly Westwood, who explained the finer details of top lining. The young breeders were then able to practise on some calves that Chris and Louise Carpenter had supplied.

After Lunch, sponsored by Cogent and EGCS and including Louise's Auntie Moos Ice Cream, the children enjoyed a handling demonstration by James Warren and Molly, and then split into 2 groups dictated by age for an informal competition, both of which were won by youngsters from the Ayrshire Society, obviously those





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showing Guernsey calves will take re-venge next year.

All the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and all went home with smiling faces. A huge thank you to Molly and James for their help. This was Tracy and Louise's first venture at a Training Day, they would be the first to admit they are continually learning. They intend to repeat the event next year when there will be several workshops in progress as the children are a variety of ages and are at different stages of expertise. Again the day will be open to all breeds and they hope that even more children will come along for a fun day. Future Golden Breeders have just launched a new Facebook Page where you can contact Tracy and Louise – they would love to hear from you.



Guernsey girls with style...

Glannor Hercules **Okapi**

1st Dry Cow South West Dairy Event 2015
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Briddlesford Laredo **Bluebell** VG89



Champion Livestock Event 2015
1st Intermediate cow South West Dairy Event 2015
Due in April to Gotcha
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Aber Jupiter **Bell**



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Collaboration And Leadership Will Help Dairy Industry Survive

Promar consultant James Berry considers initiatives that could be central to how the dairy industry evolves.

There has been much discussion in the industry on future collaboration in the dairy sector, with 'DPO's' (Dairy Producer Organisations) being topical in recent times. However, the current issues surrounding global markets for dairy products has meant that EU dairy funding is being shuffled towards support packages. This is opposed to support for the future structure of the industry, which I believe is contradictory to its long term success.

The larger co-operatives in the dairy industry such as Arla and Fonterra have, of course, felt the acute pain of low global prices. But by providing a structure of farmer ownership which has not been seen in the UK before, will this lead to some of their owners rising from the ashes to create stronger more dynamic farms with a more market focused supply chain? Recent engagement with the wider national media would suggest they are best placed to do this. However, from a producer's point of view how can collaboration on the ground and through co-operatives benefit farmers in the current climate?

In order for farmers to collaborate they have to think in a more entrepreneurial fashion. This will not happen without a strong will or the desire. The current crisis is likely to create two camps of those who do react and those who do not. Work recently carried out by Promar suggests there is a progression businesses will go through as they react to the evolving market.

In order to survive initially, a farmer may rely on a hands-on approach to his business where only higher prices are seen as a way of improving profits. There is likely to be limited engagement with the supply chain. By becoming a 'doer' they will see 'working harder' as their solution to profitability, most likely relying on

suppliers of inputs for advice. They may have some engagement with the primary buyer of their produce.

Some of these individuals are then able to become managers. They manage the cows, then they move onto managing the finance of the operation and then the management of people. They may take professional advice from vets and consultants, probably seeing increasing scale or efficiency as a way of improving profitability. They are likely to have a lot of engagement with their primary buyer.

Managers can then become entrepreneurs and leaders by focusing on building their team around them, creating value for their customers by innovating and potentially improving the range of produce, or innovating in terms of their production methods to do the same. This may be by seeking a range of customers or buyers of their milk and dairy products. They will look to engage with their supply chain and beyond that to evolve their business by looking at other organisations that have an interest in their business to improve public perception.

It is at this stage that a successful team or co-operative can really come into its own. The members are able to benefit from the entrepreneurial activity which is taking place within it. They can draw on the skill sets from all their membership to achieve their aims, and their leaders develop from within that group.

Possible limitations to the development of farmers in these roles is the complexity of the UK dairy industry with milk buyers, equipment suppliers, AHDB Dairy, genetics suppliers, vet suppliers, legislation and regulation all making the farmers' life seem like a juggling act. Farmers looking to develop their own skills and their own teams could help reduce this complexity.

Promar is the first company in the industry to look at trying to develop the leadership and entrepreneurial



skills for the successful farmer of the future. We have a range of schemes which are proving popular with many dairy farmers.

For the younger farmer with the passion to succeed in the industry we have the Dairy Management Academy. This is a two year part-time course with modules on all aspects of modern dairy farm management covering cow management, finance & staff management. Alongside this we also run the Tesco Future Farm Foundation, which again is designed for young entrants to help with business planning, understanding of the supply chain, and develop links with a professional mentor.

Our farm consultants are also undergoing this training so that we are better placed to assist our clients in their development and aspirations of their business. We will be looking to help develop these skills with new dairy farming clients in the future.

The UK is a competitive place to produce milk in comparison with other parts of Europe. The current issue is the lack of investment in processing but this will change with more confidence from the ground up in the future. An investment in collaboration and leadership training could help build this initial confidence.

Please contact James at James.berry@genusplc.com or on 07805 746 633 for more information.



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FOR SALE – THE PRESTIDGE HERD

EGCS member, Mr Ken Prestidge has informed the Society that due to ill health he will be taking early retirement and not renewing his tenancy. The small Guernsey section of the Kenprest herd is therefore for sale, ideally Ken would like them to stay together and go to one buyer.

Their status as of the 19th October is:

KENPREST LADY GLEAMHURST G+, having calved 09.05.15. 3rd lactation = 3416 kgs in 152 days @ 4.94 BF, 3.59 PROT, 48 CC, served 25th August to Dairy Shorthorn. Latest recording = 17.8 kgs, 5.51 BF, 3.96 PROT, 60 CC.

KENPREST PRUSSIAN PRINCESS G+ having calved 13.07.15, 3rd lactation = 2006 kgs in 87 days @ 4.22 BF, 3.50 PROT, 106 CC, served 5th September to Dairy Shorthorn. Latest recording = 19.8 kgs, 4.84 BF, 3.70 PROT, 92 CC.

KENPREST DOLLAR PRINCESS G+ having calved 05.12.14, 2nd lactation = 7004 kgs in 307 days @ 4.55 BF, 3.73 PROT, 131 CC, due to calve 13.01.16 to Danish Red. Latest recording 15 kgs, 5.53 BF, 4.42 PROT.

KENPREST HOPEFUL VG, having calved 11.08.15, 2nd lactation = 1647 kgs in 58 days @ 4.1 BF, 3.11 PROT, 33 CC. Latest recording 26 kgs, 4.51 BF, 3.19 PROT, 20 CC.

KENPREST JULIA – 1st lactation = 5553 kgs @ 4.49 BF, 3.35 PROT, will have calved to a Beef bull at the end of October.

YOUNG STOCK

KENPREST PRUSSIAN PRINCESS 4 – DOB 22.04.14, served to Dairy Shorthorn on 24th August.

KENPREST HOPEFUL 3 – DOB 26.03.14, served to Dairy Shorthorn on the 5th August.

KENPREST MAYBLOSSOM – DOB 21.07.15

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All Britain All Breeds Calf Show 16th — 18th October

16th October – What a turnout of calves this year, 24 out of the 31 entered, arrived on the Friday afternoon with their 11 handlers. Everyone was getting involved and helping out with the unloading, bedding up and settling the calves in – one big happy family. That evening the handlers enjoyed a demonstration so everyone knew exactly what the Judges would be expecting in the next 2 days.

17th October – The first day is always given over to Showmanship, a lot of pressure on some of our younger Future Golden Breeders. All the breeds except the Holsteins com-



gether. We are well represented in this class with Elissa Langley coming

Dawes 9th, Charlotte Limond 10th and Margaret Thomas 17th.

Class 3, the Seniors, makes them sound old but the competitors are between 16 and 20 years old. 39 entries, so the class is split again. In the first half Heather Limond is 5th and Michael Dawes is 7th. In the second half Andrew Thomas is 5th.

The final Class 7 is for mature handlers between 21 and 26 years and Mike Moody represents the breed coming 10th out of 24 competitors.

The breed competition was won by Andrew Thomas, who was awarded The Hilton Brooks Perpetual Challenge Cup and the new Future Golden Breeders Shield kindly donated by our President in 2015, Peter



pete in the same class so big classes, over 40 in some meaning that they are divided into two.

Class 1, the juniors, under 12 years, nearly 40 entered so there are 2 classes. In the first half, Izzy Phillips, just 8 years old came second. In the second half, Justina Langley came 10th and Hannah Garrett came 11th out of the 22 competing.

Class 2 – Intermediate, aged between 13 – 15 years, not quite so many entered so 21 entries all in to-

2nd, George Thomas 8th, Shannon





Richardson, both for this show and the calf classes at The Dairy Show just 10 days before. Thank you Peter, your interest and generosity is very much appreciated.

18th October – the calf classes take place on the Sunday and this year we were fortunate to have David Christophers judging the Guernseys classes who has much experience in showing



as an adult and as a youngster and certainly had his work cut out today.

Class 18 – Calf born on or after the 1st March 2015.

- 1st – Hinton Rebecca – Hinton Farm
- 2nd Edgehill Garrett Nia – M Dawes
- 3rd – Edgehill Garrett Violet – M Dawes

Class 24 – Calf born between

1st December 2014 - 28th February 2015.

- 1st – Latifa Andantes Mary – Mrs C

Moody

2nd – Hinton Sandra 8 – Hinton Farm

3rd – Edgehill Garrett Holly 2 – M Dawes

Class 30 – Calf born between

1st September - 30th November 2014.

1st – Bickfield Lilian 36 – H Limond

2nd – Brymor Peggy 50 – Nowell and Norman

3rd – Trewey Legend Joanna 5 – B and SV Adams.

Class 36 – Calf born between

the 1st May - 31st August 2014.

1st – Brymor Graceful 21 – M Dawes

2nd – Kimcote Oak Claire - AD and RM Thomas.

3rd – Hinton Sandra – Hinton Farm.

Class 42 – Calf born between

the 1st January - 30th April 2014.

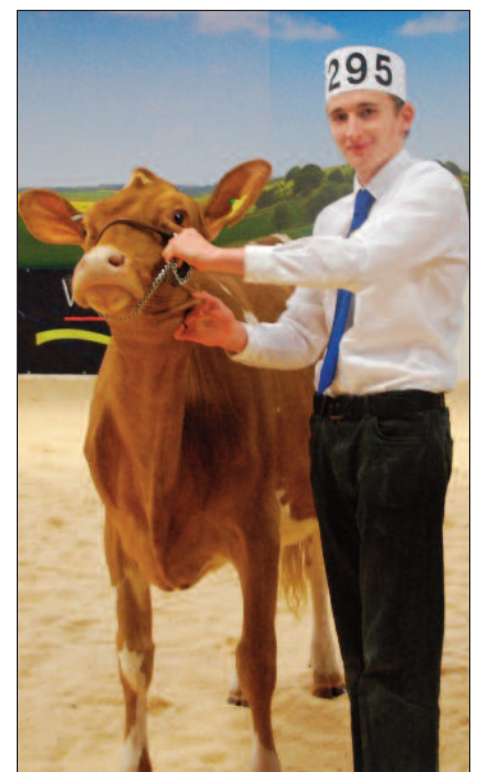
1st – Kimcote Double LFresco 2 – AD and RM Thomas

2nd – Kimcote Royal Oak June 2 – AD and RM Thomas.

3rd Aber Jupiter Duchess 17 – C Gribble.

The Guernsey Championship was awarded to Kimcote Double L Fresco 2 (Andrew Thomas), Reserve was Hinton Rebecca (Izzy Philips) and Hon Mention went to Latifa Andantes Mary (Mike Moody).

We encouraged our young members to take responsibility for their calves and the surrounding area and this year the Tidy Area Cup was won by the Thomas family.



15th WORLD GUERNSEY CONFERENCE NEW ZEALAND 2016

PLANNED ITINERARY

APRIL 2016

Fri 1 (D) ARRIVE IN QUEENSTOWN

On arrival at Queenstown Airport make your own way into the township by taxi or shuttle van; and check into the hotel. Meet in the hotel bar for a mix and mingle with other delegates (drinks at individual cost). **Dinner** in the hotel restaurant is included. **Accommodation Novotel Lakefront Hotel (3 nights)**

Sat 2 (BD) IN QUEENSTOWN

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning sightseeing tour of Queenstown including a visit to the old goldmining town of **Arrowtown** and the **Skyline Gondola** to Bob's Peak from where there are panoramic views across Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu to the surrounding mountains. Free afternoon. Depart Queenstown and cross Lake Wakatipu aboard the 1912 vintage steamship the TSS Earnslaw for **dinner at Walter Peak High Country Sheep and Cattle Station**. Arrive back and walk around the lakefront about 400 metres to the hotel.

Sun 3 (BL) MILFORD SOUND DAY TRIP

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart Queenstown by coach and travel around Lake Wakatipu and across the picturesque Southland countryside to Te Anau and into Fiordland National Park. The scenery is stunning with high mountains and deep valleys carved out by Ice Age Glaciers. On arrival at Milford Sound take a **scenic cruise** down the fiord past the Stirling and Bowen Falls to the open sea. Wonderful views of Mitre Peak which rises sheer 5260 ft asl from the still dark waters of the fiord. Seals and dolphins are often seen. **Buffet lunch** is served aboard. In the afternoon return by coach to Queenstown. (Note there is the option – weather permitting of returning instead on a 40 minute scenic flight at extra cost). Free evening – dinner your own cost.

Mon 4 (BLD) QUEENSTOWN/ TIMARU/ GERALDINE *

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning drive north through the Kawarau Gorge to the Cromwell fruit growing district passing a number of excellent wineries along the way. Sheep farming predominates as we cross the Lindis Pass to the MacKenzie Basin and descend through the Waitaki Valley to Waimate and Oamaru. Lunch today on a lifestyle farm near Timaru where there are some Guernseys in the herd and later in the afternoon drive on to

Geraldine*. Stay tonight on local farms – usually 3 – 4 people per farm. An opportunity to meet Kiwi farmers in their own homes and enjoy socialising and dinner with them. **Accommodation Farmstays* *depending on availability farms may be in the Fairlie or Ashburton areas**

Tue 5 (BD) GERALDINE/ CHRISTCHURCH/ KAIKOURA

Breakfast on the farms. Re group and drive on north across the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch. The city was devastated by a huge earthquake in February 2011 and is rebuilding. After a **shortsight-seeing tour of Christchurch** continue to the seaside township of Kaikoura. Evening **Dinner** at the hotel is included. **Accommodation White Morph Hotel**

Wed 6 (BD) KAIKOURA/ BLENHEIM/ NELSON

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning 3 hour **Whale watch Cruise**. The sea off Kaikoura is rich in nutrients which attract a wide variety of sea and bird life. Not only can whales be seen most days year round but so can pods of dolphins. In the afternoon drive north to Blenheim for a stop at the **Omaka Vintage Aviation Museum** – an amazing collection of old airplanes many of them owned by film maker Sir Peter Jackson. Afterwards drive on to Nelson. **Dinner** at the hotel is included.

Accommodation Rutherford Hotel

Thu 7 (B) NELSON / PICTON / WELLINGTON

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning visit a Guernsey herd in the Moutere area. Then drive across the top of the South Island to Picton and take an early afternoon cruise through the picturesque Marlborough Sounds and across Cook Strait to Wellington on the North Island. (Interislander ferry- 2.30pm /5.40 pm) Free evening. Dinner your own cost. **Accommodation James Cook Grand Chancellor Hotel (2 nights)**

Fri 8 (B) IN WELLINGTON

Breakfast at the hotel. **Morning sightseeing tour** of Wellington City includes a visit to **Weta Workshop**. Afternoon and evening free. Dinner your own cost.

Sat 9 (BL) WELLINGTON/ MARTINBOROUGH/ PALMERSTON NORTH

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning drive north through the Hutt Valley and across the Rimutaka Ranges to the Wairarapa Region. This is an important sheep and cattle

farming area and in recent years has become very well known for the excellent wines produced here – particularly its Pinot Noirs. A relaxing **winery lunch** is included before driving on through the Manawatu Gorge to Palmerston North City. Dinner is not included this evening. **Accommodation Distinction Palmerston North Hotel**

Sun 10 (BL) PALMERSTON NORTH/ HUNTERVILLE / ROTORUA

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning drive north across the Manawatu Plains to Hunterville to see a Guernsey herd. After **lunch on the farm** drive on north through Taihape and Waiouru and across the Desert Road to Taupo on the shores of New Zealand's largest lake. From here it is a further hour north through Wairakei where there is a large geothermal power station and through farmlands and forests to Rotorua. Free evening – dinner not included. **Accommodation Millennium Hotel (2 Nights)**

Mon 11 (BD) AT ROTORUA

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning sightseeing includes a guided tour of **Te Puia – the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve** to see the geysers, mud pools and other weird thermal activity plus the Maori Village and Cultural Centre. Also visit the popular **Agrodome** to see how one enterprising farmer has built a thriving business showing off his sheep; plus the picturesque **Rainbow Springs** to see the large trout and rare nocturnal Kiwi bird. Free afternoon. Evening **Hangi dinner and concert of Maori song and dance on Tamaki Tours Marae**. Returned to your Hotel

Tue 12 (BLD) ROTORUA/ WAIKATO FARM VISITS/ CAMBRIDGE

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning cross the bush clad Mamaku Ranges to the Waikato Valley for a visit to **2 farms where Guernseys are milked** – one at Springdale, another at Morrinsville. **Farm lunch** is included. In the afternoon drive on to Cambridge to meet your hosts for the overnight on a farm. (usually 4 – 6 people to each farm). **Dinner** is included. **Accommodation Farmstay**

Wed 13 (BD) CAMBRIDGE/ HAMILTON

Breakfast on the farms. Then regroup and **visit a modern 183 hectare demonstration dairy farm at St Peter's private School near Cambridge**. This is a joint

venture between the school and Lincoln University to train and educate young farmers to farm more productively and profitably with environmental integrity. Lunch your own cost in Cambridge and in the afternoon drive through the lush Waikato countryside to Jim and Nancy Lichtwark's **Oakhill Guernseys** to view their herd and for an early evening **barbeque dinner** before continuing to Hamilton and checking into the Conference hotel. **Accommodation Novotel Tainui Hotel (4 nights)**

Thu 14 (BL) IN HAMILTON CONFERENCE – Day 1

Breakfast at the hotel
World Guernsey Conference begins at the Novotel Tainui Hotel. **Morning, afternoon tea and light lunch included.** Free evening.

Fri 15 (BL) IN HAMILTON CONFERENCE-Day 2

Breakfast at the hotel
World Guernsey Conference day 2. **Morning, afternoon tea and light lunch included.** Free evening.

Sat 16 (BLD) IN HAMILTON –CON- FERENCE-Day 3 - FINAL NIGHT DINNER AT HOBBITON

Breakfast at the hotel

World Guernsey Conference concludes this morning. **Light lunch** is included Afternoon free. **A guided tour of the Hobbiton Movie Set** where many of the scenes for the award winning Lord of the Rings film trilogy were filmed with a **Banquet dinner at the Green Dragon Inn** – a fun and memorable way to conclude your visit to New Zealand.

Sun 17 (B) DEPART

Breakfast at the hotel. Arrangements conclude with check out.

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Farmer Focus

Paul Younger

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Mary and work commenced after Easter this year. Blair is project managing the site, which has taken a lot of the stress off our joint venture partner, who used to manage these projects on his own, so he is happy as well. Numbers one and two have been completed and number three is well on its way. Two of these have been sold and the third price agreed, all in excess of the expected sale price.

Although I am sure most of you reading this also work hard, long hours for what sometimes seems very little, we consider ourselves very lucky in that we live in a beautiful part of the county, on the north side of the Culm valley with beautiful views. The M5 runs through the bottom of the valley where hundreds of people a day have to commute to work, stuck in queues, getting stressed. It just seems that we are one step back from all that, although it's not a bed of roses and it has been a struggle at times. We all moan about everyday things, we must enjoy it or we would not be doing it.

Paul and Louise Younger

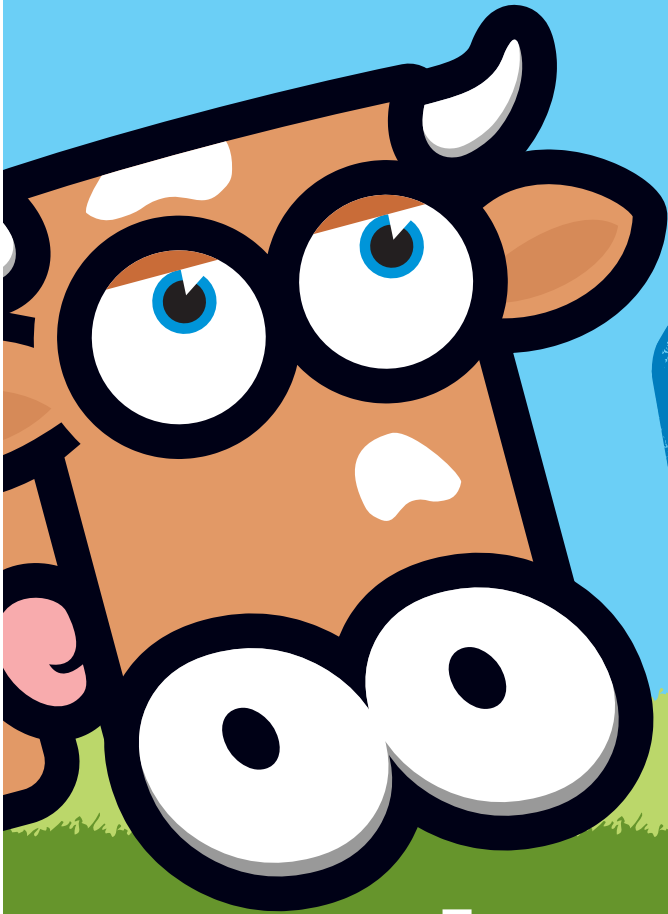
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Page 31. Apologies to Michael Dawes, his Summerhill Holly 29 was allocated to C and L Carpenter by mistake.



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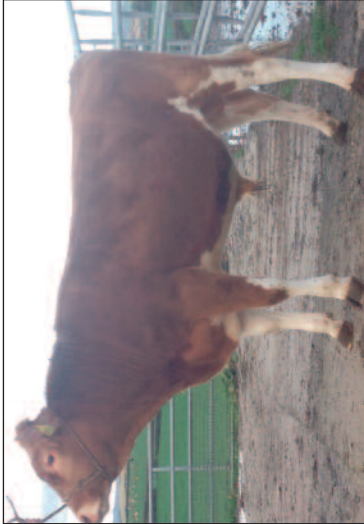


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Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
pa	33	1.2	1.5	0.01	0.03	2.8	0.2	0.3	3	3.4	105	-0.4	120

Born: 25 July 2014
GMI: 105

EDGEWATER MEADOWS YOGIBEAR 604917													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
97	151	8.6	5.2	0.020	0.113	8.1	5.2	2.7	-1	-3.8	129	1.6	123
LAITY FARM PRIMROSE 96 433299 EX95(3) (8YR) DM, CME													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
75	68	1.2	4.6	-0.02	0.075	5.8	-0.2	0.5	7	3.9	159	1.2	93
5	7/6		9564	305	5.80			555	3.50		335		145

SNIDERS OPTION AARON 604670													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
97	387	21.9	10.8	0.05	-0.03	32.7	1.2	1.7	-3	-13.4	47	1.4	58

TRELWETH LINNETTE 429654 EX94 (7) (11YR)													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
75	-274	-10.3	-8.0	0.09	0.08	-18.30	9	0.8	-10	4.8	-10	0.5	99
2	3/4		5307	305	5.66			300	3.89		207		103

MAYS GUARDIAN 41811													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
94	-24	-1.1	-2.7	0.00	-0.03	-3.8	*	*	8	7.2	58	-2.6	103

KELSMOR DAFFODIL 42 393989 DM, GDM													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
67	-257	-11.0	-8.4	0.07	0.06	-19.40	0	0.0	12	8.2	-66	0.0	-89
3	4/8		5164	305	5.16			266	3.58		185		126
4	5/8		5150	305	5.41			278	3.53		182		123
6	7/7		5470	305	5.24			287	3.55		194		126
9	11/7		5202	305	5.37			279	3.79		197		100

KELSMOR MEADOWSWEETS AMOS 42075													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
97	-399	-20.8	-14.5	-0.03	-0.03	-35.3	-0.3	0.2	14	6.2	-202	-1.6	-154

KELSMOR MEADOWSWEET 280 418500 GP83													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
75	-600	-29.3	-17.8	0.02	0.14	-47.10	3	-0.9	-2	11.7	-163	-2.3	-59
1	2/11		3457	305	4.88			169	3.59		124		77
2	4/0		4498	305	4.74			213	3.38		152		87
5	7/6		5379	305	4.58			247	3.50		188		0
8	10/8		4163	289	4.68			195	3.63		151		74

TREDINNEY YOGIS PRINCE 43611													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
95	91	6.5	6.2	0.03	0.06	12.7	1.2	1.3	4	1.8	224	0.6	211

TREVIDER AARON LINNETTE 442572 VG87 (2gens VG/EX) CME													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
75	226	10.4	7.5	0.01	0.02	17.9	0.8	1.7	-12	-1.5	180	0.6	240

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TREDINNEY PRINCES LION KING 43832													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
42.5	158.5	8.5	6.9	0.02	0.04	15.3	1.0	1.5	-4	0.1	202	0.6	226

KELSMOR MEADOWSWEET 371 437263 EX90 (7YR)													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
75	-92	-6.0	-3.8	-0.01	0.02	-9.8	-0.6	-0.9	9	6.8	8	-1.3	14
1	2/6		5186	266	4.38			227	313		163		97
2	3/5		5056	293	4.67			236	3.56		180		100
3	4/5		4573	271	4.36			200	3.59		164		88
4	5/4		5560	305	4.82			268	3.49		194		114
7	8/4		5861	305	4.43			259	3.35		196		99
8	9/4		6030	305	4.66			281	3.38		204		111
9	10/6		5783	305	4.47			259	3.29		191		110

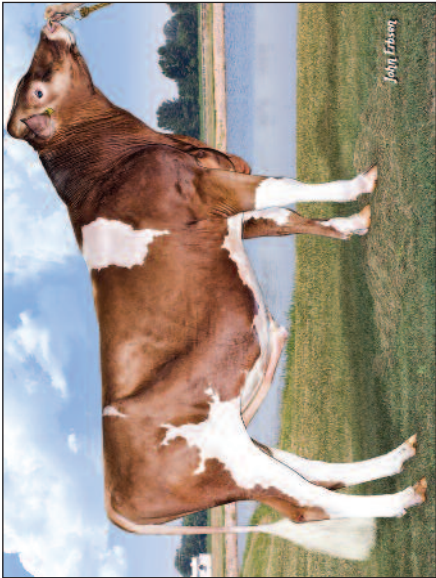
KELSMOR DAFFODILS GUARDIAN 42137													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
96	-159	0.3	-1.5	0.15	0.07	-1.2	-0.8	-2.4	12	4.3	47	-1.4	-11

KELSMOR MEADOWSWEET 318 427650 GP81													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
-327	-21.1	-12.5	-0.08		0.04	-33.6	0.2	-0.3	7	8.9	-141	-1.9	-49
1	2/10		4337	305	4.72			205	3.33		145		87
2	3/9		4853	295	4.33			210	3.31		161		0
3	4/9		4322	250	4.26			184	3.35		145		77
4	5/9		4781	280	4.13			197	3.34		160		86
5	6/11		5811	305	4.23			246	3.24		188		94
6	8/2		5375	280	4.53			243	3.16		170		89
7	9/2		4298	257	4.40			189	3.43		148		79

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Owner: 5745 Burchey Road,
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MARADORE GARY PISTOLL 68039918 A2/A2

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
pa	381	13.4	10.0	-0.09	-0.05	23.3	0.5	1.4	7	-4.4	112	1.8	-9



GOLDEN J SKIPPER GARY 68013855

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
67	352	9.2	10.1	-0.13	-0.02	19.3	-0.2	1.2	12	-5.8	46	2.5	-54

MARODORE YOGIS PROMISE 68030933

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
42	411	17.5	9.9	-0.04	-0.08	27.4	1.1	1.6	2	-3.1	178	*	36
Age	Milk	Days	Fat%	Fat	Prt%	Prt							
2/5	6167	298	4.75	293	3.57	220	112						
3/5	7343	305	5.03	370	3.59	264	132						
4/6	7140	276	4.91	351	3.75	268	111						



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pa	381	13.4	10.0	-0.09	-0.05	23.3	0.5	1.4	7	-4.4	112	1.8	-9

COULEE CREST LUXURY SKIPPER 604230

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
79	76	-1.9	2.9	-0.10	0.01	1.0	-0.9	0.9	22	-2.5	-42	0.7	-133

GOLDEN J OAK GRINCH 3070844

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
67	236	7.5	7.3	-0.07	-0.01	14.8	0.6	1.6	1	-8.6	-23	0.0	-61

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EDGEWATER MEADOWS YOGIBEAR 604917

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
97	151	8.6	5.2	0.02	0.01	13.8	1.5	2.7	-1	-3.8	129	1.6	123

THREE BROOKS ALSTAR PIXIE 68008750

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
43	507	18.2	11.3	-0.10	-0.11	29.5	1.1	0.7	1	-2.6	161	*	91
3/3	5725	305	5.25	300	3.54	203	121						
4/3	6264	305	5.40	339	3.65	229	126						
5/5	5799	305	5.30	308	3.58	208	106						
6/8	6723	305	5.37	361	3.45	232	123						

TROTACRE JAY MR LUXURY 602751

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
98	312	4.8	9.6	-0.18	-0.01	14.4	0.4	1.1	14	2.7	186	1.9	107

COULEE CREST ENHANCER SNOW 3050736

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
66	236	9.1	4.7	-0.04	-0.05	13.8	-0.10	0.7	2	-7.5	-82	*	-149

JENSGOLDEN PROKING ROYAL OAK 602216

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
98	172	8.2	6.0	0.00	0.01	14.2	0.3	1.9	-5	-17.3	-169	2.9	-176

ELJO MAGIC GLENNIS 3034184

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
48	228	5.5	7.0	-0.10	-0.02	12.5	-0.1	0.4	0	-4.6	15	*	48

TROTACRE LORAL TILLER 603341

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
83	361	10.1	7.6	-0.12	-0.07	17.7	1.2	0.9	16	-17.0	-218	2.6	-264

MEADOWS GOLIATH YOGI 3050104

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
60	-99	1.5	-1.5	0.11	0.03	0.0	0.2	1.9	-7	6.7	178	*	164
2/5	5262	305	4.34	228	3.47	183	95						
4/0	8561	305	4.50	385	3.59	307	134						
5/0	8836	305	4.62	408	3.64	322	124						
6/0	10043	305	4.49	451	3.61	363	131						

SNIDERS RONALD ALSTAR 604761

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
91	568	15.3	11.5	-0.20	-0.11	26.8	0.9	0.8	1	0.9	186	0.3	235

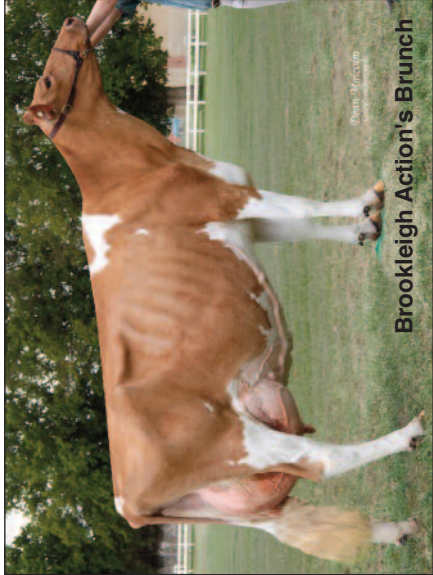
THREE BROOKS FORTRESS PICKLES 3079044

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
43	349	4.7	6.7	-0.20	-0.09	11.5	1.2	-0.3	-1	-4.3	-41	*	-8

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Owner: Brookleigh, Glencoe,
SA 5291.

BROOKLEIGH GEO BRUCE A00024742 A2/A2													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
pa	89	4.3	2.3	0.00	-0.01	6.6	0.1	0.8	4	-3.8	-29	0.4	-2

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GMI: -29



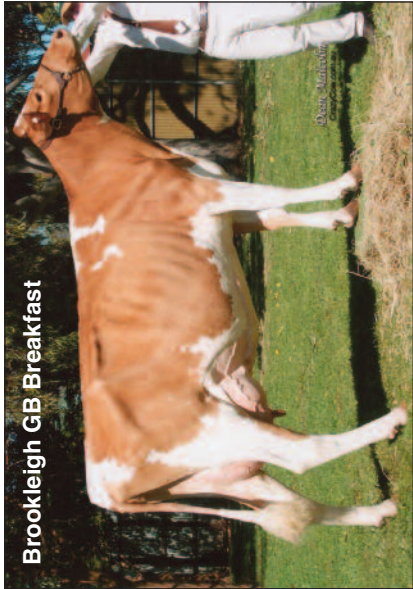
Brookleigh Action's Brunch

GOLDEN J LES GEORGE 68006130

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
74	264	15.2	6.9	0.04	-0.03	22.1	0.2	1.5	0	-6.6	75	0.8	76

BROOKLEIGH ACTION'S BRUNCH S05006784 EX93

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Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Milk		Fat	Fat%	Prt	Prt%	Days							
Total	41100	1843	4.48	1452	3.53	1831							
Ave	5871	263	4.56	207	3.58	262							
ABV	-667	-12	0.43	-13	0.16								



Brookleigh GB Breakfast

BROOKLEIGH BQ ACTION A00016304

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

BROOKLEIGH GB BREAKFAST S03925508 VG89

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Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
70	-37	-5.1	-2.2	-0.03	0.02	-7.3	0.5	0.0	5	0.6	-59	-0.5	24
Milk													
Total	39591	2012	5.08	5.08	1505	3.80	2107						
Ave	6599	335	5.71	5.71	251	4.27	351						
ABV	-690	9	0.95	-7	0.31								

FLAMBEAU MANOR TILLER LES-ET 604826

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
75	109	4.3	2.0	-0.02	-0.03	6.3	0.1	2.1	6	-6.9	-55	0.2	-33

GOLDEN J OAK GRINCH 3070844

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
67	236	7.5	7.3	-0.07	-0.01	14.8	0.6	1.6	1	-8.6	-23	0.0	-61

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Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
83	361	10.1	7.6	-0.12	-0.07	17.7	1.2	0.9	16	-17.0	-2182.6	-264	

FLAMBEAU MANOR ENHANCER LANA 3043629

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
68	107	8.4	0.8	0.06	-0.05	9.2	0.0	1.6	-3	-1.2	10	0.0	-74

JENSGOLDEN PROKING ROYAL OAK 6022216

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
98	172	8.2	6	0	0.01	14.2	0.3	1.9	-5	-17.3	-169	2.9	-176

ELJO MAGIC GLENNIS 3034184

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
48	228	5.5	7.0	-0.10	-0.02	12.5	-0.1	0.4	0	-4.6	15	0.0	48

BROOKLEIGH QH QUEBEC A00007601

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
62	-177	-14.8	-7.7	-0.11	-0.04	-22.5	-0.7	0.2	2	-4.6	-311	-0.1	-199

BROOKLEIGH DREAM APPLAUDE S9512677 Ex3E

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Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Milk													
Total	54401	2163	3.98	3.98	1880	3.46	2852						
Ave	6045	240	4.16	4.16	209	3.61	317						
ABV	193	-22	-0.72	-1	-0.17								

KOOKABURRA BOOLEE BOONOKE ET A00011665

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
60	-142	-3.5	-2.3	0.06	0.04	-5.8	*	*	24	0.9	-15	-105	

BROOKLEIGH QH BINGO S9911292 VG89

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Milk													
Total	56732	2903	5.12	5.12	2098	3.70	3352						
Ave	7092	363	6.80	6.80	262	4.92	419						



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