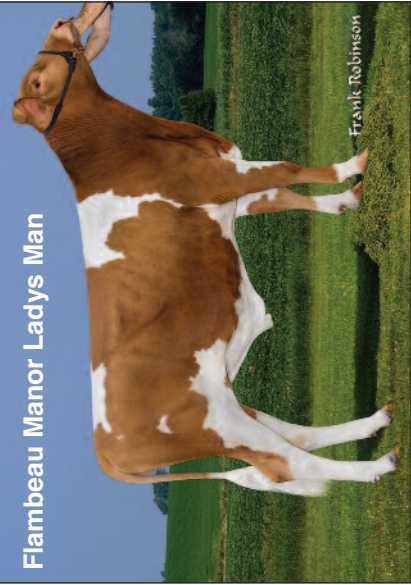


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Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
35	235	3.5	5.4	-0.13	-0.05	9.0	1.0	2.1	1	-5.1	6	-0.1	46

Born: 7 June 2015
GMI: 6



Flambeau Manor Ladys Man

SNIDERS OPTION AARON 604670 A2/A2													
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
97	394	22.5	10.5	0.05	-0.04	33.0	1.3	1.7	-4	-13.4	46	1.2	56

Frank Robinson

MARODORE LUXURY LORRAINE 3074843

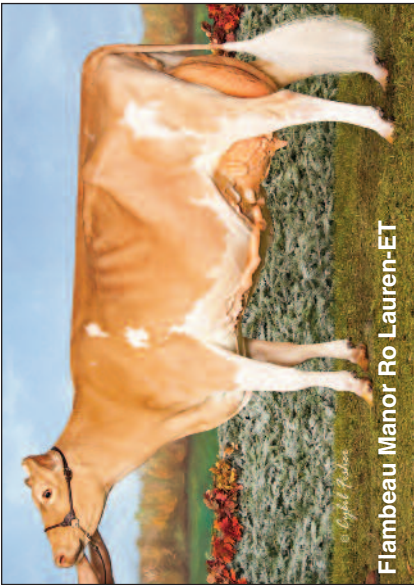
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64	188	-0.7	4.5	-0.17	-0.03	3.8	0.0	1.0	7	-1.4	-7	0.0	-54

MARADORE AARONS LEVI ET 68025119 A2/A2

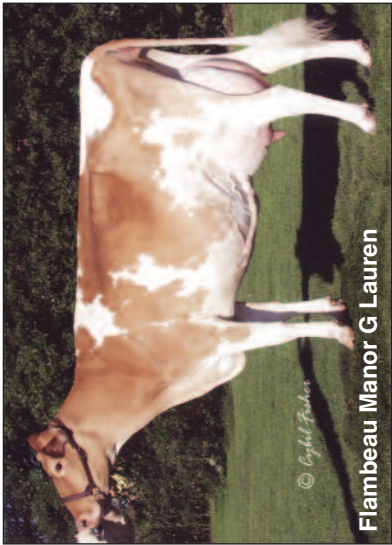
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83	478	13.6	9.9	-0.16	-0.09	23.5	1.4	2.3	-15	-0.9	193	-0.1	243

FLAMBEAU MANOR RO LAUREN-ET 68043597

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
50	162	8.0	5.7	0.00	0.00	13.6	0.6	2.0	4	-5.4	63	0.0	36
Lac	Age	Milk lbs	Days	Fat %	Fat	Prt%	Prt	Pi					
1	2/00	14750	323	5.1	758	3.8	564	97					
2	3/00	22910	365	5.4	1230	3.8	864	DHIA					
3	4/02	24890	365	4.9	1231	3.5	875	DHIA					
4	5/07	22510	305	4.7	1063	3.4	755	97					



Flambeau Manor Ro Lauren-ET



Flambeau Manor G Lauren

JENSGOLDEN PROKING ROYAL OAK 602216 A2/A2

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
99	181	7.9	6.1	-0.02	0.00	14.0	0.3	1.8	-5	-17.6	-182	2.9	-184

FLAMBEAU MANOR G LAUREN 3056014

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
63	-17	1.0	-1.6	0.03	-0.02	-0.6	0.1	0.8	5	6.1	69	0.0	20
2/03	14720	310	4.7	695	3.2	473	DHIA						
3/03	22609	365	4.8	1078	3.4	776	DHIA						
4/06	26238	365	5.1	1335	3.3	843	DHIA						
5/11	25470	365	5.2	1334	3.3	843	DHIA						
8/00	19060	305	4.8	906	3.1	599	94						
10/00	16020	305	4.8	765	3.3	525	97						
LIFE	167310	2926	5.2	872	3.5	5867							

JENSGOLDEN BIONIC OPTION 602643

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
76	146	6.2	4.0	-0.02	-0.01	10.20.5	-0.7	5	-12.7	-191	1.7	-247	

CEDAR FRINGED ALTANN 3045188

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
73	381	11.9	7.1	-0.11	-0.09	19.00.7	1.6	-7	-1.9	81	0.0	41	

TROTACRE JAY MR LUXURY 602751

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
98	311	4.6	9.5	-0.18	-0.01	14.10.4	1.0	14	1.7	162	1.8	99	

MARODORE BALDWIN LAURIE 3021790

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
35	-31	-5.6	-1.7	-0.07	-0.01	-7.3	0.0	-0.2	12	-2.8	-210	0.0	-236

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Delivery charges to Genus
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V PROTEIN KING 598017

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
80	-212	1.9	-3.8	0.23	0.06	-1.9	-0.4	0.0	-1	-4.2	-61	0.8	-146

JENSGOLDEN FAYETTE ORIANNA 2913954

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
71	83	4.2	3.6	0.00	0.02	7.8	-0.2	-0.4	6	-8.8	-99	0.0	-220

ROZELYN PATMAR P GOLIATH 600974

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
85	-69	1.2	-1.8	0.08	0.01	-0.6	-1.5	-0.2	-12	16.2	314	-0.7	272

FLAMBEAU MANOR PERFECT LORETTA 3043599

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
51	10	1.2	1.20	0.01	0.01	2.4	-0.1	-0.3	-6	-6.6	-104	0.0	8



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Guernsey News
CHRISTMAS 2016



Briddlesford Laredos Bluebell
Breed Champion at The Royal Bath and West 2016
Breed Champion at The Livestock Event 2016
and also Hon Mention in the Interbreed Championship

Date issued: August 2016
Breeder/: E J Griffin & Son
Owner Briddlesford Lodge Farm
Wootton Bridge,, Ryde
Isle Of Wight, PO33 4RY

BRIDDLESFORD FOXGLOVES JAMES 43884 A2/A2											
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	DS
41	177	10.3	7.4	0.04	0.04	17.7	0.3	0.8	-4	0.2	198

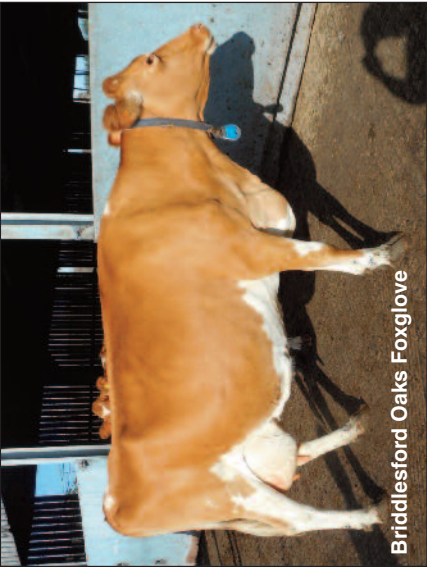
Born: 11 November 2014
GMI: 198



Briddlesford Foxglove James

TREDINNEY YOGIS PRINCE 43611									
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC
95	65	5.2	5.5	0.03	0.06	10.7	0.8	1.2	5

BRIDDLESFORD OAKS FOXGLOVE 6 449801 EX92(6YR)									
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC
70	288	15.4	9.3	0.05	0.01	24.7	-0.3	0.4	-12



Briddlesford Oaks Foxglove

BOSKENNA JUNES ROYAL OAK 43549									
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC
98	309	13.3	8.4	-0.03	-0.03	21.7	-0.2	0.6	-23

BRIDDLESFORD OBERONS FOXGLOVE 444839 H80									
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC
73	120	7.4	5.5	0.05	0.04	12.9	-0.9	0.0	3

EDGEWATER MEADOWS YOGIBEAR A2A2 604917									
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC
97	150	8.4	5.5	0.02	0.01	13.9	1.5	2.7	-1

LAITY FARM PRIMROSE 96 433299 EX95(3) (8YR) DM, CME									
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC
75	64	0.6	4.2	-0.03	0.06	4.8	-0.4	0.4	7

Semen available
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(£6.50 Levy paying members)
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cost.

TREDINNEY YOGIS PRINCE 43611									
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC
95	65	5.2	5.5	0.03	0.06	10.7	0.8	1.2	5

BRIDDLESFORD OAKS FOXGLOVE 6 449801 EX92(6YR)									
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC
70	288	15.4	9.3	0.05	0.01	24.7	-0.3	0.4	-12

Born: 11 November 2014
GMI: 198

TROTACRE LORAL TILLER A2A2 603341									
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC
81	348	9.7	7.3	-0.12	-0.07	17.01.1	0.9	16	-17.4

EDGEWATER MEADOWS GOLIATH YOGI 3050104

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC
61	-101	1.0	-1.60	11.0	0.03	-0.6	0.1	1.9	-6

TROTACRE JAY MR LUXURY A1A2 602751									
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC
98	311	4.6	9.5	-0.18	-0.01	14.1	0.4	1.0	14

LAITY FARM PRIMROSE 81 428023 H81									
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC
66	-94	-2.0	-1.7	0.07	0.07	-3.7	0.2	0.5	0

JENSGOLDEN PROKING ROYAL OAK A2A2 602216									
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC
99	181	7.9	6.1	-0.02	0.00	14.0	0.3	1.8	-5

BOSKENNA JUNE 423077 CSR EX94(4) (8YR) DM GDME CME									
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC
71	248	8.8	11.0	-0.04	0.06	19.8	-0.2	-0.5	10

INSTEAD OBERON 42336

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC
97	-147	-5.2	-2.20	0.40	0.05	-7.4	-1.3	-0.2	19

BRIDDLESFORD LUCKS FOXGLOVE 3 444829 CSR DM CM									
Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC
74	233	-0.5	4.7	-0.20	-0.05	4.2	-0.3	-1.0	-10



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Editor's Letter 2016

Dear Members and Friends of The English Guernsey Cattle Society,

Time rolls on and here we are again, coming to the end of another year that has seen mixed blessings for us, the farming community. At least the weather was more settled this year and most of us were able to fill the barns with some reasonable quality fodder, ready for the forthcoming winter. However the financial climate remains as uncertain as ever, we are assured by the powers that be that the "green shoots of recovery" are there, that milk is in short supply, which we always knew it would be eventually, but precious little of the return of "these better times ahead" seems to be trickling into our bank accounts. It would be great to think that I could write next year that everything had turned full circle, but with the fallout of Brexit and the uncertainty of what follows the CAP, I very much doubt it somehow.

Life in the Society continues much as always for most although we have unfortunately lost two long serving members, very sadly, Peter Jenkins (Magdallen herd in Dorset) passed away at a tragically young 64 years of age and Harry Hitchen, stalwart of the showing world in years gone by, far more senior, but none the less missed by those who knew him.

The Society has been well represented throughout the year by some excellent, multiple prize winning cattle;

Blacknor Cracker Dynamic Lavender (Pollard and Coryn) – Breed Champion at The Devon County and The Royal Cornwall Shows.

Briddelsford Laredos Bluebell (D and H Cox / C and H Evans) – Breed Champion at The Royal Bath and West Show and The Livestock Event.

Tredinney Conquerors Excellence (DW, RJ and JR Warren) – Breed Champion at The SW Dairy Show, Supreme Dairy Champion at Stithians and Camborne Shows.

Lucky Cow Princess Annabelle (Pollard and Coryn) – Breed, Coloured Breed and Supreme Champion at The SW Dairy Show Calf Competition and Breed Champion at ABABCS.

Congratulations to the owners of these and all Guernseys that have graced the show ring this year. I should also like to thank Kim Sales for her extensive work in keeping the Society website up to date on the show front with photos and reports on pretty much every show where Guernseys have been present in 2016, if Kim has not been present, then other members have kept her well furnished with information – just goes to show what teamwork and cooperation can achieve. The organisation of Future Golden Breeders is now in the safe hands of a management partnership of Heather Limond, Caroline Huins and Laura Barnes (our thanks to Tracy Marshall and Louise Carpenter who stood down from their roles during the year). The work of all these individuals

through the year to take the opportunities for young members forward, culminated with an outstanding display of Guernsey calves at The All Britain All Breeds Calf Show in October – attendance and results were the best ever and have provided a firm foundation to take FGB forward in 2017 and beyond. All of the above success is well documented in the Journal, with many more photos on the website and the newly launched Society and FGB Facebook Pages. In addition we plan to hold a Training weekend for our younger members from lunchtime from 8th to 10th April, hosted by the Warren family at Tredinney Farm, Penzance – more details will follow. You will also find extensive coverage of the Society's second Breed Show at The SW Dairy Show in October in this Journal.

And now for the Journal itself, in addition to the usual show reports, competition results and classification scores we have some really interesting contributions from our members, in particular I have asked our member Duncan Dawes from Banbury to share with us his knowledge and experience of extensive use of sexed semen. There is no doubt that the Guernsey population is decreasing and before we let it reach critical levels the Society would like to encourage you to consider the increased use of sexed semen, to this end we announce the following initiatives;

AS OF JANUARY 2017 EVERY LEVY PAYING MEMBER WILL RECEIVE A STRAW OF CURRENT, MAINLAND, YOUNG BULL, CONVENTIONAL SEMEN OF HIS/HER CHOICE, FREE OF CHARGE, WHEN PURCHASING A STRAW OF SEXED SEMEN.

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FAR BETTER VALUE FOR MONEY THAN YOU WILL GET FROM ANY OTHER SEMEN COMPANY.

IN ADDITION, FOR EVERY CALF THAT WAS REGISTERED ON TIME IN 2016 AND CONTINUING INTO 2017 THROUGH TELREG OR WEBREG, ALL MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE A £2 REBATE PER CALF TO BE USED AGAINST SEMEN PURCHASE.

LET US HELP YOU TO TAKE THE BREED FORWARD WITH THE BEST BREEDING AT THE BEST PRICE.

And now for a few very important thank yous:

You will notice an increasing number of trade adverts in the Journal, these represent all of the outside sponsorship we have received this year for the calf and cattle classes at the National Breed Show, outside funding of the Coloured Breeds Classes at the ABABCS and to GLW Feeds who once again have sponsored with animal feed, the calf classes at sixteen of the major and one day shows in 2016. As last year, 60 bags of Calf Rearing Pencils will be delivered to Bryan and Sheila Adams in the next week or so, which I would ask you to collect. I will contact you

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2015 – 2016

Yet another Presidential year bites the dust and wow what a lot of dust!

First I would like to apologise for not being able to attend Graham Facks-Martin's funeral, I was informed it was very well attended which pleases me. The reason I was not able to be there was because we were called to London on that day to preview a film that was made at Bickfield about TB, this went on to be shown on BBC2 in the March of 2016 under the title of Land of Hope and Glory. It seems to have been very well received, I received a lot of correspondence and support after it was aired, for which I am grateful. (See the article on page 26.)

In October 2015, following the visit to London, we were invited to the Devon Club Dinner which was a pleasure to attend, followed by the West Midlands Dinner in Cheshire, which was also well attended and a lovely evening. We then attended the sale of Brymor heifers at Exeter market, they were of an excellent standard and sold well. Digby then invited us to Blandford market to see a consignment of Guernsey dairy cattle awaiting haulage to Italy.



After a quiet winter, we attended the Cornish Dinner which was, as always, well attended. I had the opportunity to speak with George Eustace, Cornish MP about the effect TB movement restrictions was having on the Guernsey breed. With the Spring came an increase of opportunities to represent the Breed and the Society, namely a wonderful trip to the World Conference in New Zealand. On the 25th March, May and I met up with Rosemary Warren at Heathrow Airport for a trip of a lifetime. First step, fly to Hong Kong (10 hours) for an overnight stay and a half day tour of the Island, including

many skyscrapers and loads of people. Then another long flight to Auckland for a night's stay before returning to the airport to fly down to South Island, taking in the sights from the air as we went – lots of water, flat land and snow-capped mountains at the start of their autumn. A chance to catch our breath with 2 nights in Queenstown before meeting up with the other Overseas delegates on the eve of the 1st April. Prior to our arrival we had heard of the sad death of Jim Litchwark who had organised the Conference, Peter Marwood stepped in and the tour continued as Jim had planned. We visited 5 Guernsey herds; Martin Churchman and Adelle Moore who with their herd of 5 were making cheese and butter and supplied us with a lovely pizza lunch; Ken and Leslie Litchwark milking on a rotary parlour in North Island followed by herd visits to Thomas and Jemima Bebbington, Tim Edwards and the herd of the late Jim Litchwark, welcomed by Nancy and family – all supplying us with the most wonderful hospitality.

Our tour started at Queenstown in the South travelling up to Hamilton in the North, 1,500 miles of the most fantastic scenery – mountains and lakes with deer, sheep beef and dairy farms. Colin Gilbert of Australia did a bungy jump on the first day, then there were boat trips for whale watching, also lots of dolphins and seals. We went to Christchurch, hit by a huge earthquake in 2011, where they now have a cathedral made of cardboard, outside of which there is a white chair to represent each of the people that were killed in the quake all the way down to a child's carryseat – very moving. Travelling north, in Rotorua we saw thermal geysers and boiling mud pools, then we saw kiwi birds and eggs at Rainbow Springs, took an evening meal with a Maori tribe and visited Murdock winery – so many different places that I shall never forget. After the actual Conference we were taken to a Hobbit movie set and



enjoyed a meal at The Green Dragon. Thank you so much to our fellow members in New Zealand. On the way home, via San Francisco we had the opportunity to drive over The Golden Gate Bridge and enjoy the sights of that wonderful city. A special thank you to Rosemary Warren who made a wonderful trip even more enjoyable.

When we got home we heard of the sad death of Peter Jenkins of Dorset. During the year we visited 15 agricultural shows, 14 of which had Guernseys in attendance, they were all of a good standard and it was good to see them there. We also visited the Royal Show on the Island, because they do not have the nightmare of TB, there was a wonderful sight of 40 females and 3 bulls on show and a chance to meet up with a lot of old friends.



Kyran Barnes and Kiturah Blanch enjoying Dinner at the AGM

The end of my Presidential year came around so quickly with the AGM, tour of Thatchers Cider Makers, the Parfitts Graylands herd and taste the wonderful Chew Moos ice cream, followed by Dinner at The Wellsway Inn. Then a lovely gathering at Bickfield followed by Lunch and the AGM and it was all over. All that was left was to hand the position on to Colin Gleed, wish him well and to enjoy the honour. Thank you Guernseys.

Maurice Durbin

CHAIRMAN'S 2016 AGM REPORT and UPDATE

'Where has the last twelve months gone', I used to think it was what the older generation say, and now I find myself saying it, which I guess means that I am joining them. As August comes to an end I look back and think we have had quite a favorable twelve months as far as the weather is concerned, here in Cornwall, at least. Apart from a late Spring, grass growth has been good and forage crops have also been good. Unfortunately the same cannot be said on the milk price which is having a dramatic effect on every milk producer and causing huge heart ache but unlike twelve months ago there does seem to be a little light shining on what has been a very long dark tunnel, so looking on the positive side let's hope our milk purchasers get their act together and start moving the price up in the same direction where our commodity prices are heading.

On the show circuit some old faces have been back in the ring having been cleared from T.B. and some new faces as well, and at the first show for the season, the North Somerset, it was Norman and Sales who took the Guernsey championship. I had the privilege to judge the Devon County where there was an excellent turn out of Guernseys and they were the largest of the dairy breeds, and my champion went to Pollard and Coryn who then went on to repeat their success at the Royal Cornwall, and this heifer in milk now has a new home with the Bottom and Grose family with their Trewarnevas herd. At the Bath and West show Briddlesford Laredo's Bluebell made her season debut with the Guernsey Championship for Cox and Evans and our young handlers had great success with Izzy Philips winning the junior class and Heather Limond winning the senior class and the Champion Dairy Handler. Cox and Evans repeated their success at the National Livestock Event at the N.E.C. with Bluebell who since her last outing has been scored EX95 and in the Interbreed it was success for

the Guernseys with Honorable Mention in the group of four and the cow championship.

At the one day summer shows Guernseys have done exceptionally well winning many Supreme and Reserve Supreme Championships and I feel Guernseys really can compete in the interbreed classes with many positive comments coming from other breed exhibitors. Hopefully our Guernsey National Show at the South West Dairy Show will repeat last year's success with many great animals forward and I would encourage as many of you as possible to support this event and would like to thank all of the class sponsors.

It is noticeable that many of the class winners at the shows and herd competitions and also the top GMI cows are sired by bulls marketed by EGCS which just highlights the quality of the semen which the society markets, - I would encourage you to keep purchasing semen from the society to improve your herd's genetics by the greatest margin.

Your society has also had a better year with profits up to £13,000 for 2015 from a break-even point in 2014. This is largely due to semen sales up £11,000 which is helped by our new relationship with Genus and the restructuring of the society which has happened over the last few years but with levy down £2000 and semen collection costs increasing we cannot rest on our laurels. Demand for Guernseys locally and internationally has never been greater and with the first Guernsey embryos to be sold in America from the U.K. making 800 dollars each and interest for Guernseys in Europe increasing we should all be promoting and marketing our best Guernsey cows.

One area I believe our Society has struggled in recent years is with our young members and I see this as a key area in the future of our breed. With the geographic location of our Guernsey herds so widespread this is not easy to address, but during the Easter holidays 2017, we are thinking of hosting a Guernsey camp at

Tredinney again which will hopefully bring as many together as possible. So if there are any parents, grandparents, aunties or uncles wanting to go on holiday, perhaps you could come to Cornwall and leave your children with us for a couple of days.

Again the past twelve months have seen some very valued friends, and members, past and present, pass away and we think of all that they have given to our breed. We fondly remember Graham Facks Martin of the Trethevy Herd and a very valued member of Council up until his passing and those of us who attended his memorial service realized how lucky we were that he managed to fit the Guernsey Society into his very busy life; Peter Jenkins of the Magdalen herd and previously his family's Rangebourne herd who gave a lot of time to the South West Guernsey Society and was a past treasurer of that Association; Malcolm Le Poidevin of the Amarillo herd on Guernsey Island. Many of you that have been involved in the World Guernsey Association will know Moira Crooks of South Africa and Jim Lichtwark whose untimely death came just before he was going to welcome the World Conference to New Zealand as the Conference President. Those who were fortunate to go to New Zealand reported that they had a fantastic tour and besides seeing some great cows, the photos that I have seen of the countryside looks breathtaking.

I would like to thank Maurice Durbin as President and May for all that they have done over the last twelve months attending shows and events and welcome Colin Gleed as our new President.

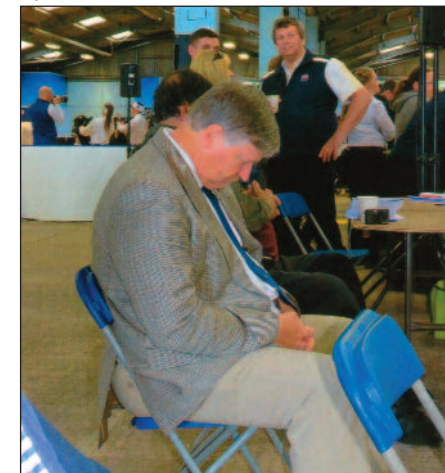
Thank you to my Council members and particularly those who have attended meetings and telephone conferences and prepared reports for Council all of which has made my life easier. Thank you to James Bartlett as our treasurer and Nigel Kennard for his work behind the

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Introducing our New President – Colin Gleed

It is a great honour for me to be President of the EGCS. I am the first non herd owner for around thirty years. Already I have been present at two outstanding shows of Guernseys. The National Show at Shepton Mallet and The All Britain All Breeds Calf Show at Malvern. The Devon branch dinner was also an excellent evening though I must apologise to the West Midlands for being unable to make their dinner due to work commitments.

My first involvement with the breed was in July 1961 when my father became herdsman for Lt Col Dent at Painswick in Gloucestershire, I was five at the time, but fell in love with the cows from the start. My father was devoted to the Guernseys and worked very hard to improve them. I joined him full time on leaving school in 1972 and we started entering herd's competitions which gave us further impetus to improve. By the time Dad died (in his beloved



Our new President in deep contemplation or is he resting his eyes between classes when he judged the Guernseys at the ABABCS 2016?

milking parlour) in 1981, the Painswick Herd was developing into a really good herd. I then ran the herd for the next three years until the then owner Robin Dent, decided it was time to retire. 1984 which was the Society's Centenary year, it was a bittersweet year for me. I had a great time attending the Centenary tour and dinner. We had an outstanding show at the Bath and West where there were 80 Guernseys present and we came a close second in the Points Cup, winning the Progeny Group

with 3 daughters of Robinsfield Montrose 13th. I came in the first three in both the Somerset branch Stock Judging and the South West, where the Somerset branch qualified en bloc. We then went on to win the National Stock Judging team award at the Royal Show where I came 4th individually.

Then came the moment I had dreaded, the dispersal of those wonderful cows, forcing me to leave my home of 23 years. I married my first wife and took the position of manager of the White Ladies herd for Sir Howard Guinness. As fate would have it, the Bath and West Show of 1985 provided me with one of my proudest moments. I had the Reserve Champion with a White Ladies cow, but it was the Champion, Painswick Blossom 39th, one of the Robinsfield Montrose 13th daughters that I was responsible for breeding, led by Kim Sales for Maurice Durbin, that I was so pleased with. She went on to win the Show again and also became the Royal Show Champion.

During 1985 I was offered the position of herdsman for John Berry at the Sunninghill Park herd, near Ascot. It soon became clear that John and I were on the same wavelength over most things. I upgraded the herd to pedigree, and the herd went from strength to strength. Our first major success in the show ring came in 1989, when after coming third at the Bath and West, beaten by two Royal Show Champions, Sunninghill Park Geranium won us the South East triple crown, by winning the Championship at South of England, Cranleigh, and the South East Dairy Fair. All of these Shows were very competitive in those days, John was always keen to support the shows which suited me down to the ground. We were also keen to improve milk production, and we did that with great success. Sunninghill Park Talisman was born in 1990 and was herd sire until 2001. By Vinorton Monty and out of Slindon Linnette 13th, a cow with a fantastic udder, bred from two sons of Birchwood Montrose 20th. He improved Fat, Protein, and udders, while most of his progeny milked really well. It



Maurice Durbin hands Colin the "sacred cow"

was a very sad day when the herd was sold to Cumbria. I milked them early in the morning, and they were loaded up and I never saw them again. They went on the 16th December, my employment finished on the 22nd, I married my second wife, Anita, on the 24th, we moved on the 27th, and I started my new job on the 31st. You would think that was stressful but what was stressful was having to milk Black and Whites!!! I managed to persuade my new boss to have a few Guernseys, so he bought two cows from the Luckley sale, and some Yogi Bear semen. Sadly, we never had a heifer calf.

After five years my father-in-law purchased a farm at Stokenchurch and I persuaded him to let me stock it with Guernseys. To find the required number of cows we had to buy mostly in-calf heifers including 80 from Bickfield. We would have had a good herd by now but it was not to be.

Luckily when the Coopers Court herd was dispersed, I had the opportunity to milk the Beechgroves herd for six months while Gideon Lacey was ill. It was obvious the herd had vast potential but of course Gideon wanted his job back. After a break, someone was needed in processing, then after a while a delivery driver. So with some farm work added in, I had a full time job. It was not ideal but at least I could still see the cows. I am still working at Beechgroves, after seven years, and I am very grateful to the Lacey family for allowing me to be President of this wonderful breed.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Xmas and a happy and prosperous new year. *Colin Gleed*

2015 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 (1/10/14-30/9/15)

Winner: **D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)**
88 cows avg. 7240 kgs 4.93%F, 3.79%P = 629 kgs F+P

Reserve: **EJ Griffin & Son (Briddlesford)**
104 cows avg. 7067 kgs 4.93%F, 3.53%P = 597 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 (1/10/14-30/9/15)

Winner: **M & Mrs S Staples (Woodlands)**
53 cows avg. 7170 kgs 4.85%F, 3.64%P = 608 kgs F+P

Reserve: **C & L Carpenter (Fairfield)**
50 cows avg. 6815 kgs 4.80%F, 3.69%P = 577 kgs F+P

Stockmans Trophy
Sue Staples

EGCS SPECIAL AWARD

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

Winner: **M & Mrs S Staples (Woodlands)**
+ 51 kgs F+P

Reserve: **Miss A Jasper (Tregaminion)**
+ 49 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: **E J Lacey & Sons (Beechgroves)**
Beechgroves Bobbie Jo 5 EX92 DM, CM
sire. Beechgroves Elijah
Lactation 4, 10104 kgs 5.51%F, 3.65%P = 924 kgs F+P
Reserve: **EJ Griffin & Son (Briddlesford)**
Briddlesford Oaks Foxglove 6 EX92 DM,, CM
sire. Boskenna Junes Royal Oak
Lactation 4, 9808 kgs 5.47%F, 3.56%P = 885 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 2014.

Winner: **D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)**
Bred in line from Trethevy Exochorda
Average 91.4 points
Reserve: **JA & JH Mann (Trewey)**
Bred in line from Kirthen Crocus Juno
Average 91.2 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 Foxglove 6 = 885 kgs
Briddlesford Oaks Primrose 3 = 810 kgs
Briddlesford Oaks Blubell 2 = 769 kgs
Total = 2464 kgs F+P

Reserve: **EJ Griffin & Son (Briddlesford)**
s. Tredinney Yogis Andante

Briddlesford Andantes Foxglove 3 = 885 kgs
Briddlesford Andantes Foxglove = 775 kgs
Briddlesford Andantes Daisy = 751 kgs
Total = 2411 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: **E J Lacey & Sons (Beechgroves)**
Beechgroves Bobbie Jo 5 EX92 DM, CM
Lactation 4, 10104 kgs 5.51%F, 3.65%P = 924 kgs F+P

Joint Reserve: **EJ Griffin & Son (Briddlesford)**
Briddlesford Oaks Foxglove 6 EX92 DM,, CM
Lactation 4, 9808 kgs 5.47%F, 3.56%P = 885 kgs F+P

Joint Reserve: **EJ Griffin & Son (Briddlesford)**
Briddlesford Andantes Foxglove 3 H84
Lactation 2, 10076 kgs 5.35%F, 3.44%P = 885 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: **: EJ Griffin & Son (Briddlesford)**
Briddlesford Oaks Primrose 3 DM, CME, CM, EX91
Briddlesford Deltas Buttercup CME, CM, EX90
Briddlesford Deltas Daffodil DM, CM, H80
Total = 2394 kgs F+P

Reserve: **JA & JH Mann (Trewey)**
Trewey Poppy 15 DM, CME, CM, EX91
Trewey Juno 75 DM, CME, CM, EX93
Trewey Penny GDM, DM, CME, CM, EX93
Total = 2335 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: **EJ Griffin & Son (Briddlesford)**
Briddlesford Foxglove Family Total = 3786 kgs

Reserve: **EJ Griffin & Son (Briddlesford)**
Briddlesford Daisy Family Total = 3684 kgs

EGCS BUTTERFAT TROPHY

Awarded to the owner of the cow to reach the GDM qualifying standard at the youngest age in 2015. GDM is calculated on natural lactation quantities.

Winner: **GA Payling (Oxlynch)**
Oxlynch Fruhling 34 VG86, CM, CME, DM, GDM
(Qualified at 8 years 11 months)
sire. Meadow Court Lorrrys Zulu
7 lactations avg. 7440 kgs 5.72%F, 3.81%P, PLI £210

Reserve: **D J Vincent (Kenvin)**
Kenvin Landon Carrieanne 14 H83, CM, DM, GDM
(Qualified at 9 years 3 months)
sire. Flambeau Manor Ron Landon
7 lactations avg. 8407 kgs 4.66%F, 3.38%P, PLI £103

EGCS TROPHY

Awarded to the Female Champion or Reserve Female Champion, at a show in 2015 where an EGCS Championship Rosette was presented, with the highest weight of Fat + Protein in a lactation completed in the last recording year.

Winner: **M C & Mrs Durbin (Bickfield)**
Bickfield Phyllis 18 EX92
Reserve Champion South West Dairy Show
Lact 5, 6624 kgs 5.05%F, 3.92%P = 595 kgs F+P

Reserve: **Mrs P Coryn (Lucky Cow)**
Hamps Valley Annabelle 7 VG89
Champion Devon County
Lact 1, 6918 kgs 5.05%F, 3.53%P = 593 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 2015 who has the lowest % score for SCC

Winner: **NR & AJ Kennard (Instead)**
Instead Conqueror
-10 SCC Rel 57%
31 daughters in 1 herd

Reserve: **M & C Greenslade (Greensfield)**
Greensfield Stinky Iceberg
-8 SCC Rel 55%
24 daughters in 3 herds

THE HUNTON TROPHY

Awarded to the Breeder of the Bull born in 2015 with the highest GMI.

Winner: **JA & JH Mann (Trewey)**
Trewey Victor Ezekiel
s. Beechgroves Ezekiel d. Trewey Violet 13 EX93
+188 kgs M +17.2 kgs F+P +0.02%F +0.04%P PLI £195 GMI 242

Reserve: **D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)**
Tredinney Echos Milkmaster
s. Tredinney Grumpys Echo
d. Tredinney Double L Milkmaid 14 VG88
+395 kgs M + 25.0 kgs F+P -0.04%F -0.01%P PLI £249 GMI 239

P O EDDY TROPHY

Awarded to the highest placed Guernsey herd qualified for the NMR Gold Cup 2016. Based on Herd £PLI.

Winner: **JA & JH Mann (Trewey) £PLI 62**
Reserve: **EJ Griffin & Son (Briddlesford) £PLI 43**

THE SPENCER FOLLETT TROPHY

Awarded to the breeder/importer of the Bull with a minimum of 10 heifers classified in 2015 which has the highest average score

Winner: **D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)**
Tredinney Yogis Andante
17 Heifers avg. 82.65 points

Reserve: **: EGCS**
Lang Haven Grumpy Novak
11 Heifers avg. 82.00 points

MRS CARY BARNARD PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TROPHY

Awarded to the Herd with the highest percentage of cows born in 2007 that have qualified CM/CME and have the highest average of Fat + Protein in their lactation.

Winner: **GA Payling (Oxlynch)**
Cows born – 24, Qualified CM/CME – 9 = 37.50%
Reserve: **J White (Kingwell)**
Cows born – 7, Qualified CM/CME – 2 = 28.57%

GUERNSEY STOCKMANS CUP

Awarded to the owner of a group of 10 cows listed in the DairyCo Top 1,000 Cows in April 2016 that have the highest average £PLI.

Winner: **D, R and J Warren (Tredinney)**
Average £PLI – 258, Average GMI - 299

Reserve: **M C & Mrs Durbin (Bickfield)**
Average £PLI – 252, Average GMI – 205

OXLYNCH TROPHY

Awarded to the oldest surviving Guernsey cow having calved in 2015

Winner: **M C & Mrs Durbin (Bickfield)**
Bickfield Pride 13 – born 10/3/1999
13 completed lactations
Last calf 23/11/2015

Reserve: **M & C Greenslade (Greensfield)**
Greensfield Pink Lady EX92 – born 27/4/1999
11 completed lactations
Last calf 1/10/2015

THE IFORD CUP

Awarded to the Breeder or Importer of the Bull with a minimum of 5 daughters registered in 2015 who have the highest avg. GMI (calculated from Parent Average Scores)

Winner: **EGCS**
Coulee Crest Grumpy Legend
51 daughters avg. GMI 168.80

Reserve: **JA & JH Mann (Trewey)**
Trewey Zoes Eric
8 daughters avg. GMI 139.63

ALEC STEELE TROPHY

Awarded to the highest placed Guernsey cow in the Genus Long Life Cow competition 2016.

Winner: **M C & Mrs Durbin (Bickfield)**
Bickfield Pride 13 – born 10/3/1999

Reserve: **E J Lacey & Sons (Beechgroves)**
Beechgroves Evita EX93 – born 29/9/2001

Devon County Show 2016

with comments by Judge James Warren

This years Devon County Show saw 26 animals for-ward from seven exhibitors, an excellent turnout for the first major show of the 2016 season. Making a welcome return from TB restrictions were the Carpenter and Greenslade families. They were joined by Brian and Sheila Adams, Abi Marshall, Pollard and Coryn, Marks and Hooper and Norman and Sales. Judge for the day was James Warren from Penzance.

James found his champion in Heifer in milk, Blacknor Cracker Dynamic Lavender owned by Pollard and Coryn and bred by Ian and David Crouch. She is sired by Four Winds Dynamic ET.

The Reserve Champion went to Abi Marshall's second calver, Blacknor Cracker Weston Duchess sired by Eby Manor Weston, also bred by Ian and David Crouch.

It was a great pleasure to judge the Guernsey and Interbreed classes at Devon County Show. There were seven different exhibitors with good entries in each class. My first class was for heifer born after 1.4.2015 and there were 9 entries in the class with a 12 months spread of age which always makes it difficult to judge. I found my winner in Avalon Pinto Fiona who had the slight advantage over Hinton Rebecca for her sharpness over the shoulder, sweep of rib and width between her pins. My second heifer has a great promise of an udder and has tremendous strength and power and it was this that put her over my 3rd heifer, Greensfield Lady Star who is very dairy and correct. Special mention to my 5th heifer, Wiltown Nancy, who was one of the youngest but showed great potential.

Heifer born on or after 1st April 2015.

- 1. Norman & Sales. Avalon Pinto Fiona.
- 2. Adams. Hinton Rebecca by Hinton Assassin.
- 3. Greenslade. Greensfield Lady Star by G. Tiller Star.
- 4. Norman & Sales. Avalon Pinto Linda.
- 5. Adams. Wiltown Nancy by Hinton Assassin.
- 6. Marshall. Autumn Gold Rio by Maradore Aarons Levi.
- 7. Marks and Hooper. Brymor Quizical 63 by L H Prada Nico.
- 8. Carpenter. Fairfield Navajo Thelma.
- 9. Carpenter. Fairfiled Legend Pauline.

My second class was my smallest and the winner here was Brymor Meadowsweet 90 who was a much stronger and deeper ribbed heifer than Greensfield Star of Stars.

Maiden Heifer born on or between 1st Oct 2014 and 31st March 2015.

- 1. Marks and Hooper. Bymor Meadowsweet 90 by Mint Phonze.
- 2. Greenslade. Greensfield Star of Stars by G Tiller Star.

The 3rd class was Heifer in calf with 3 forward and it was very close between the top two but I went for the more stylish heifer Greensfield Amir Sudley and although furthest away from calving, I felt handled her legs more correctly than my 2nd placed heifer. She was Wiltown Patience who looks like she is going to have a cracking udder and it was her udder and sharpness over the shoulder that put her over Fairfield Pinto Holly in



Blacknor Cracker Dynamic Lavender
Champion Devon County Show

third place.

Heifer in Calf.

- 1. Greenslade. Greensfield Amir Sudley.
- 2. Adams. Wiltown Patience, by Alstar VIP.
- 3. Carpenter. Fairfield Pinto Holly.

Cow in calf was my 4th class with 3 completely different cows forward. Any of these cows could have won the class for different reasons but I went for Greensfield Lady Jay who was the youngest and it was her strength and power that put her over Blacknor Cracker Banger Boy Bramley who although a smaller cow has a great body and teat placement and it was her teat quality that gave her the advantage over the more mature cow, Summerhill Rosalie 2.

Cow in Calf.

Greenslade. Greensfield Lady Jay by Trotacre Mr Luck. Marshall. Blacknor Cracker Banger Boy Bramley. Carpenter. Summerhill Rosalie 2 by Tiller Khan.

5th class was Heifer in Milk with 4 forward and I had a very easy winner in Blacknor Cracker Dynamic Lavender. This heifer has a great udder and I loved the body and balance that she has. It was her height and width of rear udder and her stature that put her over my second placed heifer, Greensfield Grumpy Delight who is a real baby heifer and it was the youthfulness and snugness of udder that gave her the advantage over my third heifer Fairfield Bonnie who had been calved over 12 months but she still had the advantage over the fourth placed heifer for the balance and veination she had in her udder.

Heifer in Milk.

- 1. Pollard & Coryn. Blacknor Cracker Dynamic Lavender.
- 2. Greenslade. Greensfield Grumpy Delight.
- 3. Carpenter. Fairfield Bonnie by Aaron.
- 4. Carpenter. Fairfield Novak Rose.

6th class was cow in milk and again I thought I had an easy winner in Blacknor Cracker Weston Duchess. This stylish very dairy second calver had the advantage over Fairfield Ezra Prima in 2nd place for this dairyness and height of rear udder. My second place cow does have a good udder with lovely veination and it was the fullness of udder that put her over the 3rd placed Webbery Violet 3rd who paraded on greater legs and feet that my fourth placed cow.



North Somerset Show 2016

by Judge Chris Watson

The first show of the season took place at Wraxall near Bristol on Bank Holiday Monday, May 2nd.

Three exhibitors had 7 animals forward and with the absence of the Parfitt Family and the Bickfield Herd who are once again under movement restrictions, it was up to The Limmond family and Richard Norman and the Sales Family to provide a Guernsey presence at the show.

The opening show of the season was dominated by Messrs Norman and Sales and the threat of rain which arrived as we were going into Lunch.



Bickfield Linda 68
Reserve Champion North Somerserset 2016

The first class was for Maiden Heifer under 14 months. The Norman & Sales team having two useful Pinto spring calves which I split with a very sweet October born Navajo daughter of Richard Normans.

Cow in Milk.

- 1. Marshall. Blacknor Cracker Weston Duchess.
- 2. Carpenter. Fairfield Ezra Prima.
- 3. Greenslade. Webbery Violet 3.
- 4. Greenslade. Greensfield Stinky Poppy.

Next class was the group of three and I gave it to the Carpenters as their group were all full of milk but in the pairs class, I went for Brian and Sheila's heifers who are like peas in a pod with great udder potential.

Group of three.

- 1. Carpenter
- 2. Adams.
- 3. Greenslade

Pair.

- 1. Adams
- 2. Carpenter
- 3. Greenslade.
- 4. Marks & Hooper.

In my Championship line up, I had 1st and second placed class winners and it was a ring full of quality and great for the breed. I eventually went for my heifer in milk, Blacknor Cracker Dynamic Lavender over the cow in milk Blacknor Cracker Weston Duchess as on the day



Lucky Cow Lavender
Champion North Somerserset 2016

- 1st. Norman & Sales Avalon Pinto Fiona.
- 2nd. Richard Norman Hurdlebrook Blessing.
- 3rd. Norman & Sales Avalon Pinto Linda.

The second class was the in Calf Heifer won by Heather Limmond with a Double L, Bickfield Sally 26 with Norman & Sales' Bickfield Indus 9 by Phonze in second.

We had one in milk heifer Lucky Cow Lavender by Four Winds Dynamic, who was only 10 days calved. She was my Champion and might have been Supreme if less fresh and carried more milk. She is owned by Norman and Sales as was the Reserve Champion cow shown Dry by Andante, Bickfield Linda 68. (Linda was the ABAB Guernsey Champion in 2014-Editor)

TB effected numbers but quality was high and all the exhibitors should be congratulated for their support of this important season opener.



Blacknor Cracker Weston Duchess
Reserve Champion Devon County Show

she showed more balance in the udder and width through the front end. Honourable Mention went to my second place cow in milk Fairfield Ezra Prima.

I really enjoyed my day with strong classes and quality animals in each and all the exhibitors are to be congratulated on their entries in what is extremely difficult times in the dairy industry.



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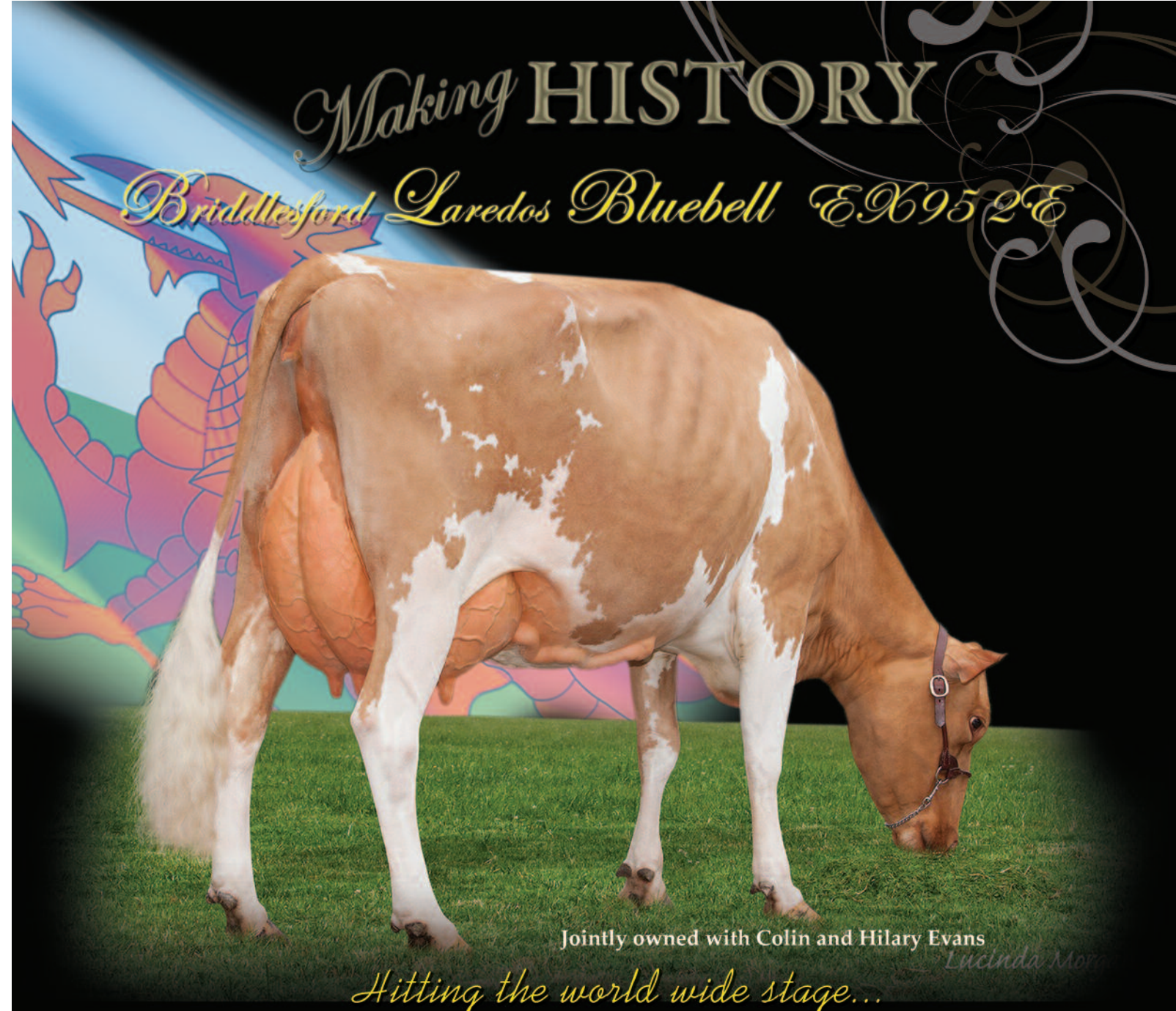
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Royal Bath & West Show 2016

There were 21 cattle forward from eight exhibitors for Judge Richard Emm to inspect on Friday 3rd June 2016.

Breed Champion came all the way from Carmarthenshire, S Wales. She is Briddlesford Laredo's Bluebell, bred by the Griffin family and now owned by Daf, Helen and Tanwen Cox together with Colin and Hilary Evans.

Reserve Champion was Bourton Fiona 13 bred by P & C Cox and owned by Richard Norman and the Sales family.

Exhibitor Bred Champion was Latifa Princess Leia from Caroline and Mike Moody, with Hinton Farm's, Hinton Sandra 4th in Reserve.



Bourton Fiona 13
Reserve Champion Royal Bath & West & Royal Cornwall Shows

Here are the results in full.

- Maiden Heifer under 18 months.
1. Sir Howard Guinness. White Ladies Ruby 95 by Aber Jupiter.
 2. Hinton Farms. Hinton Sandra 8th by Jupiter.
 3. B & S Adams. Hinton Rebecca by Hinton Assassin.
 4. Norman & Sales. Avalon Pinto Fiona.
 5. Sir Howard Guinness. White Ladies Graceful 12 by Jupiter.
 6. B & S Adams. Wiltown Nancy by Hinton Assassin.
 7. Norman & Sales. Avalon Pinto



Briddlesford Laredo's Bluebell
Champion Royal Bath & West Show

Linda.

Heifer in Calf.

1. Heather Limond. Bickfield Sally 26 by Double L.

47 by Hinton Assassin.

Junior Cow in Milk.

1. Norman & Sales. Bourton Fiona 13 by Double L.
2. Hinton Farms. Hinton Sandra 4 by Hinton Cedar.
3. Sir Howard Guinness. White Ladies Ruby 94 by Andante.

Senior Cow.

1. Cox & Evans. Briddlesford Laredo's Bluebell.
2. Caroline Moody. Latifa Windwhistle Mary by Shalford Pacific.
3. Hinton Farms. Chiddingstone Cassidy Margaret 2.

Group of Three.

1. Hinton Farms
2. Sir Howard Guinness.
3. B & S Adams.

Pair.

1. Norman & Sales.
2. Hinton Farms.
3. Sir Howard Guinness.
4. B & S Adams.

The Tom Emm Trophy for the most points was awarded to Hinton Farms and the Bogar Sheild for the Best Udder was won by the Reserve Champion Bourton Fiona 13.

Elsewhere in the other Dairy classes the Cox family won Champion Jersey with Richard Norman in Reserve.

Editors note of interest – The All Breed all Britain Calf Show Champion and Reserve in 2014 were both class winners at the Royal Bath & West.

Royal Cornwall Show 2016

Judge Colin Glead reports

With the unfortunate continuing absence of the Tredinney Herd, it was up to Abi Marshall, Pollard and Coryn, Sir Howard Guinness and Norman and Sales to provide a Guernsey interest at the Show with 13 cattle forward.

I was very pleased to judge some lovely cattle in the sunshine at The Royal Cornwall Show. The quality of the cattle made up for the lack of numbers, with a worthy winner at the top of each class.

The first class was for Maiden Heifer under 12 months old and although there were only 2, they were both of a high standard, with Lucky Cow Princess Annabelle by Yogi's Prince from Pollard and Coryn just having the edge over Autumn Gold Rio by Levi from Abi Marshall, due to a little more size and scope.

The next class for heifers under 2 years, was won by Norman and Sales Partnership's Avalon Pinto Fiona by Lindrian Pinto, a lovely stylish heifer with a great top line and extremely promising udder. In 2nd and 3rd place were contrasting heifers from Sir Howard Guinness with White Ladies Marius Graceful 12 having the beating of her Aber Jupiter sister, White Ladies Ruby 95 due to her superior strength.

In the next class there was only one entry from Abi Marshall, a Bourton Eric's Harry daughter, Bourton Clover 49. She was a strong heifer in calf with a lot of promise.

The Heifer in Milk class produced a battle between Pollard and Coryn's Blacknor Cracker Dynamic Lavender by Four Winds Dynamic and her former stable mate Lucky Cow Lavender, also by Dynamic and now owned by Norman and Sales. Though both very good heifers, the former had the edge due to her superior balance throughout and an



Blacknor Cracker Dynamic Lavender
Champion Royal Cornwall Show

exceptional udder attachment.

The Cow in Calf class was won by Norman and Sales' Bickfield Linda 68 an Andante daughter whose size, strength and correctness gave her the edge over a tidy but smaller cow, Blacknor Cracker Banger Boy Bramley by Cracker Banger Boy from Abi Marshall.

As there was no Senior Cow Class, the final individual class was the Junior Cow in Milk. This was my toughest class of the day as it contained 3 very striking animals, all of different types. I plumped for Norman and Sales' Bourton Fiona 13 by Pine Ridge Double L because she was so well balanced throughout with a lovely tidy udder. This gave her the edge over Abi Marshalls big powerful Blacknor Cracker Weston Duchess by Eby Manor Weston, her power gave her the advantage over Sir Howard Guinness' White Ladies Ruby 94, an Andante with a lot of class.

Sir Howard Guinness had the only Group of Three forward.

On to a very good Championship which gave me a very difficult decision to make. I plumped for the Heifer in Milk over the smart young

Cow in Milk due to the fact she was holding her milk better on the day.

I would like to thank the Stewards, Exhibitors and Stockman, for helping to make a lovely show of Guernseys.

Editor - As there were no class winning milk cows that were Exhibitor Bred, the Maiden Heifer, Avalon Pinto Fiona took the Exhibitor Bred Champion title with Lucky Cow Princess Annabelle in reserve, who was also Cornish bred Champion.

In the Interbreed Pairs competition on the Friday morning, our well matched Guernsey pair of Champion and Reserve were placed a creditable 3rd behind the Holstein and Jersey entry, standing above the Shorthorns and Ayrshires.

Erratum in 2015 Journal

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Apologies to the Thomas family re Class 42 of The All Britain All Breeds Calf Show, results should read;
1st - Kimcote Royal Oak June 2
2nd - Kimcote Double L Fresco 2



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National Livestock Event, Birmingham NEC, July 6th/7th 2016

This years National Livestock Event held at the NEC, Birmingham, saw 7 Exhibitors with 17 animals forward. Judging was Mr James Warren from Cornwall and he found his Champion Guernsey in Briddlesford Laredo's Bluebell, a 95 point fourth calver bred by the Griffin Family and now owned expertly prepared by Daf and Helen Cox and Colin and Hilary Evans of Carmarthen. She was repeating her recent success at the Royal Bath & West Show and back to back wins at Birmingham.

Reserve Champion went to Blacknor Cracker Iceberg Diana. She was bred by Ian and David Crouch and is now in the capable hands of the Greenslade family and was prepared by daughter Emma at the show.

Exhibitor bred champion was Hinton Holly 13th from James Bartlett and Junior Champion was Hinton Nancy from the same stable with the Maiden heifer from the Norman and Sales Partnership, Avalon Pinto Fiona, in reserve.



Champion Briddelsford Laredos Bluebell and Reserve Blacknor Cracker Iceberg Diana

stock event such a success for the Guernsey Breed.

Maiden Heifer.

1. Norman & Sales. Avalon Pinto Fiona.
2. B & S Adams. Wiltown Nancy by



Maiden Heifer Class

In the Interbreed Classes, Bluebell was awarded Hon Mention in the Supreme Championship and the Society Group of four was also placed Hon Mention in their class. This group consisted of the first three placed junior cows and the Champion cow. Many congratulations to all Exhibitors and their hard working helpers for making this years Live-

Hinton Assassin.

3. A & R Thomas. Kimcote Astronomers Mayqueen 3.
4. B & S Adams. Hinton Rebecca by Hinton Assassin.
5. A & R Thomas. Kimcote Legend Geranium 4.

In Calf Heifer.

1. A & R Thomas. Kimcote Royal Oak June 2.

2. B & S Adams. Wiltown Patience by Alstar VIP.

3. Greenslade. Greensfield Andante Francine.

Heifer in Milk.

1. J Bartlett. Hinton Nancy by Novak.
2. B & S Adams. Wiltown Annabelle by Andante.

Cow in Milk having had 2 or 3 calves.

1. Greenslade. Blacknor Cracker Iceberg Diana by G. Stinky Iceberg
2. Norman & Sales. Bourton Fiona 13 by Double L
3. J. Bartlett. Hinton Holly 13 by Novak.

4. N & S Phillips. Hamps Valley Annabelle 7 by Ghengis.

Cow in Milk having 4 or more calves.

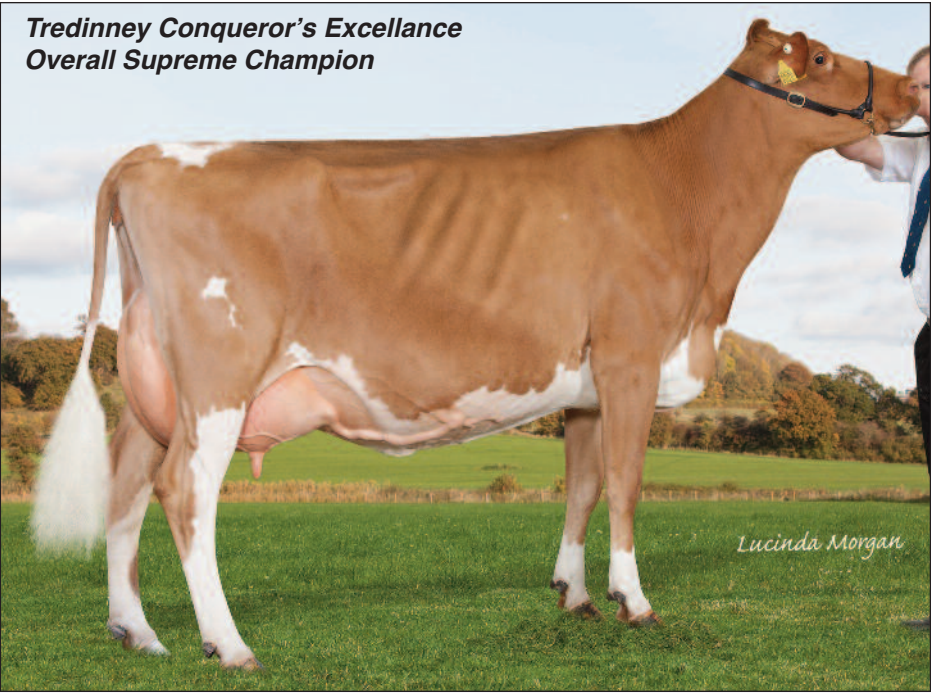
1. Cox & Evans. Briddlesford Laredo's Bluebell.
2. J Bartlett. Hinton Elsie 21st by Hinton Aspen.
3. Greenslade. Greensfield Lady May by G. May King.

Exhibitor Bred Pair.

1. J. Bartlett.
2. B & S Adams.
3. A & R Thomas.

Editors note of interest: There were three sets of mothers and daughters present at the show. Hamps Valley Annabelle 7 and her daughter, Wiltown Annabelle, Hinton Nancy and Wiltown Nancy and Bourton Fiona 13 and her offspring Avalon Pinto Fiona.

Guernsey Interbreed Success at Stithians Show 2016



Guernseys were once again to the fore at this years Stithians Show in Cornwall on Monday July 11th. After an absence from the show ring of nearly three years, due to movement restrictions, the Warren Family of Penzance, were winners of the Interbreed Supreme Dairy Competition and their cow, Tredinney Conqueror's Excellence also went on to become Overall Supreme Champion, beating the Beef Champion. A truly magnificent day for the Guernsey

Breed and Dennis, Rosemary, James and Shelley Warren. Congratulations to them all and well done to the other Guernsey Exhibitors. Grateful thanks to Jan Chivers for providing the results.

Heifer Born after 1.8.15

- 1. Pollard & Coryn. Lucky Cow Princess Annabelle.
- 2. N. Bottom. Trewarnevas Lon Lucy.
- 3. N. Bottom. Trewarnevas Gotcha Lucy.
- 4. Warren. Tredinney Prime Time Ex-

cellence.

Maiden Heifer

- 1. N. Bottom. Trewarnevas Nico Lily.
- 2. Warren. Tredinney Candyman Bracken.
- 3. N. Bottom. Brymor Amanda 17.
- 4. N. Bottom. Brymor Claudia 20.

In Calf Heifer

- 1. N. Bottom. Trewarnevas Thorn Linette.
- 2. Warren. Tredinney Prince Milkmaid 15.

Cow in Calf

- Warren. Tredinney Double L Bunty 9.
- Cow or Heifer in milk born in 2013/2014
- 1. Warren. Tredinney Andante Chrissie.
- 2. Warren. Tredinney Lyndell Alicia 23.
- 3. N. Bottom. Blacknor Cracker Dynamic Lavender.

Cow in Milk born before 2013.

- 1. Warren. Tredinney Conqueror's Excellence.
- 2. Warren. Tredinney Prince Marshmellow.
- 3. N. Bottom. Trewarnevas Zena 7.

Progeny Pair

- Warren. Progeny of Tredinney Yogis Prince.

Group of Three

- 1. Warren.
- 2. N. Bottom.

SW All Breed Calf Show 2016

by Kim Sales

The SW All Breed Calf Show was held on Tuesday August 30th at The Royal Cornwall Showground at Wadebridge. Three Exhibitors had 5 animals forward for Judge Roland Ley to inspect, who also judged the Guernsey Handlers. Also judging the Novice Young Handlers was James Warren, and he also judged the Supreme Calf championship.

In the Novice Handlers class the winner was 7 year old Harry Neale who triumphed in a class of 10 other handlers.

Junior Handler, 9 year old Izzy Phillips, won the class for under 12 year olds with Harry second.

Senior Handler was Heather Limond who came reserve to Izzy in

the Championship.

Junior Calf Born 1st Jan to 30th June 2016

Pollard & Coryn. Lucky Cow Princess Annabelle by Tredinney Yogis Prince.

Intermediate Calf Born 1st Sept to 31st December 2015

Adams. Wiltown Nancy by Hinton Assassin.

Senior Calf Born 1st May 2015 to 31st August 2015

- 1. Adams. Hinton Rebecca by Hinton Assassin.
- 2. Norman & Sales. Avalon Pinto Linda.
- Senior Calf Born 1st Jan to 30th April 2015.
- 1. Norman & Sales Avalon Pinto



Lisa Stubbs with Lucky Cow Princess Annabelle, Supreme Champion Calf. Well done to the Pollard and Coryn camp for a very successful show

Fiona.

Champion

Lucky Cow Princess Annabelle.

Reserve Champion

Avalon Pinto Fiona.

Hon Mention

Wiltown Nancy.

Frome Show 2016

Frome Show was held on Saturday September 10th 2016. Four Exhibitors had 9 animals forward for Judge Iwan Thomas (who was standing in for an incapacitated Oggie Smith) to inspect.

A very wet start to the day made showing conditions difficult but exhibitors carried on despite the weather. This editor apologises for the quality of the images as the rain made photography very challenging.

In the Handling classes, Izzy Phillips continued her excellent season being placed 1st in a class of 10 other under 11 years old showing all breeds.

Heather Limond was placed second in another large class of 17 to 26 year olds. Well done to Heather whose calf was bulling on the day!

Calf over 6 months and under 12 months.

- 1. Huins and Norman. Hurdlebrook Blessing by Navajo.
- 2. Adams. Wiltown Nancy by Hinton Assassin.

Maiden Heifer over 12 months.

- 1. Norman & Sales. Avalon Pinto Linda.
- 2. Norman & Sales. Avalon Pinto Fiona.
- Adams. Hinton Rebecca by Hinton Assassin.

Heifer in Calf.

Adams. Wiltown Patience by Alstar VIP.

Heifer In Milk.

Norman & Sales. Bickfield Indus 9 by Phonze.

Junior Cow in Milk.

- 1. Marshall. Blacknor Cracker Weston Duchess.
- 2. Norman & Sales. Bourton Fiona 13 by Double L.

Pair.

- 1. Norman & Sales
- 2. Adams.

Hon Mention

Bourton Fiona 13.



Champion

Blacknor Cracker Weston Duchess



Reserve Champion Bickfield Indus 9



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OBITUARIES

Peter Jenkins 23.10.1952 to 21.3.2016

died suddenly and unexpectedly of a heart attack whilst at work on the farm

Peter was well known to many members in the South West "Guernsey Community" as he supported local stock judging events, dinners, shows and was treasurer of the SWGCBA for over 5 years. His skills in stock judging were renowned as he participated at nearly every local competition, managing to win the AR Taylor Memorial Cup an unbeaten 6 times. He also achieved great success in the Show Ring, initially helping his father Guy & mother Pat, with their "Rangebourne" herd & later with his own "Magdalen" cows. The importance, Peter felt, of well presented cattle was represented by him giving his show halters to the Bartlett family to encourage the continued display of Guernsey cattle to the farming community & general public. His loyalty to the Guernsey Cow was deep & sustained, as a life-long member of the Dorset branch of the SWGCBA; he took on the not so easy role of treasurer of the SWGCBA, after the sad death of Tom Emm. He kept the Association's finances in a positive balance, with a healthy allocation of funds to each of the three branches in the South West, when the SWGCBA was disbanded in 2011.

Peter met his wife Vivienne in 1983 at Young Conservative ballroom dancing classes. They married in West Bay in 1984 and have two children, Helen and Richard of whom Peter was very proud and supportive, encouraging them to do their best, to have a positive outlook and to see the good in everything. In 1994 Peter and his family moved from Bishops Caundle to Westrow, buying out his parents and taking over the farm tenancy. Peter continued dairying with the Guernsey herd with his prefix of Magdalen (named after one of the Oxford University colleges), breeding quality cattle with the herd winning several competitions including the Best Small Herd in the Country. Lindons Glory (the



dam of his well thought of bull, Gladiator) achieved top quality milk production in the South West. Peter continued to show his Guernseys at the Dorchester Show where he had many winners including Shamrock Diane (shown in the photograph with Peter and his family). The Dorchester show became an annual family event with all the family joining in, his brother Brian being particularly helpful. In 2002, because of outdated dairying facilities at Westrow, Peter gave up milking, sold most of the herd to an organic milk producer near Evesham and changed to organic beef farming with Aberdeen Angus cattle. Peter together with his wife and children continued to enjoy taking part in Guernsey stock judging competitions and other Guernsey events.

Peter had boundless energy and enthusiasm for life with many interests outside farming. When Peter met Vivienne he was taking evening classes topping up his O and A Levels. He then became an Open University student and despite the demands of the farm, in 2002 gained an Open University degree in Mathematics and Science, regularly getting up early to fit in a couple of hours studying before morning milking. He was a talented mathematician and after giving up milking, attended a mathematics teacher training course

at Exeter, as well as running the farm as an organic beef farm. He was a great believer in the principles of organic farming, converting the farm and the Guernsey herd to organic in the late 1990s and in 2006 obtained a postgraduate diploma in organic farming. The course was based in Aberdeen and Peter enjoyed flying to Scotland and back. Peter always loved travelling and managed to visit over 30 countries, more recently to Canada, Mexico and Russia.

Peter was a keen politician serving as a District Councillor in the 1980s. In 1995 he joined UKIP where he was an active and hardworking member and stood for election several times (including twice for parliament) and would have been thrilled with the result of the Brexit vote. He was known for his free thinking and had an excellent memory for historical and political dates and events and this and his use of logic and his ability to recite word for word what others said, made him a formidable debater.

He was also a very keen sportsman, enjoying tennis (where he loved to tease his opponents by wrong footing them with his gentle spin shots), cricket (where he sometimes had to speed bat to get back in time for milking), golf and in the latter years swimming and also table tennis at the local village hall which, to

quote "he loved so much especially to win (which he usually did)". He also loved chess and general knowledge quizzes (appearing on Anne Robinson's Weakest Link). Many a family evening was spent happily playing traditional family games (which occasionally someone other than Peter would win).

Peter was an excellent cook, doing a stint as a Sunday chef at a local residential home. He was a prison visitor for a while, a voluntary school helper for many years and also helped out at the local Fayre as Father Christmas. Peter loved music and always had the radio on in the

farm buildings playing classical music to the cows. He had a great sense of humour apparent in his literary contributions to the local village magazine about the turf wars between his cattle and the deer at "sleepy" Westrow with the cattle "holding secretive talks all winter, working on strategies on how to deal with the deer insurgence".

In 2011 Peter was seriously ill with Lyme's meningitis which sadly weakened him and affected his general health. He made a huge effort to continue running the farm and to live life to the full. Helen's wedding in September 2015 was a wonderful

family occasion and celebration which Peter threw himself into as perfect host and father of the bride.

Two of his favourite sayings were "Rome was not built in a day" and "A man can succeed at almost anything for which he has unlimited enthusiasm". He was highly regarded with a warm, friendly, outgoing and exuberant personality, energetic and enthusiastic, good humoured and good natured and terribly missed.

Contributions from Mrs Pat Jenkins (Peter's mother), Mrs Vivienne Jenkins and family and James Bartlett (friend and colleague)

Harry Hitchen 1929 – 2016

Harry Hitchen worked with the Tiresford herd in some capacity for nearly 30 years.

I first worked with Harry when I joined John Posnett in the spring of 1990, although I had known him as one of the well known 'characters' in Tarporley long before that – a status which he will always have. He was popular with everybody, and never seemed to have a serious bad word for anyone – although his dry sense of humour could stop you getting a bit carried away!

Harry was a regular chapel member, and in earlier times an accomplished ballroom dancer who, with his beloved wife Brenda, had won several trophies.

He lived all his life in Tarporley, except for a spell in the army during his National Service; and apart from his time as an errand boy for the Co-Op and a spell as a driver's mate with a local haulage firm, had worked with animals all his life.

Many members, along with the showing fraternity from all the other breeds, will remember Harry, who along with Stan Evans was a fixture at most of the major and many of the minor shows. Harry and Stan got on with things and made a good job of everything they did, only giving up



*Showing cattle for Posnett and Hope at The Royal Show 1999
– the weather was always better in those days*

the showing in 2000 when they helped to get Tiresford Carmen 2 to the Supreme Championship at the EDFE – not a bad way to bow out! However, they did not 'bow out' in the full sense, as they were always there for advice and friendship.

Harry nursed his wife, Brenda, through a long illness and was devastated at her death 3 years ago, and although they never had children of their own, he had a gift where they were concerned – a true reflection of his generous personality. He was

'Uncle Harry' to my sons who worshiped him, especially Peter who followed him around everywhere he went on the farm. He imbued Peter with high principles and low vocabulary, both of which he still maintains!

The greatest testament that I can give to anybody is that they are straightforward, good at what they do and good fun. Harry was as straight as a die in his dealings with people, an excellent stockman and terrific fun to work with.

Andrew Hope



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Cornish Branch of the English Guernsey Cattle Society

This year's Dinner and Dance was again held at the Queens' Hotel in Penzance. We had 70 people in attendance. The speakers for the evening were George Eustace, conservative politician for the environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Maurice Durbin who was serving as our National President. The event was again very well supported and extremely enjoyable with consistently good food.

We held our stock judging in August at Carne farm, Morvah by kind permission of Andrew and Christine Hitchens. It was a thoroughly successful evening with refreshments enjoyed by all in attendance. The judge was David Christophers from Truro who farms Ayrshire cattle. 20 people were in attendance, with joint winners Matthew Thomas and Melville Jelbert.

In September Matthew Thomas and family hosted a farm walk at Treddinick Farm, Tregony. It was an enjoyable day in great weather with extremely good cattle and excellent hospitality.

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

May we wish all of our readers a very Merry Christmas.

David Mann (Secretary)



Farm Walk at Tredinnick Farm near Truro by kind invitation of the Thomas family



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SW Dairy Show/ National Guernsey Show 2016

The S. W. Dairy Show incorporating the National Guernsey Show was held at the Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet on Wednesday October 5th. Six Exhibitors had 23 cattle forward for Judge Meurig James to inspect. Returning to the show after an absence of 3 years, were the Warren Family from Penzance and this proved to be an excellent day for their Tredinney Herd. Champion cow was Tredinney Conqueror's Excellance 11, Reserve was Tredinney Aaron's Flo and Hon Mention was Tredinney Double L Bunty 9.

Their first place Pair also went on to be Reserve Champion Interbreed Pair, standing second to the Brown Swiss.

The team also went on to win the Peter Down Trophy for the most points in the Guernsey Classes and this was presented by Neil Sales.

Cow or Heifer in calf.

Sponsored by Cornish Mutual.

1. Warren. Tredinney Andante Chrissie.
2. Hinton Farms. Hinton Nancy by Novak.

Heifer in calf.

Sponsored by Chew Moos Ice Cream

1. Warren. Tredinney Prince Milkmaid 15.
2. B & S Adams. Wiltown Patience by Alstar VIP.
3. Caroline Moody. Latifa Andante Mary.
4. Hinton Farm. Hinton Sandra 8 by Aber Jupiter.
4. Greenslade. Greensfield Lady Dante by Andante.

Heifer in Milk.

Sponsored by UK Service Sires

1. Nicola Bottom. Trewarnevas Thorn Linnette by T. Thorn.
2. Warren. Tredinney Ivan Eclipse by Iris Ivan.
3. Nicola Bottom. Blacknor Cracker Dynamic Lavender.
4. Warren. Tredinney Candyman Mo 2.
5. B & S Adams. Wiltown Annabelle.
6. D & C Gribble. Aber Jupiter Duchess 17.

Junior Cow in Milk having calved twice.

Sponsored by Cogent

1. Warren. Tredinney Conquerors Ex-

cellance 11.

2. Caroline Moody. Latifa Princess

Leia by Andante.

3. Hinton Farms. Hinton Holly 13 by Novak.

4. Hinton Farms. Hinton Oenone 5 by Novak.

5. Greenslade. Greensfield Irish Studley.

Intermediate Cow in Milk having calved 3 times. Sponsored by CMC Feeds

1. Warren. Tredinney Aarons Flo 6.

2. Warren. Tredinney Double L Bunty.

3. Nicola Bottom. Trewernevas Zena 7 by Amir.

4. Greenslade. Blacknor Cracker Iceberg Diana.

5. Mark Gully presents the prize on behalf of CMC Feeds.

Senior cow having calved 4 times or more.

Sponsored by Briddlesford Lodge Farm Shop

1. Hinton Farms. Hinton Elsie 21 by

Hinton Aspen.

Pair of Animals. Sponsored by QMP.

1. Warren.

2. Warren.

3. Hinton Farms.

4. Nicola Bottom.

Later on in the day, the EGCS Stand and Chew Moos Ice Cream, were honoured to have a visit from HRH, Sophie, The Countess of Wessex, who chatted to James Warren and Caroline Cox (picture left). She then sampled some of the delicious Ice Cream made from the milk of the Greylands Herd owned by the Parfitt Family.

Congratulations to Dennis, Rosemary, James and Shelly Warren and their staff, for an excellent day in the show ring and to all the other Exhibitors and their helpers for making the second National Show a success. A big thank you to our stewards, Colin Gleed and Lesley Durbin for their continued efforts during the day and to James and Catherine for providing the hospitality for the Sponsors and Guests. Thank you too, to Caroline and Philip Cox for manning the newly revamped EGCS Stand.

Editor: Our 2nd National Breed Show incorporated into The SW Dairy Show goes from strength to strength with another strong turn out of cattle present from those herds that were able to

attend. It was great to see the Tredinney herd present in such strength and such a shame that the Bickfield herd could not challenge for the honours they achieved last year because of TB restrictions. It would be wonderful if all the leading Guernsey herds could attend next year and what a competition that would be, nothing seen like it at Shepton Mallet since the World Conference in 2004. This year we were able to have our Stand directly in front of our hospitality suite which made logistics so much easier and viewing of the Guernsey classes in the show ring much improved. Once again, on the Stand, we enjoyed great interaction with the farming public mainly because of the constant queues for Chew Moos Ice Cream. My thanks go to Suzanne Hobbs and Mum and Dad, Nick and Nicola Parfitt for their wonderful entrepreneurial spirit in building their business to its present level, they are a great credit to the Breed and the Society. We were honoured to be visited by Sophie, Duchess of Wessex during the day, she was very taken with Chew Moos Ice cream and tried several samples enthusiastically whilst chatting to members. We made sure she took a Chew Moos publicity card with her, so maybe "Royal Appointment" is on the cards for the Parfitts!

My sincere thanks also go to the following;

The Bath and West Show Society, in particular Sarah Jane Chick, for her continued advice and practical help in planning the day, and for making a variety of facilities available to us, without which the day would have been much diminished. I should especially like to thank the ground staff who coped with a flooding incident through the ceiling of our hospitality suite the day before the show, they cleared up the mess, dried everything out and relaid the carpet so that no one was any the wiser – only James Bartlett and I know the true picture that met us on the Tuesday.

To all our sponsors, Cornish Mutual Assurance, Chew Moos Ice Cream, UK Sire Services, Cogent Breeding and Briddlesford Farm Shop who generously sponsored the cattle

classes, Crediton Milling Company and Quality Milk Producers who not only sponsored cattle classes but also calf classes on the previous evening together with the Cornwall and Devon Clubs. Due to some prudent house-keeping we were able to use part of the previous year's donation from the Wessex Club to fund the wonderful cream teas and assorted cakes available to our members. A very special thank you to the James and the Bartlett family who made the hospitality on the Guernsey Stand second to none with their excellent food and service.

To all the competitors who brought out their cattle in numbers, as I said before if only all of our members could stay clear of TB in October 2017 we would easily have 50+ cattle on display.

To all our Future Golden Breeders who represented the Society very professionally with their calves in the Show ring on the Tuesday evening. Special congratulations to Emma Greenslade who brought her prestigious career in Showmanship to a glittering conclusion at this Show and the All Britain All Breeds Calf Show just over a week later. Also many congratulations to Dawn Coryn on her success with Annabelle, sweeping the board with Breed, Coloured Breed and Supreme Championships – quite an achievement. As with Emma her success was repeated at ABABCS the following week.

To Colin Gleed, our President in 2016, who had multitasking down to a fine art, as he juggled his stewarding duties, ably assisted by Lesley Durbin, and his Presidential duties throughout the day – thank you to you both.

To GLW Feeds who, for a second year, sponsored the Calf Classes at this show and 15 others during the 2016 season. Once again Bryan and Sheila Adams have taken delivery of the 60 bags of complimentary Calf Rearing Pencils which I would ask you all to collect. I will have let you know if you have qualified during the season.

Well done to all of you and thank you.



Farmer Focus

Who's going to save my cows?

Maurice Durbin once had the largest herd of Guernsey cows, but, now his friendly creatures are being picked off at random by a killer disease, which he feels helpless to control. Rupert Uloth visits him to discover what the fight against TB in cattle is like on the frontline for the man who will appear in *Land of Hope and Glory: British Country Life* on BBC2 this Friday.

When I first met him at The Royal Bath and West Show nearly two years ago, dairy farmer Maurice Durbin cut a forlorn figure in the place he should have looked happiest. In times gone by, it had been the scene of some of his greatest triumphs – among others, the coveted champion breed prize – but, that day, he was without his beloved Guernsey cows.

Incarcerated at home, these gentle, friendly animals with names such as Daisy, Daffodil and Primrose, redolent of a less troubled and bucolic past, were the survivors of a Government sponsored cull. After it had been established that they had been infected with TB, their less fortunate mothers, brothers and cousins had been loaded on the truck for the one way trip to the local abattoir. The remainder had been forced into isolation by a strict regime of regulations and for reasons that Mr Durbin felt were entirely avoidable.

It's a situation that has been ever present over the past six years and the reason why Mr Durbin was looking grim-faced as I recently sat with him and his wife May, in their farmhouse kitchen near the Mendip Hills. "I thought nothing was being done by the Ministry to control the disease," he remembers, speaking slowly and thoughtfully in his gentle West Country burr. "It was all very one-sided."

At one time, it seemed that nothing could go wrong. Originally a



Council tenant, Mr Durbin had the chance to buy his farm in the 1990s. "I didn't have the money, but I moved heaven and earth. It was a dream come true and kept coming true." From the original herd of 45, numbers grew to more than 300 and the original 72 acres is now 360.

Pedigree status was earned with at least three generations of "Guernsey types" preforming to the highest standards, producing the correct butterfat and protein requirements. Indeed, until seven years ago, Mr Durbin, now 70, was the proud owner of the world's largest Guernsey herd.

However, he became aware that the disease was randomly striking farms in the area. The more he learnt about what was happening, the more concerned he became. It must have felt like being a large merchant ship adrift on the high seas without an escort during the Second War, knowing that unseen U-boats were, patrolling about, picking off ships at will.

Sure enough, six years ago, the dreaded, stomach-churning punch came: the annual testing revealed that 26 cows had failed and, in no time, they were making life's last journey.

It was a poignant moment for a man who was born in this place, which his father started farming in 1930. Sitting in the lee of the Mendip Hills, surrounded by the lush green

pasture that is transformed into the rich creamy milk that gives the area its reputation, this has been his home, his work, his life and his passion.

Mr Durbin loves his cows: "they come and rub their heads against you." It was something I experienced myself as we walked through the long cattle sheds at Bickfield Farm, where contented cows on fresh straw eyed us benignly, some nuzzling for affection. With their distinctive colouring of butterscotch-brown patches splurged over their creamy hides, they are the creatures of childhood imagination, munching dreamily on their verdant Somerset pastures. However, the reality has turned into something much more sinister.

As indiscriminate as it was merciless, TB has invisibly issued its shocking death sentence utterly randomly: "It was allowed to take animals out of herds without any control of the cause of the disease." Mr Durbin has no doubt that the carrier of the infection is the badger and isn't surprised that the increase in incidence is commensurate with the explosion of that mammal's population. It's doubled since the late 1980s, when laws were introduced that make it illegal for individuals to control Mr Brock.

The Government has now introduced a culling programme in "pilot

areas" (although not in this part of Somerset), but this will take time to have an effect. In the meantime, Mr Durbin and a nation of dairy farmers have to endure the stress and unpredictability. Every time the disease is found in the herd, the remaining cows aren't allowed their freedom until a tortuous series of tests had proved that they are clear of the infection for at least 60 days.

"It's such a cruel disease, taking out your young cows. We've always enjoyed showing at agricultural shows, but all that had to stop." Since the farm was first hit, there has little opportunity for him to take his animals on the circuit. "To get them ready, they have to broken to a halter and walked in the way a judge would like to see them. You get more attached to those ones that do all that work and bring back the trophies."

Even without his cows, Mr Durbin still goes to the shows as they're one of the few occasions

when he can meet with fellow farmers, particularly as he's currently the President of The English Guernsey Cattle Society. In the old days, he would come to share news and ideas in a festive atmosphere, but, now, it's also to unburden his worries and to see if there's a better way of tackling the disease that has been increasingly crippling the dairy industry for the past decade or so. All this at a time when dairy farmers have also been struggling to make a living because of falling milk prices.

During that first meeting at The Bath and West, I happened to have a television crew in tow as I went about my duties as a steward. They were filming me for a programme about the world of Country Life and as soon as the producer heard his story, she realised it was one that's not often represented in the media.

The badger protection lobby, with high-profile champions such as guitarist Brian May, draws attention to

the culling of badgers, but who is publicly standing up for the nearly half a million cows that have died in the past 20 years? Mr Durbin's powerful testimony and heartrending narrative forms a spellbinding element of the three part series.

The future matters for Mr Durbin. His life's work is on the line. It matters for his son Philip, 38, who works all hours to keep the herd going to the highest standards, even though he remains resolutely upbeat: "I'm sure we will find a way." It should also matter to all of us who care about traditional farming, the way our landscape looks and what we eat.

Part of an article written by Rupert Uloth and edited by Kate Green that appeared in the Country Life magazine (March 2nd 2016) prior to the televising of Land of Hope and Glory: British Country Life on Friday 4th March 2016 on BBC 2 at 9pm.

James Bartlett

One Somerset family are using the show circuit and their farm shop to promote the positive messages surrounding the Guernsey breed and drive raw milk sales

This article by Aly Balsam Media first appeared in The Farmers Guardian week commencing 26.09.16

Having witnessed a dwindling number of Guernsey cattle on the show circuit due to TB movement restrictions, James Bartlett was keen to step in and wave the flag for the breed.

As one of a lucky few free from bovine TB in the south west, he felt taking his first steps into the show ring would help promote the merits of the Channel Island breed. At the same time, using the ring as a shop window would drive raw milk sales from the family's farm shop in Mudford, Somerset.

He says: "Unfortunately TB has had a massive impact on showing in the area. Many herds not going (to shows) would be the ones challenging in the interbreed. It's definitely had a detrimental effect.

"What we don't want is a show like The Bath and West - which is a major show - and not to have Guernseys there as people will think they're struggling, and they're not,

it's just TB restrictions."

Encouraged by Guernsey consultant, Digby Gribble, in 2012 the family began entering stock into key dairy classes and have since been rewarded with numerous successes.

With little time and experience himself, Mr Bartlett has been supported by a number of farming families to enable cows to be taken to events. Mr Gribble selects, trains and shows animals, whilst Brian and Sheila Adams and the Langley family also help out with preparations. Mr Bartlett then takes stock to and from events and provides the feed, with winnings split between parties.

In recent years, some of the 100 cow herd's top accolades have included winning the breed championship at the Royal Bath and West Show 2015 with Claudia. She also won Junior Cow at the South West Dairy Show 2015.

Dorcas - a Tredinney Yogis Andante daughter, out of Hinton Holly

15 - was also breed champion at the Livestock Event 2014. She then went on to win the EGCS trophy for the highest weight of fat and protein for a cow that's won a breed champion or reserve breed champion. She yielded 9,000 litres in her second lactation and produced 732 kg of fat and protein.

Next on the show circuit for 2016 is the South West Dairy Show at Shepton Mallet. As Dorcas is now retired and Claudia sadly had to put down due to a neurological problem post calving, Mr Bartlett will be sending 3-4 other animals across a range of classes. This will include Hinton Holly 13 - a second calver by Lang Haven Grumpy Novak and out of Hinton Holy 11.

Although showing helps promote the breed on a big stage, Mr Bartlett recognises that work needs to be done to encourage new entrants to use Guernsey genetics. He also highlights that the limited number of



pure Guernseys coming through the markets drives prices up which makes it harder for new starters.

He adds: “The Holstein and Jersey seem to catch the limelight more. The Holstein for the yields and the Jersey for the highest components for fat and protein, so I feel commercially people have forgotten the Guernsey, which is sad.”

He believes the longevity, good nature and ability to convert forage makes them a good option for family farms on grazing type systems. The fact the breed also has a higher level of A2/ A2 animals also acts as an added bonus (see box).

Cows naturally produce a mix of A1 and A2 proteins in their milk. For some people, digesting A1 protein has been shown to result in digestive upsets, which may be avoided by consuming purely A2 milk.

At Hinton Farm, a randomly selected group of animals were tested for A2, with 75-80% coming back as homozygous. For Mr Bartlett, this A2/ A2 message has helped drive milk sales through the farm’s shop.

About 200 litres a week of raw milk and 2.5 litres of raw cream are sold via the shop with the majority processed by Wyke Farms. The family has seen increased interest in raw

HINTON FARM FACTS

- 264 acres owned and 20 acres grass keep.
- 32 acres maize, 70 acres wheat, 27 acres barley, 88 acres short term clover leys.
- 305 day yields of 5,600 kg /cow and 5.06% fat, 3.73% protein (12 month rolling).
- 20:20 Herringbone parlour.
- All loose housing.
- Just purchased nine Red and White Holsteins.
- 1.4t concentrate fed a cow a year.
- Red Barn Farm Shop on site sells raw milk and cream and a range of home-grown vegetable including asparagus and 20 unusual varieties of potatoes.
- Herd includes two cows owned by Digby Gribble, one owned by Philippa Fortescue who won the heifer in an Addington Fund competition and five of Ian Sinclair’s which the Bartletts are gradually buying.
- Family business including James’ father Donald, mother Jenny, brother Stephen and sisters Kathryn and Sarah.

and A2 milk in recent years. This includes farm gate sales, but also about

100 litres a week delivered by Mr Gribble to three families in Wales. One customer comes down from Scotland once a month and takes 25-30 litres, which he freezes.

Mr Bartlett notes that the need for top notch hygiene and added visits from Environmental Health and Trading standards adds costs to producing raw milk. However this is reflected in the price. “We sell it to the shop for 70p /litre and they bottle it and sell for £1.20 /litre,” he explains.

With such a niche product, promotion is vital and is helped with the showing, as well as the face to face relationship with customers.

“If you’re going to charge extra, you’ve got to promote it and tell people why pay extra. People say they can buy it cheaper at the supermarket, but it’s about knowing where it comes from, freshness and the fact they can see the animals out in the field grazing,” says Mr Bartlett.

Grazing is a priority for the family with the herd at grass for about 10 months of the year. The farm is walked weekly and fields assessed by eye. Cows are then strip grazed on 12 hour breaks to ensure a fresh bite after each milking.

The herd is buffer fed with maize all year round, with allocation vary-

ing between 5-12kg /head /day depending on grass availability. Cake is then fed to yield through the parlour up to 5kg /head /day.

Only 45 acres of first cut grass silage is taken as this is only fed in a 50:50 mix with maize through the short winter housing period. Grass silage includes a proportion of red clover leys which are used as a fertility builder and break crop on the farm’s arable land.

Breeding

When it comes to cow breeding, Mr Bartlett only used A2/ A2 bulls through the society and generally uses Guernsey Island or English sires.

“An English bull with an American sire on an English cow - that seems to be a good middle ground cow for me,” he says. “We do use American bulls, but they can be a bit extreme and their components can be almost Holstein.”

Mammary scores of a minimum of +1.8 are a priority when selecting bulls. Negative scores are also avoided for milk fat and particularly protein. About half of the cows are served to Guernsey and half to British Blue or Aberdeen Angus.

Mark Jones

Usually when I am asked to write a few words, it’s a bit of advertorial to extol the virtues of the Guernsey cow and her milk, but I think that I may be preaching to the converted.

At the beginning of 2015 we were preparing for the Herefordshire Young Farmers Rally which we were to host. All too soon May was upon us and 1400 people descended upon an extremely tidy farm for the rally. The weather was glorious, everyone enjoyed themselves, and a lot of ice cream was consumed! We are grateful to Digby & Carol for their presence on the day to try and spread the Guernsey message. That May day set the tone for the rest of the ice cream season with the pasteuriser on double shifts for a lot of the summer.

A new innovation at some of the larger shows we attend is a milkshake stand that sits alongside our

A2 GUERNSEY MILK

In recent years, the EGCS has been actively working to increase the incidence of A2 animals among the British Guernsey population and using the A2 story as a positive marketing message.

According to Guernsey consultant and past EGCS field officer Digby Gribble, on average 78-88% of Guernsey cows test homozygous for the A2 beta casein protein - compared to about 15% in Holsteins. This in itself has driven increased interest from buyers from abroad, who are demanding animals are tested and confirmed as A2/ A2 carriers.

A2 milk has become popular among certain groups of people who have experienced reduced bloating, diarrhoea and general stomach upsets from drinking A2 milk, compared to A1 milk.

A2 milk has also anecdotally been shown to have a positive effect on those with autism, resulting in less disruption in the classroom.

Mr Gribble says: “We’ve seen an upsurge in interest in Guernseys from mainland Europe. 55 went to Italy in December and January and I’m looking for in-calf heifers to go to Holland and Germany and have a Russian looking for 150 Guernseys. When we are selecting to sell abroad, we have to test as they want A2 animals.”

In response, in the last 10 years, the society has been trying to increase the incidence of A2/ A2 through the sire line. Every bull marketed through the society is tested and has to be an A2/ A2 carrier. Moving forward, Mr Gribble is also encouraging the society to test all registered females.

“Some people (members), routinely test for A2/ A2 due to the export market which is a 40-50% premium over the UK market,” he adds.

To ensure the breed has a continued point of difference, Mr Gribble believes the extra levels of omega-3 and beta-carotene in Guernsey milk may become as important as A2/ A2 in future breed promotion.

ice cream stand. Only a few of our litres go this way, quite a lot more goes into Kelsmor ice cream and the majority goes on a channel island contract to Cotteswold Dairy in Tewkesbury. We are very lucky to have a good home for our milk, Cotteswold is a family business and work hard to do their best for their suppliers, and they value our milk.

Adam, our middle son, joined the business after leaving Reaseheath and is keen to move the herd forward. Time taken at events selling ice cream meant that we really had to look at the time spent milking, so we set about looking at new parlours. Robots were dismissed early as they do not suit our ethos. Grazing is central to our business and part of the image we promote. We started to look at internal rotary parlours but the reaction was less than positive from all but one company. Early in December 2015 the boys were brows-

ing the internet looking for a scraper tractor, a search which took them to a european website which had a dairy section, and amazingly a second hand rotary parlour. A couple of days later Matt & Adam flew to Denmark to check out the deal, which turned out to be a 32 point deck in the dealers yard plus the milking equipment from another parlour still on the farm, the snag being that we had to remove the milking equipment ourselves. They decided to do the deal and worry about the details later!

The day after boxing day they set off again, this time in our delivery van which was loaded with all the tools and equipment they could possibly need. Five days on the farm and they had all the hardware and electronics crated up ready for shipping which was just a phone call and was sorted instantly. We now have a farm littered with parlour bits and bobs,



Rhiannon CC Photography

and I am hoping the boys can remember how to put it back together. Planning permission, whilst expensive, was easy compared to getting a steel frame building put up to house the parlour and dairy. The start date is now January 2017.

2016 was another busy ice cream season and because of increased ice cream sales, our wholesale milk vol-

umes were lower. We need to address this so must try to milk more cows.

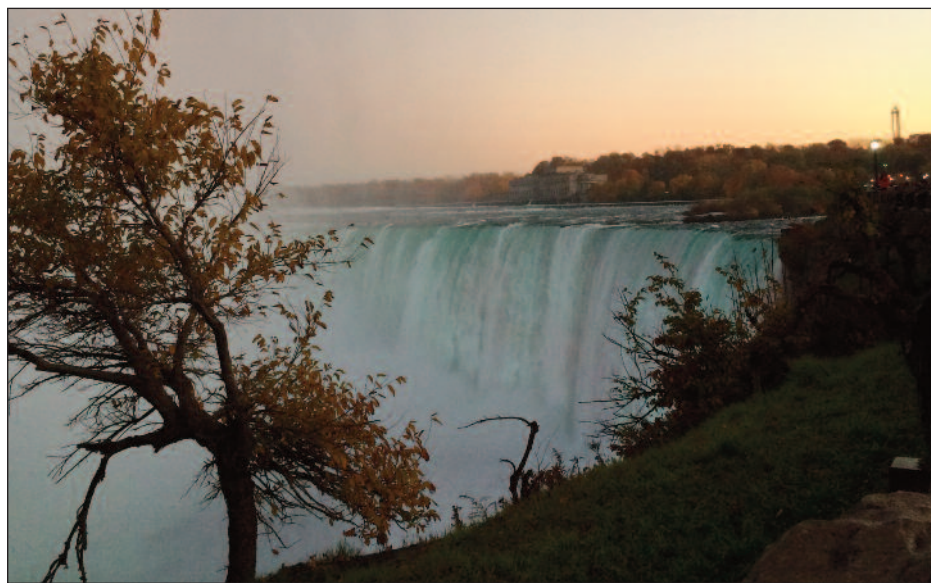
On the breeding front it was an honour to have Kelsmor Meadowsweets Lion King selected to go to UK Sires. We hope he does well and brings you many productive heifers.

Our own breeding policy has taken a different route after having

purchased a collection of vintage semen from Ken Prestidge. We now have calves which are smaller than we have been used to, but they have a strong will to live and grow well. Also the heifer/bull ratio is closer to 50/50 than we have seen for a while. We have kept a bull calf from each sire just out of interest to see how they develop.

Abi Marshall

Back in March of this year our Junior member, Abi Marshall, together with her fellow Jersey young breeders, Emily Davis, and Becky Walters won the Dairy Section of The National Young Show Stars, winning a once in a lifetime, all expenses paid, week's trip to The Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, Canada including a visit to Niagara Falls. To qualify the girls competed against five other highly qualified teams with their 2 Jersey heifers competing in various tasks including the creation of a Show Stand, stock judging, clipping and presentation, ring craft and etiquette. One member of each team, Becky Walters, was interviewed. They were also marked on the tidiness of their work-



ing area, presentation of handlers, their knowledge of animal safety and clipping and their overall ability and confidence. The girls really worked

well together, they scored 860.5 points, winning the Dairy section.

Abi has recently returned from her trip to Canada and writes, "I had

the most amazing experience in Canada which I will remember for the rest of my life. On the first day we went to Niagara Falls which was absolutely stunning and then on to the Show. Two days were taken up by The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, in particular the standard of the Holstein cattle was incredible, many caught my eye. One of my favourites was the Red and White Holstein Junior Champion. On the third day we went on farm yours, first going to the Agricultural University Dairy Unit, this was a real eye opener on the future of dairy farming in Canada,



everything was controlled by ventilation and oxygen levels, there was all artificial light as no natural daylight

was allowed in. All of this was to make the cows as comfy and happy as they could be so they sit and chew their cud more which results in higher milk production.

Next we went to a sheep farm which was a long way out of town and absolutely freezing. The day carried on with a tour of a butchers and finally a farm that was the home to the royal champions in the Clydesdale horse breed, also Shorthorn cattle, various breeds of rabbits and birds and the list went on and on. Thursday we were back at the Royal Show where we attended The Sale of Stars, again this was an eye opening event with many well bred Holstein calves and cows selling for many, many dollars. The top prize we saw for a young calf was \$152,000. That night we had an exciting visit to the CN Tower, standing at 1,815 feet the views were both beautiful and quite amazing. Friday was our last day, when we returned to the Show for a last walk around and watched some of the Ayrshire showing which was the highlight of my final day in Canada.

I had a wonderful time."

Congratulations also to Andrew Thomas (Kimcote) who with his team were runners up in the Sheep section of The National Young Show Star 2016.



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The Highway Legacy

My life in farming started like most, growing up getting the cows in from the fields and feeding the calves which then became milking and tractor driving after school and weekends. We had 60 cows back then of which 50 were Guernsey with the rest Jersey which Mum and Dad farmed in between Dad contracting and Mum juggling 3 kids and 400 chickens. I left school after my A-levels and at 18 I decided to take on the cows. Dad kept them going while I was finishing school but he wanted to expand his contracting. It helped paying the silage bill each year, even if we were last in the queue. By this point the herd was in a bit of a state, there was a chunk of the herd that was old and others not in calf. Half of the cows were beef cross but Dad always said they look Guernsey enough and that the beef bull was cheaper than AI, this caused some arguments between us I must say. I started by breeding the best we had back to dairy and culling, when possible, the old and the beef cross cows. This was a long process though, due to the size of the herd, culling out cows whilst maintaining a sustainable level of production. I decided to take the cows to block calving, spring and autumn, which would allow me to concentrate on one task at a time as I was rather stretched with infrastructure improvements and field work. My first building project was to find a second hand parlour to give a 10/20 swing over which we put in on my first winter back - talk about the blind leading the blind. However, it was good for me, as the taste of improvement led me to be able to put in cubicles and silage clamps with minimal help. I also quickly began to realise that being last in the contracting queue wasn't going to work for the cows and they required a considerably better quality of forage. I couldn't just live in the yard, I also needed to find time to start fertilizing and cultivating to control the quality of the feed.

I made the decision a few years ago, that the herd needed expanding, at that point the herd was around 80 but if I was going to get full time staff i.e. my brother back to the farm, I would have to pay a proper wage, even if I wasn't getting one. A trip to Guernsey island and a visit to the Guernsey AGM back in 2012 helped me decide on the genetics I needed to use to maintain the deep bodied more traditional Guernsey I grew up to love. The target was to aim for 150 cows for 2016, unfortunately we fell short of this due to a horrendous bull calf rate and ended up in the no man's land of milking 120 in the spring of this year. With the birth of our first child Katurah we needed more cows to afford the help. Our two old bulk tanks were now at bursting point, we managed to erect an extension to our existing dairy and have an 8200L tank installed which definitely eased the pressure. We borrowed the money and brought 9 Guernsey's from Briddlesford and Woodlands and 17 Jerseys in to the herd and we were set to go. However no more than a week following the final cows arriving into the herd we received another phone call from a couple who had decided to re-



tire from the dairy industry. Their offer was an entire herd of 23 Guernsey's and Jerseys of mixed ages and all autumn block calving. We decided to take them up on their offer which boosted our numbers up past our 155 limit, allowing us to be less picky about the culls that we would have previously kept, in order to maintain numbers. More cows therefore meant more money for improving winter housing as consideration had to be given to the fact that the majority of the new animals were not cubicle trained. Our previous dry cow and calving area was then converted to a straw yard in which we would house approximately 40 of our lowest yielding cows. Feed fences were installed down the driveway and a considerable amount of concrete was poured to allow for a scraping passage and somewhere clean for the forage to be placed - the mud driveway wouldn't quite cut it. This allowed us to future proof the barn, with plans to convert the straw yard into cubicles in a couple of years. Since I have been able to take a step back from milking, I have been able to increase my focus on improving the genetics within our herd; aiming for a moderately sized, high capacity, forage based cow which would therefore improve efficiency. Our recent purchase of Briddlesford Bluebells Leopold will hopefully aid us in achieving our goals.

The next five years for us consist of considerable infrastructure improvements, including the expansion of our current parlour to a 15/30 swing over and the erection of a second hand barn which will be solely dedicated to dry cows and calving. In addition to this we will be continuing to improve our silage and grazing platforms by re-introducing whole crop into the rotation. With our breeding and feeding aims we believe that the Guernsey can be an attractive sustainable option whilst maintaining quality in a commercial system. Guernsey's will always have a place at St. Andrews Farm and looking to the future we plan to maintain a two third split of our 150 cows in favour of Guernsey's.

Matt Blanch and Georgie Sweet

Duncan Dawes

My experience of successful use of Sexed Semen

For some years now I have only used sexed dairy semen and beef semen on the farm. It has proved to be very beneficial to our breeding programme and also financially. The one thing I have found is that you can only do this "by the book", so don't rush things or cut corners, as it only results in poor results, so wasting time and money. Before you undertake the use of sexed semen there are three very important things to consider;

- The most important thing to ensure is that the cows have good, consistent energy levels, serving cows that are out at grass is nearly always a non starter as the quality of grass changes from day to day depending on the weather, whether its hot or cold, dry or wet, etc. If you were a gambling man and happy to accept very mixed results, you could give it a go. It may be a good idea to ask your vet to do a blood profile on each of the cattle you have in mind to serve, so that you can be sure that all is correct before you start using sexed semen.
- The next thing you have to get right is timing, when to serve the cow, so picking up when she was first standing is very important, service needs to take place 11 to 14 hours after that. Any later than that and the conception rates start to fall away.
- Your choice of cow or heifer is very important. Never choose an animal who has a history of having to be served more than three times or has seen the vet regularly with fertility problems.

And now we get down to the actual service. When thawing the straw the water temperature must be exact and not "just about right." I use two thermostatic controlled flasks, one for sexed semen and one for conventional (beef) semen in order to monitor temperature. The gun also needs to be warmed before the straw is inserted and kept warm until the service has taken place. Ideally loading

the gun to inseminating the cow or heifer should take no longer than 90 seconds. I always find it useful to have a large kitchen clock with a second hand or a stop watch close to the flask so I can closely monitor timing. Never thaw more than one straw at a time. Never have the cow or heifer tied up in the stall or crush for any length of time as stress can severely affect conception. All of the above will equally apply to serving maiden heifers. I am constantly amazed at the number of farms I go to that use their youngstock to get rid of poor forage and feed poor quality concentrates and then wonder why they cannot get them in calf easily.

To show how cost effective the use of sexed semen can be, I give you this example. I serve 25 cows in every 100 to Sexed semen at a cost of approximately £200 per cow (that equates to 5 or 6 services), at present



Michael Dawes at the ABABCS 2013

my rate is 1.4 services per cow and 1.2 services for a maiden heifer, for a total cost of £5,000. The other 75 cows are served to British Blue. Those calves are sold at an average price of £100 (at present they are averaging £143.) giving me a total income of £7,500.

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- ✓ Use of estrus synchronization and breeding to observed estrus is encouraged, but use of timed-A.I. in the absence of observed estrus is discouraged.



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report by Kim Sales

with comments by Judge Colin Gleed

The ABAB Calf Show was held over the weekend of October 15th/16th, at the Three Counties Showground near Malvern. Eleven Exhibitors had 26 calves forward for Judge Colin Gleed to inspect.

In the Handling Classes, the champion Guernsey Handler was Emma Greenslade who was competing in her last ABAB. Reserve Champion was Megan Stratton who has struck up a wonderful partnership with Pollard and Coryn's stunning calf, Annabelle. Hon Mention went to Heather Limond who has had a similar bond with Norman and Sales' striking calf, Fiona.

Judging the Calf classes was our President, Colin Gleed, who was faced with extremely quality line ups throughout all age groups. Colin found his Champion in Lucky Cow Princess Annabelle from Dawn and Pam Coryn and John Pollard. She was repeating her success from the S.W. Dairy Show where she was Supreme Champion calf over all breeds. Reserve Champion went to Matt Blanch and Georgina Sweet with Highway Legacy Ripple, who were competing in only their second show. Hon Mention went to Richard Normans, Hurdlebrook Blessing 3 who had also took the Reserve Champion Guernsey calf at the S.W. Dairy Show.

I was extremely impressed with the standard of showmanship and the quality of young stock present in all breeds. The Guernsey contingent showed great enthusiasm and presented their calves superbly well. The quality of the calves was of a very high standard throughout and I had to make some difficult choices, but I had an outstanding winner at the top of each class.

The first class was dominated by a calf of exceptional quality. She was stylish and deep bodied, with a lovely topline and rump and paraded beautifully. Although she was an easy winner, the other calves were very smart. The second calf was a good strong animal with a good body and a wide rump which gave her the advantage over the third calf who was very young but showed a lot of promise.

Calf born on or after 1st March 2016

1. M Blanch. Highway Legacy Ripple by B. Bluebells Henry.
2. M Dawes. Egdehill Gotcha Violet.
3. M Dawes. Edgehill Pistolls Holly.
4. A. Thomas. Kimcote Lon Pride 6.
5. Norman & Sales. Avalon Fernando Indus.

The second class was also dominated by a calf that was an outstanding individual. She was extremely well balanced, stylish and graceful, with a superb body, topline, rump and teats. The second calf, although lacking the dairyness of the first, was very correct, which gave her the advantage over the third, which was a good deep bodied calf. There was very little to choose between the other six calves in this class, as they were all of a very high standard.

Calf born between 1st Dec 2015 and 28th Feb 2016

1. Pollard & Coryn. Lucky Cow Princess Annabelle by Yogi's Prince.



Lucky Cow Princess Annabelle
Breed Champion



Hurdlebrook Blessing 3
Hon. Mention

2. B & S Adams. Wiltown Nancy by Hinton Assassin.
3. M Blanch. Highway Legacy Valley by B. Bluebells Henry.
4. A. Thomas. Kimcote Astronomer Lilac 8.
5. M Blanch. Highway Legacy Tina by B.B. Henry.
6. Dean Family. Hoppickers Levi's Mollie.
7. A Thomas. Kimcote Legend Claire 2.
8. A. Marshall. Autumn Gold Rio by Levi.

The top calf in the third class was very correct with good teats and topline. This put her in front of the second placed calf who was a good dairy heifer with a lovely body, which in turn, put her in front of a much smaller calf, who showed a lot of promise for the future.

Calf born between 1st Sept and 30th Nov 2015.

1. R Norman. Hurdlebrook Blessing 3 by Navajo.
2. A Thomas. Kimcote Lon Jessica 4.
3. M & C Greenslade. Greensfield Lady of the Manor by F M Lon.
4. M Blanch. Highway Legacy Chaise Longue by Andante.
5. R Page. Blanches Levi Countess.

The next class was very strong, but after considerable thought, I went for style and dairyness over the length and strength of the next two heifers who were very similar. There were only very small margins between them and the other two calves in the class.

Calf born between 1st May and 31st Aug 2015.

- M & C Greenslade. Greensfield Lady Star by G. Lady Jay.
- A Thomas. Kimcote Astronomer Mayqueen.3.
- A Thomas. Kimcote Astronomer Lilac 6.
- Norman & Sales. Avalon Pinto Linda.
- B & S Adams. Hinton Rebecca by Hinton Assassin.

The final class was very close between two smart heifers, who were both well balanced with style, strength and quality. I just felt the first animal was slightly tidier over the rump.

Calf born between 1st Jan and 30th April 2015.

1. A Thomas. Kimcote Legend Geranium 4.
2. Norman & Sales. Avalon Pinto Fiona.
3. M & C Greenslade. Greensfield Andante Star.

On to the Championship which was a fantastic experience. The quality of the young stock paraded before me was as high as I've ever known. Any of the first prize winners,





and some of the seconds, would have made a good champion. Despite this, even at this level, one heifer stood out as it was difficult to fault her. In reserve, I went for the

calf which is the best I've seen in this age group and hopefully will have a fantastic future. I could have picked any of the others for Hon Mention, but I went for the calf which I considered to be most correct.

Champion – Lucky Cow Princess Annabelle.
Reserve Champion – Highway Legacy Ripple.
Hon Mention – Hurdlebrook Blessing 3.

I would like to congratulate everybody who made this such an enjoyable show. In particular, all the leaders who did such a great job, and the stewards who helped it all to run smoothly. It was very satisfying to judge such a wonderful show as the Society's President.

Colin Gleed

Congratulations to all Exhibitors and their calf handlers for making this ABAB a stand out event. Thank you to our Judge Colin Gleed for a proficient display of Judging and to Brian Adams and Sally Phillips for ensuring the smooth running of the classes.

Kim Sales

The West Midlands Dinner with the prizes being presented by Mrs Ann Posnett



The Production Cup being presented to Martin and Sue Staples (Woodlands) 2nd place - Mrs Edith Durose (Leighgrange)



In calf Heifers
1st Mr Peter Richardson



Youngstock
1st Mr Ian Fallows (Eavesford)



Stockjudging Cup
1st Mrs Edith Durose
2nd - Mr Peter Richardson (Elworth)



Bulling heifers
1st Mr Ernie Durose



Poster as displayed on the Breed Stand presented to the Fallows family.

Those members gathered enjoyed an excellent meal in good company that was enjoyed by all. The prizes were awarded by Mrs Ann Posnett.
Many thanks to Digby and Carol Gribble for making the trip up north to attend, unfortunately our President, Colin Gleed, was unable to attend due to work commitments.

Peter Richardson



BRIDDLESFORD LODGE FARM



THE BRIDDLESFORD HERD

LACTATION AVERAGES 2016:				
	Milk yield/litres	Butterfat%	Protein%	Fat + protein kg
COWS	7289	5.16	3.61	639
HEIFERS	5535	4.96	3.34	460

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COW NAME / SIRE NAME	HBN	LACT	MILK KGS	FAT %	PROT %	F&L	MAM	FERT	£PLI	GMI+20
Beechgroves Novak Chiquitita Lang Haven Grumpy Novak	454222	1	193	0.11	0.04	1.5	2.0	3.2	301	295
Blacknor Cracker Hercules Pansy Thornton Hercules	452749	2	172	-0.01	0.03	*	*	9.7	184	292
Tredinney Yogis Bunty 8 Edgewater Meadows Yogibear	450517	5	440	-0.12	-0.03	0.7	0.9	3.7	197	291
Bridlesford Hercules Daffodil Thornton Hercules	5451188	3	81	0.18	0.12	0.3	0.8	0.6	237	291
Greensfield Iceberg Dreamer Greensfield Icy Iceberg	451367	3	485	-0.14	-0.02	-0.1	-0.6	1.6	178	290
Bickfield Angela 59 Beechgroves Ezekiel	452249	2	61	0.14	0.14	-0.2	0.5	4.0	170	290
Bickfield Suprema 125 Hamps Valley Mays Yogi	454087	1	473	-0.02	-0.03	1.5	1.5	1.5	244	289
Kimcote Peach 2 Four Winds Royal Delta	452633	1	184	0.08	0.09	-0.3	-0.1	5.5	178	288
Bickfield Mary 34 Beechgoves Ezekiel	452505	2	479	-0.15	-0.01	0.4	1.2	3.4	209	284
Tredinney Double L Bunty 9 Pine Ridge Double L	453141	2	286	0.05	0.03	0.7	1.6	2.3	316	284
Trewey Bruce Jerry 2 Trewey Sheilas Bruce	452837	1	258	0.12	0.07	*	*	0.0	292	283
Tredinney Prince Marshmallow 3 Tredinney Yogis Prince	453803	2	-40	0.16	0.15	0.2	0.8	6.4	207	283
Hinxden Ezekiel Flatter Beechgroves Ezekiel	455632	3	137	0.01	0.08	*	*	4.0	183	280
Hartland View Rambo Gorgeous Hartland View Aaron Rambo	456290	1	214	0.09	0.06	*	*	4.1	179	276
Trewey Al Jerry Trewey Loreleis Advent Lamar	450827	3	174	0.07	0.06	1.2	0.5	1.1	310	275
Kenvin Marlon Sylvia 8 Kenvin Bobos Marlon	453006	2	164	0.13	0.16	-0.2	-0.3	0.3	169	275
Skeel Rosebud 108 Skeel Double Diamond	453608	1	114	0.18	0.15	*	*	0.1	210	272
Severn Fanfares Rosebud Aston Eyre Final Fanfare	441242	9	-134	0.18	0.12	*	*	9.0	339	267
Hinxden Glitter 12 Beechgroves Ezekiel	452519	2	287	-0.08	0.01	1.0	0.9	2.7	91	267
Rosewood Wins Cath Rosewood Winn	448355	4	-325	0.18	0.28	*	*	9.8	159	266
Aber Eric Violet 16 Meadow Court Ellys Eric	452896	2	444	0	0.02	0.5	0.8	-0.7	181	266
Skeel Rebecca 110 Skeel Double Diamond	452395	1	594	-0.05	0.01	-0.8	0.0	-2.2	184	265
Fairfield Madonna Aber Pluto	452830	1	464	-0.06	0.01	*	*	1.5	127	265
Artis Tessa Beechgroves Ezekiel	451720	4	52	-0.08	0.07	-0.1	0.1	10.0	204	264
Highway Legacy Hawaii Tredinney Yogis Andante	454630	1	-134	0.1	0.13	*	*	11.0	170	264
Bickfield Jewel 33 Beechgroves Ezekiel	450706	3	308	0	-0.01	0.3	0.6	0.7	189	263
Blacknor Cracker Lucky Dumas Blacknor Cracker Lucky King	452038	2	-58	0.11	0.13	*	*	7.1	133	263
Oxlynch Suprema 12 Beechgroves Ezra	453768	1	173	0.16	0.07	1.0	1.2	1.4	232	263
Carne Socket Tredinney Royal Highness	448753	5	221	0.04	0	1.5	0.1	3.8	199	262

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Pottshayes Begonia 16 Beechgroves Ezekiel	452152	1	330	-0.06	0	0.9	0.7	0.3	145	262
Kelsmor Meadowsweet 561 Abiqua Acres Alstar VIP	454044	1	103	0.11	0.04	-0.8	1.3	6.6	235	262
Hinxden Elizabeth Golden J Roanald Grumpy	453940	1	340	-0.06	0.03	1.2	0.4	2.5	323	261
Hinxden Marigold 8 Beechgroves Ezekiel	453916	2	163	0	0.02	-1.7	0.1	2.5	148	259
Webbery Reeta 11 Shalford Pacific	446403	8	72	0.01	0.08	-0.1	0.1	6.2	193	258
Tredinney Aarons Flo Sniders Option Aaron	451564	3	263	0.11	0.07	0.7	1.0	-4.8	196	257
Kelsmor Meadowsweet 524 Beechgroves Ezekiel	451876	3	-77	0.07	0.15	-0.4	0.0	7.6	149	257
Trewey Hearty Violet 16 Trewey Junos Hearty Surprise	452432	2	365	0.06	0.03	0.0	-0.5	1.7	168	257
Skeel Rosebud 110 Skeel Double Diamond	453608	1	33	0.17	0.09	*	*	6.0	233	257
Oxlynch Eva 2 Meadow Court Ellys Epic	450754	3	-15	0.22	0.14	-1.1	0.2	2.5	197	255
Kenvin Hercules Blanche 14 Trevider W Graceful Hercules	453785	2	318	-0.11	0.06	0.4	0.2	3.3	267	255
Hicol Ivor Dot Trewarnevas Ivor	447584	5	28	-0.02	0.09	*	*	7.7	227	254
Bickfield Daisy 95 Beechgroves Ezekiel	452110	2	309	-0.1	-0.04	1.4	1.2	2.5	213	254
Bentley Clarion Joyce 2 Brocklesby Gitas Clarion	440325	9	-156	0.11	0.13	*	*	10.7	186	252
Tredinney Prince After Eight 2 Tredinney Yogis Prince	450419	5	170	0.06	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.1	222	251
Beechgroves Evilta 5 Beechgroves Ezekiel	450942	4	149	0.01	0.06	1.5	1.4	1.4	254	250
Carne Chip Beechgroves Ezekiel	452442	3	-58	0.09	0.1	0.6	-0.3	7.9	182	250

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all individually to let you know how many bags you have qualified for and when the feed has been delivered – I would ask you all to contact Bryan before collection. We thank all of these companies for their continued generosity and support.

And finally, on behalf of the Society, I should like to thank our Chairman James Warren, who not only, as one of the foremost Guernsey breeders in the country takes the breed forward by his Tredinney example but is trying to enthuse our members with his own passion for the breed and the Society. You the members, especially those with herds, are the Society, do not stand on the sidelines bemoaning times long past, we need to take this breed forward with confidence, decisiveness and direction. If you have concerns, please voice them to your regional and elected representatives or phone me at the Office – we are all in the same boat, lets make the Guernsey a breed to be truly proud of.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, when problems can be forgotten for one day and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Caroline
And a Merry Christmas from Hurdlebrook Blessing 3
– far cuter than me!



GDM Cows qualified between Dec 2015 and August 2016

HBN/	Animal Name Sire	Date of Birth/ Owner	Lacts	Fat +Protein	Score	PLI	GMI
442841	SUMMERHILL HOLLY 25 Tiresford Preacher	21/02/2005 C & L CARPENTER	7	5,035	EX92	£10	10
435530	TREVIDER WESLEY MAPLE Eby Manor Wesley	07/07/2001 I CROUCH	10	5,477	G79	£120	63
438172	BICKFIELD LILIAN 11 Bickfield Stellas Ivan	29/11/2002 M C & MRS DURBIN	9	5,238	VG85	£116	77
444537	BRIDDLESFORD PACIFICS DAFFODIL 2 Shalford Pacific	28/12/2003 E J GRIFFIN & SON	8	5,331	GP82	-£60	-148
441512	THORNTON AUREA 21 Sniders Option Aaron	22/09/2004 A J & M J HALL	7	5,185	EX92	£181	227
439437	TRELOWETH FLEURIE 96 Treloweth Karen Oak	17/06/2003 C L HICHENS & SONS	9	5,025	GP82	-£104	-182
438829	HINTON PLUM 15 Hunnyhill Prime Vectis	12/12/2002 HINTON FARMS LTD	10	5,054	EX90	£128	110
13855	ST.SENARA ANITA Trewarneas Precious Lorry	25/08/2003 J A & J H MANN	8	5,291	EX92	£29	-1
436005	TREWEY POPPY 10 Rhandir Magician	05/10/2001 J A & J H MANN	9	5,469	EX92	-£71	-32
444584	BRIDDLESFORD MY DEARS PRIMROSE Shalford My Dear	11/09/2003 J A & MRS SALISBURY	10	5,343	GP84	-£46	-53
13895	WOODLANDS FLOSS YETTE Shalford Yette	03/07/2004 M & MRS S STAPLES	10	5,107	VG86	£105	36
440381	ST.SENARA ANOUSHKA Tredinney Lorrys Hero	30/04/2003 D W, R J & J R WARREN	9	5,031	EX94	-£110	-117
442013	TREDINNEY SAGGYS JINGLE 5 Shalford Sagittarius	23/12/2004 D W, R J & J R WARREN	7	5,634	EX90	£191	170
444835	BRIDDLESFORD PACIFICS FOXGLOVE Shalford Pacific	27/06/2004 E J GRIFFIN & SON	7	5,332	VG86	£54	-38
442115	HINTON DAPHNE 10 Hunnyhill Prime Vectis	09/05/2004 HINTON FARMS LTD	9	5,076	VG88	£86	50
432570	OATFIELD STARLIGHT Sunninghill Park Talisman	31/10/1999 D I PLOWMAN	10	5,008			
442570	WEBBERY CREAMPOT 5 Sniders Option Aaron	09/02/2005 D J VINCENT	6	5,026	H80	£54	-28
443741	KENVIN LANDON CARRIEANNE 15 Flambeau Manor Ron Landon	08/08/2005 D J VINCENT	8	5,059	H76	£94	132
441211	TREDINNEY HEROS ALICIA 7 Tredinney Lorrys Hero	18/06/2004 D W, R J & J R WARREN	8	5,550	EX92	-£16	24
438970	HINTON VINTAGE 4 Easby Iceman	27/03/2003 HINTON FARMS LTD	10	5,263	VG86	£21	42
437207	EASBY GIFT 3 Easby Iceman	22/02/2002 LEWIS FARMS LTD	9	5,241	VG87	£5	-144
443603	BRYMOR GRACEFUL 15 Tredinney Sonics Helium	26/11/2005 BRYMOR LTD	7	5,000	EX91	£117	167
442910	TREDINNEY ANDY PANDYS ECLIPSE 6 Tredinney Maypennants Andy Pandy	25/05/2005 D W, R J & J R WARREN	8	5,076	EX92	£14	-75
444944	TREDINNEY HUNTERS CANDY 22 Tredinney Ronalds Hunter	25/11/2005 D W, R J & J R WARREN	7	5,077	EX91	£150	208
431884	KINGWELL HP AQUA RUSSIA Golden Valley Aquarius	10/09/1999 P YOUNGER	12	5,458			

The Royal Guernsey Agricultural and Horticultural Society LBG
Results of the Annual Cattle Show 2016

The RGA&HS Annual Royal Show was held on 28th July at Saumarez Park.

This popular show is always well supported by local families and provides a lovely day out for visitors. There were classes for Cattle, Horses, Sheep and Goats. Other attractions this year included a Vintage and Modern Tractor and hand milking a static cow for the juniors.

A total of 40 Animals were entered: 3 Bulls, 24 Cows and 13 Heifers.

Visiting judge for the cattle (Ring One) was James Warren from Cornwall, Local Judge Richard Valpied (formally Valpieds Golden Guernsey Herd) judged Ring 2. Mr Jim de Garis judged the Bulls.

James gave Champion Cow to Adamsons Alstar Lucky 20110259, sired by Sniders Ronalds Alstar, owned by Mr Frank Le Cheminant. She was also awarded Best Animal In Show.

Reserve Champion Cow was won by Myrtles Shiraz 20140108, sired by St Catherine Crystals Rolex and owned by Mrs Carol Allett.

Richard Valpied awarded Best



Champion Cow
ADAMSONS ALSTAR LUCKY 20110259 Ex 92 PLI 302
Sire: Sniders Ronalds Alstar 604761 PLI 219
Dam: Adamsons Lucky 20070487 EX 93 PLI 300

Heifer to Myrtles Kyra 20150369, sired by St Catherine Premo and owned by Mrs Carol Allett.

Reserve Best Heifer In Show went to Robert Waters with Petite Croute Butter Face 20140314, sired by Meadow Court Ellys Eric.

Jim de Garis gave Best Junior Bull

to St Catherine Peyton 20145009 Sired by Lang Haven Grumpy Novak and owned by Robin Jamouneau.

Reserve Best Junior Bull was awarded to Petite Croute Queenies Kenton 20155019, sired by Tredinney Yogis Andante. Kenton is owned by Mr. Robert Waters.

Best Group Of Cattle was won by Mr Robin Jamouneau with Mr Frank Le Cheminant winning reserve.

The much-coveted HM Queens Cup For Cows was judged by a panel of local judges: Messers Jeremy Le Cocq, Gerald Carey and Bill Luff. Reserve Judge Kevin Gaudion.

Cows are judged for conformation, firstly with full udders and then after they have been milked out. Production records are also considered. This year the Cup was awarded to Bigard Jenny Ex 90 20100203, sired by Les Jaonnets Dairymaids Dynamite 20070516 owned by Mr Shane Robert.

There were no entries this year for HM Queens Cup For Bulls.

HM Governer Vice Admiral Ian Corder KBE CB presented the trophies at the conclusion of the show.



Champion Bull
ST CATHERINE PEYTON 20145009 PLI 219
Sire: Lang Haven Grumpy Novak 68042542 PLI 142
Dam: Se Catherine Pascalle 20060405 VG88 PLI 295

Heifers classified (VG) between 1/11/15 and 31/10/16

During the period 1st November 2015 to 31st October 2016, 40 heifers were registered VG from 22 herds, of those Briddlesford - 5, Tredinney and Skeel - 4 each and Bickfield and Eavesford - 3 each. They were sired by 24 different bulls with leading Sires, Andante - 4, Novak and Conqueror - 3 each.

HBN	Prefix/ Sire	Animal Name	Serial No/ Owner	D o B/	Date of Inspection	F S	Legs/ Feet	Mamm
453509	LATIFA TREDINNEY YOGIS ANDANTE	PRINCESS LEIA		02/05/2013	11/07/2016	88	89	88
454359	BICKFIELD DAIRYMAN MINT PHONZE	PRIDE 71		01/01/2014	25/05/2016	87	87	87
454087	BICKFIELD HAMPS VALLEY MAYS YOGI	SUPREMA 125		05/11/2013	25/05/2016	87	87	87
454219	BEECHGROVES LANG HAVEN GRUMPY NOVAK	CLEOPATRA 3		30/09/2013	01/06/2016	87	87	86
453575	BLACKNOR CRACKER FOUR WINDS DYNAMIC	DYNAMIC MARGARET		30/06/2013	30/09/2016	87	87	86
454066	HILCOL SPRING WALK SHERBERTS MINT	MINT GAWWR		10/11/2012	13/11/2015	86	85	87
453623	SHARNFORD PENNY LANE ROYAL OAK TURLEY	TURLEY PEAR		12/07/2013	07/01/2016	86	85	85
453488	FAIRFIELD LANG HAVEN GRUMPY NOVAK	NOVAK ROSE		19/05/2013	28/01/2016	86	86	85
452780	LEIGHGRANGE BEECHGROVES EZRA	EZRA ECHO		02/10/2012	19/02/2016	86	85	85
453680	GOOD TIMES PENNY LANE ROYAL OAK TURLEY	JULIA		01/12/2012	24/03/2016	86	85	87
453318	TREDINNEY TREDINNEY YOGIS PRINCE	PRINCE LYNNE 2		23/02/2013	29/03/2016	86	85	86
453978	BRIDDLESFORD LES JAONNETS CARAS CONQUEROR	CONQUEROR DAISY 3		30/09/2013	31/05/2016	86	85	86
453976	BRIDDLESFORD PINE RIDGE DOUBLE L	DOUBLE LS ANENOME 2		06/09/2013	31/05/2016	86	85	86
454068	SKEEL TREDINNEY YOGIS PRINCE	ROSEBUD 111		30/09/2013	14/07/2016	86	85	87
454376	EAVESFORD CADBURY WHOLENUT	WHOLENUT AMBER 3		01/08/2013	03/11/2015	85	85	85
452885	EAVESFORD CADBURY WHOLENUT	WHOLENUT COWSLIP		02/11/2012	03/11/2015	85	85	85
452484	TREDINNICK MARODORE AARONS LEVI	BETHANY 6		23/05/2012	05/11/2015	85	86	85
452906	TREDINNICK MARODORE AARONS LEVI	FAYE 5		13/09/2012	05/11/2015	85	86	85
453202	GREENSFIELD GREENSFIELD IRISH LIQUER	IRISH SUDLEY		14/12/2012	13/11/2015	85	85	85
455928	SKEEL TREDINNEY YOGIS ANDANTE	ANDANTE ROSEBUD		23/01/2013	13/11/2015	85	85	85
453977	BRIDDLESFORD PINE RIDGE DOUBLE L	DOUBLE LS BLUEBELL 2		18/09/2013	25/11/2015	85	85	85
453118	BURWOOD INSTEAD CONQUEROR	BEAUTY 5		03/11/2012	05/02/2016	85	85	85
453660	KENVIN TREVIDER W GRACEFUL HERCULES	HERCULES LYNNE 34		20/12/2012	21/03/2016	85	85	85
453654	KENVIN TREVIDER W GRACEFUL HERCULES	HERCULES TERRIER		14/11/2012	21/03/2016	85	85	85

HBN	Prefix/ Sire	Animal Name	Serial No/ Owner	D o B/	Date of Inspection	F S	Legs/ Feet	Mamm
454106	TREDINNEY TREDINNEY YOGIS ANDANTE	ANDANTE CHRISSIE		28/06/2013	29/03/2016	85	85	86
453743	TREDINNEY LES JAONNETS CARAS CONQUEROR	CONQUEROR ECLIPSE 18		31/10/2012	29/03/2016	85	86	85
453316	TREDINNEY FLAMBEAU MANOR YB LYNNDELL	LYNNDELL ALICIA 23		20/02/2013	29/03/2016	85	86	85
453846	KELSMOR KELSMOR ELIZABETH ROSES LAREDO	MARSHMALLOW 97		09/04/2013	30/03/2016	85	85	86
453768	OXLYNCH BEECHGROVES EZRA	SUPREMA 12		30/08/2013	06/05/2016	85	85	85
14825	BOURTON SKEEL NORMAN	STARLIGHT 11		13/09/2012	13/05/2016	85	85	85
453546	HINTON LANG HAVEN GRUMPY NOVAK	NANCY		17/06/2013	13/05/2016	85	85	85
454233	BICKFIELD LES JAONNETS IRIS IVAN	PRIDE 70		27/11/2013	25/05/2016	85	87	85
14949	BRIDDLESFORD LES JAONNETS CARAS CONQUEROR	CONQUERORS DAFFODIL 3		17/01/2014	31/05/2016	85	85	86
453490	BRIDDLESFORD FLAMBEAU MANOR YB LYNNDELL	LYNNDELLS VIOLET		03/04/2013	31/05/2016	85	85	85
454397	BEECHGROVES BEECHGROVES SAMUEL	SAMUEL PAULINE		08/01/2014	01/06/2016	85	85	86
454380	EAVESFORD HARTLAND VIEW HAREBELL BLUE	BLUE ANNABELLE		17/08/2013	30/06/2016	85	86	85
453781	SKEEL TREDINNEY YOGIS ANDANTE	JUNE 34		15/07/2013	14/07/2016	85	85	85
453598	SKEEL SKEEL DOUBLE DIAMOND	STARLIGHT 17		27/11/2012	14/07/2016	85	85	85
453905	BURWOOD INSTEAD CONQUEROR	COCOTREE 4		07/04/2013	09/08/2016	85	85	85
454336	BRYMOR ROSEWOOD GRANDEES ALSTAR	FREDA 44		27/12/2013	07/09/2016	85	85	85

Congratulations to the Phillips sisters

Well done to Izzy and Hattie in 2016. Izzy has had a wonderful year as follows:-

- The Royal Bath and West Show – Placed 1st in the All Breeds Junior Handling competition.
- Honiton Show – Winner of the Junior Handler Class and Reserve in Champion Handler
- SW All Breed Calf Show – Winner of the Junior Class and Champion Guernsey Handler (pictured right)
- Exeter Calf Show – Winner of the Junior Class and Champion Guernsey Handler



- Frome Show – Winner of All Breeds Junior Class.
- SW Dairy Show – Second in the under 14yrs Guernsey Class
- ABABCS – Placed top Guernsey Handler in her section.

This is the first year that Hattie (left) has shown Guernsey calves and she has showed such promise she is surely following in her sister’s footsteps.

Well done to both of you.



Cows classified Excellent between 1/11/15 and 31/10/16

83 cows have been scored or rescored as EX in the year, with 30 classified as EX90 and 29 scored at EX91 or more, for the first time. Those cows that have been rescored since the last Journal, whose score has remained the same or dropped, are not included in this list, due to limited space. With the repeat classifications removed, the leading herds are; Artis (Berkeley Farm Dairy – 7, Trewey (Mann), Lower Polgear (Hutchings), and Briddlesford (Griffin) – 6, Tredinney (Warren) – 5 and Highway Legacy (Blanch) – 3. Congratulations to relatively new, young members, Andrew Hutchings (Lower Polgear) and Matt Blanch (Highway Legacy) for their continued progress.

Of the 43 Sires included, no one bull dominates but Trewey Surprise, Tiresford Pedro, Thornton Hercules, Sniders Option Aaron and Boskenna Junes Royal Oak have 3 daughters each.

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
450660	BRIDDLESFORD	LAREDOS BLUEBELL	28/07/2010 OAK KNOB MAXIE LAREDO	19/05/2016 D & Mrs H Cox & C & Mrs H Evans	4	95(EXx2)	94	95
447045	THORNTON	HEATHER 11	26/09/2007 THORNTON TROY	17/02/2016 Berkeley Farm Dairy	6	94	95	93
450032	ARTIS	AMAZON 7	20/10/2009 TREWARNEVAS IVOR	17/02/2016 Berkeley Farm Dairy	4	93	92	93
446861	ABER	ROYAL OAK SUSAN 6	21/07/2007 BOSKENNA JUNES ROYAL OAK	07/03/2016 A D & Mrs R M Thomas	7	93(EXx3)	97	91
449791	BRIDDLESFORD	HERCULES BLUEBELL	23/08/2009 THORNTON HERCULES	31/05/2016 E J Griffin & Son	5	93	92	93
452529	SHARNFORD	LEGION DIAMOND	12/02/2011 FLAMBEAU MANOR S LEGION	07/01/2016 J A & Mrs K E Salisbury	3	92	90	93
443028	WELLINGHAM	LILYWHITE 35	12/05/2004 SHALFORD TEAK	07/01/2016 J A & Mrs K E Salisbury	7	92(EXx2)	89	90
CB273	ARTIS	J SALLY	25/02/2009 Berkeley Farm Dairy	17/02/2016	5	92(EXx2)	92	92
451009	OXLYNCH	STREAKER 16	05/10/2010 OXLYNCH MOUNTBATTEN	17/02/2016 Berkeley Farm Dairy	4	92	91	92
451564	TREDINNEY	AARONS FLO 6	23/12/2010 SNIDERS OPTION AARON	29/03/2016 D W, R J & J R Warren	3	92	92	93
455689	LOWER POLGEAR	ALDER 2	26/10/2008 THORNTON HERCULES	19/05/2016 F R & L M Hutchings & Son	5	92	91	93
449801	BRIDDLESFORD	OAKS FOXGLOVE 6	10/10/2009 BOSKENNA JUNES ROYAL OAK	31/05/2016 E J Griffin & Son	5	92	93	91
439880	BEECHGROVES	ELINOR 13	18/10/2003 ROZELYN PATMAR JAY GLACIER	01/06/2016 E J Lacey & Sons	10	92(EXx2)	92	91
14877	LATIFA	WHINWHISTLE MARY	29/04/2007 SHALFORD PACIFIC	11/07/2016 Mrs C Moody	6	92(EXx3)	92	92
CB351	HIGHWAY LEGACY	MALLARD	07/05/2010 M Blanch	04/12/2015	4	92	88	94
447690	BICKFIELD	LAURA 24	21/03/2008 BICKFIELD LUXURY AMBIONIC	17/02/2016 Berkeley Farm Dairy	6	91	91	90
449133	THORNTON	SNOWDROP 4	15/06/2009 THORNTON EROS	17/02/2016 Berkeley Farm Dairy	5	91	94	91
15092	LOWER POLGEAR	BOSWELLIA 2	18/12/2010 TREDINNEY YOGIS ANDANTE	29/03/2016 F R & L M Hutchings & Son	3	91	92	90
455708	LOWER POLGEAR	MULBERRY 2	18/12/2010 KELSMOR MAYS SONNY BOY	29/03/2016 F R & L M Hutchings & Son	4	91	91	92

HBN/	Prefix Sire	Animal Name	Date of Birth/ Owner	Date of Inspection	No of Calves	Final Score	Legs/Ft Score	Mammary Score
450524	TREDINNEY	YOGIS KOOLINDA	24/08/2009 EDGEWATER MEADOWS YOGIBEAR	29/03/2016 D W, R J & J R Warren	5	91(EXx2)	91	91
448753	CARNE	SOCKET	11/10/2007 TREDINNEY ROYAL HIGHNESS	31/03/2016 C L Hichens & Sons	5	91(EXx2)	90	90
450280	TREWEY	PENNY 3	12/04/2010 RUTTER BROS OPTIONS LAMAR	31/03/2016 J A & J H Mann	4	91(EXx2)	90	91
449810	BICKFIELD	INDUS 7	13/11/2009 BICKFIELD VENUS STARGAZER	25/05/2016 M C & Mrs Durbin	3	91	92	90
449781	BRIDDLESFORD	HERCULES DAFFODIL	22/07/2009 THORNTON HERCULES	31/05/2016 E J Griffin & Son	4	91	91	91
448123	BRIDDLESFORD	OAKS PRIMROSE 3	31/08/2008 BOSKENNA JUNES ROYAL OAK	31/05/2016 E J Griffin & Son	5	91	90	91
CB364	HIGHWAY LEGACY	LEVI	13/10/2010 M Blanch	08/07/2016	4	91	90	91
452094	BLACKNOR CRACKER	ICEBERG DIANA	01/12/2011 GREENSFIELD STINKY ICEBERG	26/07/2016 M & C Greenslade	3	91	88	91
447518	TREGALLANT	TRIBUTE BEATRIX	21/02/2008 TREGALLANT TRIBUTE	26/09/2016 A B Tilley	6	91	92	90
449911	TREDINNICK	WHITLEY	09/10/2009 TIRESFORD PEDRO	05/11/2015 M & M A Thomas & Son	3	91	92	91

Chairman’s Report

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scenes and working out our Annual competition results. A huge thank you to Caroline Cox as our very efficient secretary who not only keeps things running smoothly but assists me in a lot that I have to do. I would also like to thank you, our valued members in what is very challenging times for breeding the Great Guernsey Cow and hopefully we will have a better twelve months ahead.

UPDATE FOLLOWING THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE AGM

Those who attended our Annual General Meeting were treated to wonderful Somerset hospitality and our thanks go to Maurice and May for organizing the two days. Fifty plus members and friends were present for the annual meeting and in ‘any other business’ some very interesting topics/questions were put forward, – from reducing levy, to advertising Guernsey products in national magazines and one in particular ‘Where will this society be in ten years’. Over the next few weeks I gave this some thought and at our November Council Meeting I asked as many elected members and area representatives to be present as possible.

There was much discussion and thought at the meeting and no one present was in favour of reducing the levy, but instead the consensus was to see how we can give our members more for their levy. One observation that was brought up is the lack of Guernseys available should anyone be looking to add Guernseys to their herd whether it is someone starting new or increasing the number they have. With demand from Europe and en-

quiries from Russia also increasing, availability needs to improve.

It was suggested if we could promote the use of sexed semen this will hopefully lead to more heifer calves on the ground. Being a charity the society cannot be seen to be selling at a loss, so we are going to introduce a scheme that with every straw of sexed semen bought you will get a free straw from a conventional young UK born bull of your choice. Semen offered from the Society is not only the best available but is also extremely competitive on price and this new offer will add even more emphasis to this.

Another thought I have had is to try to get to know our members a little better and as we have about 50 herds registering calves each year and with 52 weeks in the year, I would like to feature a new herd each week, in alphabetical order, on social media. This will be put on the Society’s website and new facebook page, so please as many of you as possible, take part. It will be up to each member to put on what they like, but suggestions would be – what is happening on your farm, who is your favorite cow and why, your favourite sire of all time, what is the sire of your heifers calving in and are you pleased with them, and what semen you are currently using.

If any of you have suggestions for the benefit of the Society, please let your area representatives or elected members know (see Page 1 of this Journal) or phone Caroline at the Office, and we will then discuss these at our council meetings.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

James

TREDINNEY GUERNSEYS

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GREAT TO BE BACK IN THE SHOWRING AFTER 3 YEARS ABSENCE

TREDINNEY CONQUEROR’S EXCELLANCE 11TH



INTERBREED CHAMPION AT STITHIANS AND CAMBORNE SHOWS
AND BREED CHAMPION AT THE NATIONAL GUERNSEY SHOW & RESERVE INTERBREED PAIRS

Other successes at the National Show

Tredinney Aaron’s Flo 6th EX92 (4yr,93ptMam)

Reserve Breed Champion, 1st Intermediate Cow
1st Lt 6875kgs 5.48% 3.92% 305 days
2nd Lt 8355kgs 5.74% 4.35% 305 days
3rd Lt 8987kgs 5.01% 3.70% 305 days

Tredinney Andante Chrissie H85

1st Dry Cow

Tredinney Double L Bunty 9th H88(2yr,90pt Mam)

Honourable Mention, 2nd Intermediate Cow
Reserve Interbreed Pair with Excellance 11th
1st Lt 7002kgs 4.79% 3.81% 305 days
2nd Lt 6676kgs 5.25% 3.88% 305 days

Tredinney Prince Milkmaid 15th

1st In-Calf Heifer
Now calved and potential 5th generation VG/EX

Available Spring 17 through EGCS, TREDINNEY IVAN’S FLO RIDER son of T. AARON’S FLO 6th

B&B ACCOMMODATION

VISITORS WELCOME

S.C.COTTAGES

Date issued: September 2016
Breeder/: JA &JH Mann
Owner: Trewey Farm, Zennor
St Ives TR26 3DA



TREWEY JUNOS LEGEND 43879 A2/A2

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
30	308	14.2	6.0	-0.01	-0.07	20.2	0.5	0.9	11	-3.4	76	0.6	25

Born: 31 Aug 2014
GMI: 76

GOLDEN J RONALD GRUMPY 604960 A2/A2

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
93	180	8.7	6.1	0.00	0.00	14.8	0.9	2.1	-3	1.0	212	0.2	266

COULEE CREST NICK LORILYN 68023988

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
64	535	20.8	14.1	-0.08	-0.08	34.9	1.0	1.2	11	-3.3	221	0.0	-22

MARODORE GOLIATHS RONALD 603218 A2A2

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
92	123	1.8	2.0	-0.07	-0.03	8	0.5	0.4	6	8.3	173	0.1	95

GOLDEN J OAK GRINCH 3070844

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
67	251	7.4	7.2	-0.08	-0.02	14.6	0.7	1.5	-1	-8.3	-24	0.0	-21

LANG HAVEN TILLER NICK 68009162

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
81	321	17	9.4	0.02	-0.02	26.4	1	0.5	8	-14.5	-60	3.1	-203

FLAMBEAU MANOR DECISION LORI - ET 68012709

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
62	537	22.5	10.9	-0.06	-0.13	33.5	0.9	1.0	5	-3.8	160	0.0	60

TROTACRE LORAL TILLER 603341 A2/A2

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
81	348	9.7	7.3	-0.12	-0.07	17.0	1.1	0.9	16	-17.4	-230	2.5	-285

FLAMBEAU MANOR G LAUREN 3056014

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
63	-17	1.0	-1.6	0.03	-0.02	-0.6	0.1	0.8	5	6.1	69	0.0	20

LAESCHLAND FORESTAR BRENT 602508

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
95	-118	-11.2	-4.7	-0.10	-0.02	-15.9	-1.0	-0.3	1	0.1	-164	-0.8	-134

TREWEY JUNO 14 0432405 VG86(9YR)

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
67	-231	-8.2	-7.2	0.10	0.06	-15.4	*	*	2	3.9	-69	0.0	-80
1	2/9	3800	305	5.40	205	3.54	135	100					
2	3/9	5168	305	5.29	274	3.67	190	125					
3	4/11	3242	287	5.07	164	3.96	129	68					
6	7/11	5567	305	4.96	276	3.62	201	118					

Semen available
£7.50 per straw
(£6.50 Levy paying members)
regardless of size of order
+ handling and delivery.
Delivery charges to Genus
and other third parties at cost.

FLAMBEAU MANOR TILLER LOREN 68000502

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
92	408	16.0	3.5	-0.06	-0.16	19.5	0.9	-0.8	20	-7.6	-123	1.0	-185

TREWEY JUNO 31 432478 VG89(5YR)

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
74	36	5.0	-1.6	0.08	-0.02	3.4	0.2	0.4	14	3.3	39	-0.1	-70
1	3/0	4694	305	5.14	241	3.45	162	115					
2	4/4	6047	305	5.26	318	3.39	205	121					
3	5/4	4966	295	5.54	275	3.89	193	100					
4	6/3	6899	305	5.05	348	3.39	234	121					
5	8/0	6684	305	5.02	336	3.38	226	114					
6	9/1	4462	211	4.76	212	3.42	153	75					

COULEE CREST GRUMPY LEGEND ET 68045040 A2/A2

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
52	300	11.4	8.9	-0.05	-0.01	20.3	0.2	2.1	4	-5.1	110	1.0	84

TREWEY JUNO 75 445462 EX93(2)

Rel	Milk	BF	PT	F%	P%	F + P	F&L	Mam	SCC	Fert	GMI	DS	PLI
68	315	17.0	3.1	0.04	-0.13	20.1	0.8	-0.4	18	-1.7	42	0.1	-34
Lac	Age	Milk	Fat %	Fat	Pr%	Prt	Pi						
1	2/11	7019	305	5.09	358	3.16	222	132					
2	4/3	5946	305	5.22	310	3.35	199	104					
3	5/5	7559	305	5.37	406	3.40	257	115					
4	6/7	8251	305	5.40	445	3.48	287	124					
5	7/11	9029	305	5.33	482	3.19	288	127					

