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President's Report

This has been another busy and successful year for the Society across its many fronts. That said, the passing of our Patron Queen Elizabeth II in September did cast a long shadow. The sadness that was felt by millions around the world was shared, I am sure, by everyone connected with this Society because Her Majesty was known to take a great interest in our organisation and what it stands for. Who can forget that remarkable day in 2001 when Her Majesty officially opened our Showground headquarters? Having planted an English Oak tree to mark the Platinum Jubilee in 2022 it is apt therefore that RJA&HS decided to also be part of the nationwide initiative, the "Queen's Green Canopy", by planting a copse of seventy trees at the Showground in March of this year to commemorate the legacy of our late Patron.

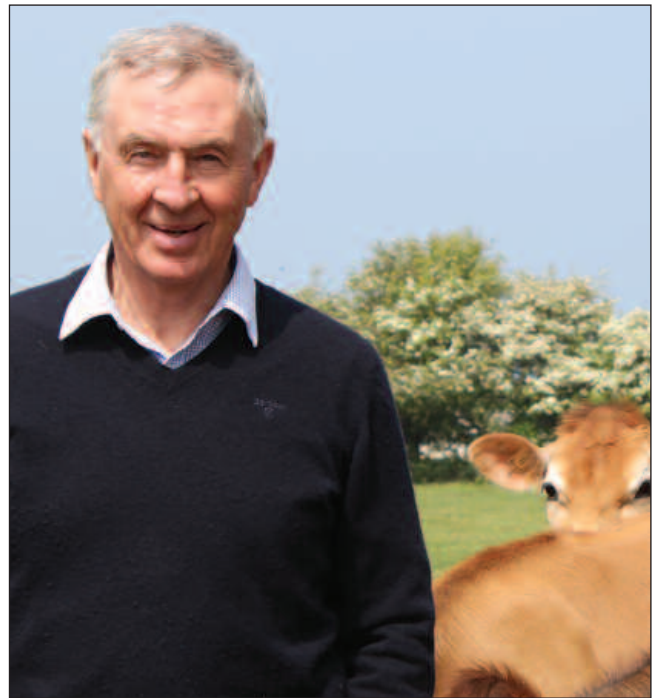
During the year we were delighted that the new Lieutenant-Governor, Vice Admiral Jerry Kyd accepted the invitation to become Vice Patron. His Excellency, very new in his term of office, has already taken a keen interest in our work and it was a great pleasure to welcome him and his wife, Dr Karen Kyd, at our Spring Flower Show in March, the first of what we hope will be many visits to the Showground. His Excellency replaces retiring Vice-Patron Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Dalton who, with his wife Anne, were great supporters of this Society's shows and activities.

The Society is probably best known by Islanders for its combined cattle and flower shows and I am pleased to report that these continue to thrive with increased entries and new faces taking part. It is very heartening to see the many younger exhibitors as they represent the future of this Society. Fewer people these days have large gardens or land in which to grow but it is great to see how creative people can be, for example with patios, small plots, greenhouses and allotments. We should not take for granted the effort of all those involved in making our shows so successful; exhibitors and helpers alike, they deserve recognition and appreciation. Also, I would like to thank the parents, schools and teachers who encourage their young people to participate and exhibit at our shows.

After the enforced lull due to COVID the Showground is now in high demand again, offering facilities of the highest order for members and the public of Jersey alike. Accommodating events both large and small, from The Weekender to small gatherings, the versatility of the venue is quite amazing. One week it can be quality exhibition space, the next the Island's go-to venue for large scale theatrical productions such as "Barnum".

Meanwhile behind the scenes, or should I say, upstairs in our office suite at the Showground our committed team of staff is busy with their different areas of responsibility. The business of maintaining the Showground premises and managing our events calendar is probably what springs to mind for most people. Likewise, the work of organising the Society's programme of shows and events and administering the FJ Ahier country garden allotments.

What the general public do not always realise is the huge amount of important work that the Society undertakes to ensure that the integrity and status of the Jersey breed on the Island is maintained. This includes the provision of a large range of contracted services, formerly carried out by Government, under the Jersey Herd Management System (JHMS). These services are many and apply to livestock other than cattle, and include: (a) registration of livestock holdings (b) managing the records of all cattle



registrations, transfers, etc, (c) operating the milk recording scheme and (d) administering the CHECS herd health certification programme.

With regard to the latter, we received the welcome news this spring from the Chief Veterinary Officer for the UK that the Island of Jersey is now officially recognised as being free of bovine TB and Brucella. This is a huge result! Although these diseases have been unknown in Jersey for decades, nevertheless it has been necessary to undertake a comprehensive Island-wide programme of testing every year since 2014 to establish "officially" that the Island herd is clear. A limited amount of animal testing will still have to continue but at a much less onerous level. And a huge positive is that the exporting of cattle to UK will be much easier, because there is now no requirement for pre-export TB testing.

Another important work stream is our Dairy for Development (or "D4D") partnership with Jersey Overseas Aid, mainly in Africa. The projects are generously funded by JOA with the Society's D4D team acting as the delivery mechanism together with partners on the ground. Impact assessments show how thousands of smallholder farmers have already been helped out of poverty by using the special attributes of the Jersey breed in their cross-breeding programmes. We currently lead four focused projects in Africa - in Rwanda, Malawi, Ethiopia and, more recently, Zambia.

The extra workload that this expansion has produced required us to recruit a second D4D project officer and we were delighted to appoint Sam Houillebecq in March '23. We were fortunate to find another local person with experience in the field and I am sure he will complement our already strong team very well. I would urge you to read the section about D4D and learn more about this exciting work.

Our work with schools continues although, it has to be said, at a lower level than we had hoped. There is no doubt that COVID has played a major part in disrupting our Cultivate education programme and this has been a huge frustration. In conjunction with the Howard Davis Farm Trust a decision was made therefore to change the emphasis and Jess McGovern was asked to produce a report on education, training and career pathways into agriculture and horticulture for islanders, something she is very passionate about. This is being progressed with officers from the Rural Economy Department and it is to be hoped that positive outcomes will follow, in line with the Rural Economic Framework document.

With such a varied and busy range of activities to manage, which grows by the year, it is a credit to James Godfrey and all the staff at Trinity that they achieve this so effectively, conscientiously and with a great sense of teamwork. Space does not allow me to mention everyone by name, but I would like to thank them all and say how much their efforts are appreciated.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to my fellow officers, the Council and all committee members for their valued support and continued commitment to our Society. As I have said before, we are fortunate in having people of such ability and experience offering their time and input, as the Society moves forward in line with its guiding principles of celebrating what is good and valuable at the heart of Jersey life.

R J Perchard
President

The State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth the Second

On Sunday 11th September 2022 an email arrived entitled 'London Bridge Funeral Representative', I should have spotted the significance, our Patron having died just three days before, but it took a few seconds to sink in that the Society was being invited to be present at Her Majesty's State Funeral in Westminster Abbey. It was well known that Queen Elizabeth was particularly interested in, and fond of, the Jersey cow, but to be able to be present to say 'farewell' to our Patron in person was undoubtedly a great honour.

I imagine that most members will have watched the events of Monday 19th September on television and will appreciate the pageant and scale of this extraordinary day better than I could explain. So perhaps the best thing I can do is describe my impressions 'from the pew' as your representative on that day in London.

I travelled over on the Sunday afternoon and made my way to the Farmers' Club in Whitehall, where I have been a member for many years and would be staying for the night. The pavements were almost impassable as people, some with tents, were already claiming their spot to see the procession the following day.

That evening, after dinner, I walked over the Thames to the south bank across the Golden Jubilee Bridge to see 'The Queue' of people waiting to visit Westminster Hall for the lying in State. I thought it deserved closer inspection having watched the BBC weather forecast that evening which had summarised the national outlook for "Edinburgh, Belfast, Cardiff and The Queue"! As I looked down from the bridge at this line of people extending as far as I could see in both directions, it had the impression of being a single living organism shuffling onwards, quietly, slowly, but purposefully. The media were making much of queueing being a curiously "British obsession", and yes there were many good-natured British people chatting with each other and patiently waiting their turn; ex-servicemen coming to salute their Commander-in-Chief, parents bringing children to bear witness to history, people wanting to show their affection for a much-loved and respected monarch. But this queue, with the many languages being spoken, also reflected London, both resident and tourist. Whatever individual reason had made these many tens of thousands of people join such a queue was personal, but it was evident that they also knew they were part of something much bigger than themselves.

By 8.00 pm I found myself standing for the two-minute silence in the middle of Westminster Bridge, crowded with people, not a sound, no traffic, no one moved. Then a cyclist appeared peddling along and a member of the crowd reached out and held the handle bars shaking their head. The cyclist promptly dismounted and stood like the rest of us until the sound of applause spread out from Parliament Square. Below, The Queue shuffled on.

The following morning what should have been a ten-minute walk from the Farmers' Club, became a 40-minute obstacle course of crowds, security and steel walls that had sprung up overnight.



I asked a policeman how I was supposed to get to Victoria Tower Gardens (the mustering point for Abbey guests on the other side of the Palace of Westminster), to be told "no idea where that is, I've come down from Manchester"! The nation had been mobilised.

In good time the queue to enter Westminster Abbey was joined, which proved to be as equally good natured as 'The Queue'. Familiar and famous faces introduced themselves as if there was no reason that I should recognise them. In front of me was a well-known senior politician, behind was a minister of the Zoroastrian Church, and beside me an NHS nurse. The RJA&HS slotted in smoothly!

Seats were taken by 8.30 and the long wait till 11.00 slipped by with steady stream of priests, prime ministers, presidents and princes, until a hush descended as The Queen's coffin was borne

down the aisle followed by the Royal Family. Suddenly, the grand Abbey shrank to the size of a parish church as all the attention was on the late monarch. The long line of famous people who had processed past suddenly seemed insignificant as the focus was on Queen Elizabeth, and the colossus of a figure she had been.

The two overriding impressions were of focus and intimacy. Military and ceremonial dress was everywhere (with a helpful guide included in the order of service), worn by people utterly focussed to 'do things right'. Nobody was going to let the side down. An elderly and proud Field Marshall opposite me was struggling to stand for the procession and begrudgingly accepted the arm of his Grenadier Guard batman. Did I detect moisture in the eye of a Yeoman of the Guard? If I had, it was fleeting, everyone was determined to ensure that Queen Elizabeth would look down on proceedings with satisfaction. That concept of duty is most keenly felt by those who have served.

Yet, for the hour of that ceremony, there was a strange intimacy. Little of the outside world had entered the Abbey, even the approaching massed pipes and bands had sounded only faintly during pauses in the organ music. From the 'most noble' to the 'most humble', we were all there for one purpose, and recognised the honour to be paying our respects on such an occasion. Without prompt, the congregation bowed in perfect time as the coffin, topped with the Imperial Crown, processed past. And then it was over.

I saw our Vice-Patron, the Bailiff, opposite and went over to him remarking how it had fallen to us to 'fly the Jersey flag'. He confessed he was only there to represent our Lieutenant Governor who was yet to take up his post. So, it had been down to the Jersey Cow that the Island had been represented at the funeral of

Queen Elizabeth the second. I had been fortunate to meet The Queen when she came to open the RJA&HS new showground in 2001 and had been struck then how she managed, unconsciously, to encourage everybody to be the best version of themselves for her. Here it had been on full display, Queen Elizabeth had been the epitome of the magic of monarchy.

The day had been sombre, yet magnificent at the same time, I don't think there is a single word in the English language that could do it justice. That evening, jotting down these impressions, and looking out of the restaurant window, I watched as a group of policemen swapped their helmets for baseball caps with good humoured passers-by and posed for photographs. Humanity and London, both at their best.

I pondered on why it was that The Queen's humanity had been so engaging as our Patron. I concluded the answer is that she was a 'country person' who instinctively understood that the circles of our lives are danced to the rhythm of the seasons. She appreciated the hard work and dedication involved in breeding cattle or propagating plants, and caring for them over generations.

That made me think of our Society, and the incredible work that has been done by the members over the last 190 years; encouraging best practice, striving to improve, sharing knowledge in the Island and around the world, and especially developing the Jersey breed. Then I reflected on the privilege of Royal Patronage enjoyed by our Society, stretching back for the last seven monarchs, and how I hoped that would continue.

James Godfrey
RJA&HS Secretary & CEO



Secretary's Opinion Piece



Jersey farmers doing it right!

Recent years have brought ever greater public interest in farming, albeit more often with a focus on the environmental impact of agriculture rather than the incredible range of high quality food that is produced by farmers in our part of the world.

Unfortunately, agriculture is a subject that many people approach with a pre-conceived set of ideas, often having been drip fed questionable information by people with an agenda to promote. For example, I often hear subjective statements such as 'small farmers are good and big (industrial) farmers are bad', rather than an objective approach that should identify good farming practice over bad farming practice instead of focusing on the scale of the operation.

It has become fashionable to suggest that farmers should be doing 'regenerative agriculture', which according to Regeneration International (<https://regenerationinternational.org/>), is described as "farming and grazing practices that, among other benefits, reverse climate change by rebuilding soil organic matter and restoring degraded soil biodiversity – resulting in both carbon drawdown and improving the water cycle". In regenerative agriculture there is a particular emphasis on four practices;

1. *'Min till' - which is the growing of crops using the minimum amount of tillage, particularly ploughing.* This is easier to achieve in cereal production, where the marketed element of the crop (the grain) is above ground and less affected by the quality of the seed bed. In Jersey, our main crop is the Jersey Royal Potato. This is a soft skinned salad potato that needs to grow in a well prepared seed bed to protect the delicate quality of the marketable crop, hence the need for cultivation to create a fine seed bed. There have been trials growing root crops on 'min-till' principles, but with limited success, e.g. in compost wind rows.
2. *Soil fertility - which is increased biologically through application of cover crops, crop rotations, compost, and animal manures.* In Jersey this is something routinely practised, with cover crops sown after the potatoes are lifted, and with an expanded rotation of the Jersey Royal crop I would expect to see more of in the coming years.

3. *Building biological ecosystem diversity - which includes use of composts to restore soil microbial community population, structure and functionality.* In Jersey our historic use of 'vraic', along with green waste composting and animal manuring is very much 'regenerative'. There is also encouragement to leave areas for beneficial insects, in Jersey our small field sizes with boundary hedges and banks can achieve the same aim.
4. *Grazing practices - which are well-managed to stimulate improved plant growth, increased soil carbon deposits, and overall pasture productivity while greatly increasing soil fertility, insect and plant biodiversity, and soil carbon sequestration.* Once again, something which in Jersey has been practised for centuries with our Jersey cow.

In essence I would suggest that farming in Jersey scores quite well in terms of regenerative principles and the proof of that can be seen, not just in improved water quality (see article in last



Ploughman's view (Photo Master Farms)

year's edition of the Journal), but also in the view from the tractor cab. Seeing flocks of seagulls following the tractor is a sure sign of a healthy soil.

Jersey farming is a community!

We rightly promote all the good, practical work that farmers do in Jersey, but we don't often promote the intangible values of the agricultural community that make it so important to the island. It's time that changed.

A good example of this was when, in December last year, Woodlands Farm suffered the loss of some 130 of their prime milking cows. This was a tragic event, the likes of which has not been seen in the island before. Instantly, the farming community responded and without hesitation, with so many people volunteering to help that a rota was filled 'round the clock' for days. In January this year, the Le Boutillier family kindly hosted a meal



Agricultural Community comes together

at the Potato Shack as a 'thank you' to everyone who had helped in those desperate days. The sense of community and support for the family was palpable. Everyone connected to the industry had answered the call to do whatever they could to help, farmers and their staff, vets, slaughterman, Jersey Dairy & the RJA&HS – the list was long. There is a shared desire to help the family through and re-build the herd for the future. Jersey Dairy has been instrumental in helping to achieve this, with all members of the co-operative pledging animals from their own herds in a coordinated programme to help Woodlands Farm restock as quickly as possible.

Then, within a matter of a few weeks, the agricultural community was again at the forefront of helping the island as storms brought widespread damage from wind and rain. In Grands Vaux farmers arrived with large irrigation pumps to help emergency services drain flood water. While across the island, farmers, with the help of tree surgeons, spent tens of thousands of pounds clearing up the many trees that had been brought down.

On the subject of trees, whilst I am a great supporter of tree planting and hedgerow restoration, it has to be done sensibly. I fear that much of the planting undertaken in recent years, involving tens of thousands of trees, often on narrow banks on the edge of roads, has been done without any form of assessment of ongoing management needs. It almost seems as though the primary aim has been to show off how many linear meters has been planted, rather than create quality planting schemes. I also very much doubt that there has been any assessment of the inevitable cost to be incurred one day when the trees need felling, in today's money there will be little change from £1,000 per tree!

Here's an idea, perhaps the sponsors who generously support the tree planting could be encouraged to support a fund to set up to maintain the existing tree stock. This would extend it's life, increase carbon sequestration and improve biodiversity.

The agricultural community is the back bone of Jersey and it deserves recognition and support for the intangible services it provides. We need it more than most people realise.

James Godfrey
RJA&HS Secretary & CEO



Feeding time for gulls

Spring Flower Show

26th & 27th March 2022

Following a gap of three years since the last Spring Flower Show due to the pandemic, there was a welcome sense of normality at this year's Show. With a black backdrop around the Main Exhibition Hall, the colours of the flowers were even more vivid taking in the yellows of the many varieties of Daffodils, the blue Iris and Camellia red and pinks. The new layout provided a wow factor for visitors to the Show.

There were 850 entries provided by 166 exhibitors, over 300 of the entries were children who put forward everything from floral arrangements, art, cakes, pet animals made from fruit and/or vegetables plus daffodils to photographs of spring flowers.

An almost all perfect superb display of a Group of Daffodils took the overall Best in Show grown by Kate Le Ruez which was also awarded Best Cut Flowers. Visiting UK Judge, Johnny Walkers was very impressed with the display commenting it was a well balanced almost perfect display with a good range of colours and divisions well-arranged and beautifully staged. Kate's winning streak continued winning the best entry in the Narcissus Section with a container of Division 2 Narcissus, the Daffodil Society Bronze Medal and Best Bloom Card for her 3 Trumpet Narcissus together with the Perpetual Narcissus Trophy and RJA&HS Horticultural Department Special Prize.



Best in Show - Kate Le Ruez - Group of Narcissus

Stephen Le Feuvre continued his successful run at the Shows, with his stunning Group of Cacti taking Reserve Best in Show and the Best in Section Rosette. Pot Plant Judges Gary Laurent and Francis Le Quesne commented that it was a strong presentation, excellent range of textures and variety, symmetrical with an exciting visual impact. Stephen's beautiful red and white Amaryllis won the Pot Plant Best in Section.



Reserve Best in Show - Stephen Le Feuvre - Group of Cacti

Cut Flower Judge Tom Robinson shadowed Johnny Walkers to learn more about the judging of the Daffodils and they judged the Cut Flower entries together. Tom commented that it was a privilege to shadow with Johnny, it was extremely interesting and he learned a lot and loved the experience. Johnny said he was very impressed with the overall quality of flowers and plants and loved the new layout of the Show and it had a huge impact and 'wow' when he entered the Hall. Johnny and his wife Rosemary, who last judged in 2019, also took the opportunity of having a short break in the Island after the Show.



Judges Johnny Walkers & Tom Robinson

Tom also judged the entries in the Fruit & Vegetable sections, and although not many entries in these sections at this time of year, David Pope's 3 outstanding Lemons, described as excellent quality, shape and colour, took the Best in Section Rosette.

Camellias were well represented with over 200 on view with most entered in the International Camellia Society Members Show and others in the RJA&HS classes. Jeanie Langlois' beautiful five blooms of different cultivars caught the judges' eye and won Best in Section and the International Camellia Society trophy. Judge Caryll Kemp said the flowers were perfect, stunning with a good range of different types and colours. Caryll also judged the Bi-Annual International Camellia Show classes with Camellia Growers presenting beautiful examples of semi and formal doubles and anemone, peony, and rose-form flowers. Robert & Sue Fardon's beautiful single-petal Adelina Patti Japonica Bloom was awarded Best in Show, the species originally imported from Japan in around 1888 by G Waller, who named it after a renowned opera singer. The Show also included an interesting display of camellia paintings and memorabilia collected by the late Mayda Reynolds, a passionate and very knowledgeable Camellia expert.



Camellia Best in Section Jeanie Langlois

Themes in the Floral arrangement classes reflected Spring, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and the use of a recycled container. Regular exhibitor Betty Quenault won the Professional Best in Section with her beautiful arrangement of flowers in a container which also secured her the accolade of the Excellence in Floral Art certificate presented by the Worshipful Company of Gardeners. Another regular competitor Ivy Le Troquer's amazing display of an arrangement of flowers to celebrate the Queens 70th Jubilee won her the Amateur Best in Section, all the classes were kindly judged by Joan Gosselin, her first time judging for us which she thoroughly enjoyed.



Oliver Malaspina - Most Humorous Fruit & Veg My Pet Creation

Each year Narcissus bulbs are kindly donated by Fengongollan Flower Farm in Cornwall with this year's bulb called 'Lowin'. Lots of entries were received in the Special School Class with Bethesda Methodist Junior School taking top spot winning them a £5 gardening voucher. The winner in the adult class was Doreen Van Der Vliet container of these beautiful daffodils.



Floral Judges Joan Gosselin with Collette Bisson

With over 300 entries from the young stars of the Show, the Children's classes were well supported in each section. The children had the opportunity to be creative with floral arrangements and artwork which were judged by Collette Bisson and Joan Gosselin. One of the best of these was Duncan Berenguer's collage of spring flowers based on the theme of Mother's Day which secured him the Best in Section Rosette. Alexander Geary's clever Arrangement of Spring Flower & Foliage in a Wellington Boot (a new idea this year), caught the judges' eye, winning the RHS Junior Competitors Award of Merit. The Denis Shaw Memorial Shield presented for the Most Humorous Fruit and/or Vegetable Creation, judged by Linda Mollet, the late Denis Shaw's daughter, awarded this to Oliver Malaspina amazing "My Pet"



Doreen Van Der Vliet - Winner of the Lowin Daffodil Bulb class

Cakes, biscuits, scones, and pies were all represented in the baking section and with over 100 entries in the Children's section, a Victoria Sandwich Cake made by Hannah Follain was the overall winner. Judges were Samantha Boon and Maureen Le Brun had the envious task of tasting and judging all the amazing entries including cakes, and cupcakes decorated to celebrate the Queens 70th Jubilee and biscuits decorated for Spring. In the Adult classes there was also over 100 entries received and the handiwork of the Horticultural Chairman Martin Preisig took top honours of Best in Section with his very appetising hot cross buns with apricot glaze yum! On the Sunday afternoon, all the cakes entered were auctioned and these tasty treats raised £252 for the chosen charity JEDS – Jersey Eating Disorder Support.



Cake Best in Section Horticultural Chairman Martin Preisig



Trinity Connetable Philip Le Sueur and his granddaughter Jenna Le Maistre

Local artist Cate Hamilton judged the Adult and Children's photographic classes and with 17 and 23 entries, Cate found her winner of the Jersey Camcorder Club Shield in a stunning picture of a Group of Spring Flowers taking by budding young photographer Maverick Bull, Cate stating that it was the most amazing photograph.



Johnny Walkers presented Maverick Bull with the trophy for the Best Photograph

The Show also included the Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society fun carrot workshop giving adults and children the opportunity to collect everything needed to take part in the Fun Carrot Competition.



Louise Noel - Winner of the Society of Jersey Gardener Trophy

The Spring Flower Show would like to thank all the exhibitors for their entries, as well as the Dolls' House Club, Jersey Sogetsu Study Group (Ikebana), Shannon Le Seilleur and St Martins Flower Club who all put on the most spectacular of displays, the latter kindly donating their flower arrangements to our Raffle.

Rachelle Robinson
Horticultural Secretary

Results - Judges Awards

Award	Awarded For	Winner
THE BELLES FLEURS TROPHY Kindly donated by Mr & Mrs Bernard Rebours	Overall Best Exhibit at the Spring Show	Kate Le Ruez Group of Narcissus
RESERVE BEST IN SHOW	2nd Overall Best Exhibit at the Spring Show	Stephen Le Feuvre Group of Cacti
THE CHRYSANTHEMUM LOVERS CHALLENGE CUP Originally donated by The Society of Jersey Gardeners, re-presented in memory of the late Jim Hosking of Fentongollan Flower Farm, Cornwall	Best Entry in the Narcissus Section - Cut Flowers or Containers	Kate Le Ruez Container of Narcissus (Division 2)
INTERNATIONAL CAMELLIA SOCIETY TROPHY Kindly donated by ICS (Jersey Group)	Best Exhibit in the RJA&HS Camellia Classes	Jeanie Langlois 5 Blooms, all different cultivars
DENIS SHAW MEMORIAL SHEILD Donated in his Memory by his Family	Most Humorous Fruit and/or Vegetable Creation	Oliver Malaspina "My Pet" Fruit & Veg Creation
RHS JUNIOR COMPETITORS AWARD OF MERIT CERTIFICATE	Merit by a Junior Competitor	Alexander Geary Arrangement of Spring Flowers & Foliage in a Wellington Boot
WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF GARDENERS AWARD FOR FLORAL ART	Excellence in Floral Art	Betty Quenault Arrangement of Spring Flowers in a Container
DAFFODIL SOCIETY BRONZE MEDAL & BEST BLOOM CARD	Best Narcissus Bloom (Cut flower classes only)	Jennifer Hawkes 1 Narcissus - Any Division
DAFFODIL SOCIETY THE DIPLOMA	Best Vase of 3 Stems in the 3-Stemmed Vase Classes	Kate Le Ruez 3 Trumpet Narcissus (Division 1)
JERSEY CAMCORDER CLUB SHEILD	Best Photograph at the Spring Show	Maverick Bull Photo of a Group of Spring Flowers
BEST IN SECTION CACTI & SUCCULENTS	Stephen Le Feuvre Group of Cacti	
BEST IN SECTION POT PLANTS	Stephen Le Feuvre 1 Amaryllis	
BEST IN SECTION CUT FLOWERS	Kate Le Ruez Group of Narcissus	

Results - Class Prizes

Award	Awarded For	Winner
SOCIETY OF JERSEY GARDENERS TROPHY Originally presented by the Late Sq Leader Arthur Robert in 1953 to the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Winner of Class 1: Group of 5 Different Varieties of Daffodil/Narcissus, one variety in each container, not to exceed a 4ft frontage	Richard & Louise Noel
RJA&HS HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL FIRST PRIZE £25	Winner Of Class 2: Group of 5 Different types of "True Bulbs", any number of bulbs but only one type in each container, not to exceed a 4ft frontage	Kate Le Ruez
PERPETUAL NARCISSUS TROPHY Kindly donated by Mr Peter Hunt & Family	Winner of Class 42: Trumpet and Large-Cupped Daffodil varieties, 3 vases, Divisions 1 or 2	Kate Le Ruez
£5 GARDENING VOUCHER	Winner of Class 20: Special School Class - Any kind of Container of Lowin Narcissus bulbs from Fentongollan Flower Farm	Bethesda Methodist Junior Church
LOIS DEKKER TROPHY Kindly donated by Mr Louis Dekker	Winner of Class 95: Best Vase of Dutch Iris, 1 Vase, 5 stems	David Pope
BEST IN SECTION FRUIT & VEGETABLES	David Pope 3 Lemons	
BEST IN SECTION CAMELLIAS	Jeanie Langlois Five Blooms, all different cultiva	
BEST IN SECTION FLORAL ART (PROFESSIONAL)	Betty Quenault Arrangement of Flowers in a Container	
BEST IN SECTION FLORAL ART (AMATEUR)	Ivy Le Troquer Arrangement of Flowers to celebrate the Queens 70th Jubilee	
BEST IN SECTION CHILDREN'S FLORAL ART	Duncan Berenguer Mother's Day Collage	
BEST IN SECTION CAKES (ADULT)	Martin Preisig 6 Hot Cross Buns	
BEST IN SECTION CAKES (CHILDREN)	Hannah Follain Victoria Sandwich Cake	

RJA&HS welcomes new Vice Patron

We are delighted that His Excellency Vice Admiral Jerry Kyd CBE, Jersey's new Lieutenant Governor, has accepted our invitation to become one of our Vice Patrons. His Excellency has taken a great interest in the work of the Society.



Farmers to be “Rewarded for Delivering Public Goods”



The last two decades have not been the best of times for farming. The reasons are many and varied, but a major challenge has been the year on year cutting of Government support. The good news is that in the last couple of years our Government has realised the extent of the problem and is taking action.

Speaking at the Jersey Farming Conference last November Deputy Kirsten Morel, Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture, said that farming has been taken for granted and he did not understand why, over 20 years, successive Governments had chosen to withdraw support while other countries were supporting their farmers more. He cited this stark fact – back in 1993 support for the sector was £5million, equivalent to £18 million in today’s money. Today, the total is just £3.3 million, and that includes an extra £1.5 million he had managed to secure for the new Rural Support Scheme in 2023.

Also addressing the conference was John Vautier the Sector Lead at Rural Economy. He explained how additional funding would be allocated for the rural economy with the aim of underpinning the economic, environmental and social sustainability of the sector. Jersey’s rural businesses need support, he said, if they are to survive to contribute to the economy, in terms of:

- maintaining employment and providing employment opportunities in the future
- providing a baseline level of food security
- continuing stewardship of Jersey’s countryside and natural resources
- providing local produce for consumption locally and for export
- contributing to the wider health of the economy

Mr Vautier was instrumental in devising the new “Economic Framework for the Rural Environment” which was approved by Government in 2022. This outlines a new ‘value system’ for farming and the rural economy and the determination to better recognise and directly reward the concept of ‘public money for public goods’.

Quoting from the Government’s revised Rural Support Scheme 2023: “It is intended to replicate the financial support available in neighbouring jurisdictions and it is evident that failure to provide such assistance will ultimately result in the failure of the sector, which will be unable to remain competitive in the marketplace”.

“The sector currently faces significant economic pressures: unprecedented rising production costs (e.g., fuel, fertiliser, feed); a large increase in the minimum wage and prospect of further staff cost increases; a support regime which in recent years has fallen far behind near neighbours. The rate of decline in farming businesses indicates the sector will cease to exist within ten years if current trends are maintained. It is therefore imperative to adopt a new approach if this is to be avoided”.

The Rural Support Scheme has been updated with increased funding supported by a new grant delivery method which will reward local businesses on a points based ‘Rural Credits’ system. Credits will be awarded to each farm business for a range of activities and converted to a grant payment at a standard rate per credit. The revised scheme is aimed at rewarding agricultural businesses for the delivery of ‘public goods’ by the sector.

Examples of best practice and environmental stewardship that are to be rewarded include:

- Integrated Farm Management – plans to improve soil, water, animal health, and better manage nutrients, energy, conservation & landscape and deliver carbon neutral farming.
- Staff Training and Skills
- Environmental Management – to include Organic farming incentives, soil improvements and hedgerow management
- Local Food Incentives – to directly support the production of food to be consumed in the local market
- Productivity Support – delivered in support of rural projects which enable re-investment in the sector

The industry has welcomed the new approach by Government, and the Minister’s pledge to do more to redress the shortfall in support. Under the new Rural Support Scheme the multiple positive benefits that farming brings to our Island are beginning to be recognised and properly rewarded.

Rob Perchard

Jersey Dairy - Carbon Emissions & Biodiversity Evaluation Programme



My name is Jack Irving, and I have recently joined Jersey Dairy to assist the industry in reducing its environmental impact and becoming more sustainable. As a chemistry graduate from the University of Sussex, I have always been fascinated by pollution control and climate change. This interest led me to undertake my third-year project, "The Investigation into the Concentrations of Harmful and Beneficial Ions Within Plants in Areas of Differing Levels of Pollution within Brighton".

As someone who is interested in understanding how things work at a molecular level, I am excited to explore the interaction between agriculture and climate science. I have previously worked at C5 Alliance and Jersey Water and am happy to see all my skills being utilised and to be facing new challenges each week. Since starting, I have had the pleasure of working with the dairy farmers directly, acting as a direct liaison at times, and I am pleased to report that I have not yet encountered a pitchfork!

Jersey Dairy is excited to announce its new partnership with UK firm Trinity AgTech to provide a credible and bespoke carbon emission and biodiversity evaluation programme for our thirteen dairy farms and the Dairy facility based in Trinity.

Trinity AgTech is a leading provider of innovative software solutions for the agricultural industry. With the growing need for sustainable farming practices, Trinity AgTech has developed "Sandy", an online platform that enables farmers to quantifiably measure their carbon emissions and natural farm capital. Natural farm capital refers to the natural resources, such as soil health, water quality and biodiversity that farms rely on for sustainability, profitability, and productivity.

This new technology has allowed Jersey Dairy and our farms to start accurately measuring CO₂ and methane emissions, leading the way in sustainable dairy farming, and gathering important data ahead of the Government of Jersey's Carbon-Neutral Strategy.

As the dairy farm on-boarding process develops, Sandy's different modules enable a more tailored and personal direction when measuring carbon emissions. Here at Jersey Dairy, we are working with Trinity AgTech to develop the pack housing and production module. Having functionality all the way through the supply chain is a massive benefit to Jersey Dairy, especially when achieving a true representation of the Dairy's carbon emissions, from cow to carton.

My time at Jersey Dairy so far has seen an exciting collaboration between myself, the farmers and Trinity AgTech. When working with thirteen different dairy farms with vast amounts of data, it is important to have a system that does not 'reinvent the wheel'. No two dairy farms collect and store information in the same way. Sandy accommodates for this through the option of uploading data from pre-existing systems such as 'Muddyboots' and 'Gatekeeper', whilst also offering an Excel spreadsheet alternative.

It's not just about ease of input; Sandy requires an adaptable ability to work with and manage the different farming methods Jersey has to offer. While working with Phil Le Maistre at Master Farms, it is evident that every factor on the farm has been considered. The many different enterprises that Master Farms incorporate are a great example of the complexity that Sandy can manage. Consideration of crop and grazing rotation, livestock feed analysis, and renewal sward composition are a few examples. Regardless of farm size and farming systems, there is an ability to provide pertinent insight into sustainability for each dairy farm.



Since partnering with Trinity AgTech, it has become apparent that they focus on a holistic approach. Sandy provides a scientific and comprehensive methodology to measuring carbon and sustainability, using modern technology and models from IPCC's latest 2019 guidelines (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) to accurately measure grassland and soil carbon sequestration. As a result, Jersey Dairy farmers can easily monitor the carbon status of their farms and create a realistic and cost-effective net zero mitigation report at the click of a button.

Another example of their recent technology is the biodiversity module. This module is unique to other biodiversity tools as it produces a framework which incorporates the thousands of species a farmland hosts which is optimised by the integrated mapping of the farms.

It's easy to make the mistake of focusing too much on the carbon aspect, when fundamentally our soil and habitat biodiversity are just as important to the Dairy. All dairy farmers work closely with Piers Sangan from Sangan Island Conservation and have Environmental Enhancement plans in place to continually improve the biodiversity on all our farms.

In the future it will be exciting to see the incorporation of Sandy's biodiversity module within the agricultural sector. It is destined to link well with Jersey's new frameworks, such as their Wildlife (Jersey) Law 2021 and their more recent publication of the Jersey Tree Strategy 2022.

As I understand more about the Jersey farming practices, I have come to see that almost everyone and their neighbour is involved in land swapping.

This synergistic approach to farming throughout the sector is not recent news, and while incorrect perceptions may run the wrong story, the ever-developing unity amongst farmers within the industry is predicted to increase. As we start to see other agricultural firms partner with Trinity AgTech, Jersey is anticipated to be at the forefront of reducing emissions.

Now unexpectedly, I have found myself helping to facilitate the push for greater funding from the Government of Jersey's agriculture Credit Scheme, which replaces the old form of farm subsidies. Full utilisation of Sandy's analytical reports and carbon offset suggestions will provide substantial evidence when arguing for increased support from the government.

There are no secrets about the unparalleled challenges that farmers have faced over recent years. With 2022 highlighting the importance of business resilience and giving predictions of a further increase in operating costs in 2023. This is in addition to often receiving unfair and negative public perceptions of the industry as polluting and lacking concern for our island. However, this is far from the truth.

By evaluating and quantifying the environmental performance of our dairy farms, we can hope to dispel some of the misconceptions. By showcasing the results of our good farming practices, we can demonstrate the amount of carbon being removed through sequestration, whilst at the same time enhancing and preserving our valuable countryside.

In the upcoming years, the collaboration between Trinity AgTech's "Sandy" and Jersey Dairy is expected to play a crucial role in determining the future of Jersey's agricultural sector. Dairy farmers have faced numerous challenges in the past and have united to overcome them. With Sandy's help, they can now build on this and better understand their carbon footprint and environmental impact. The ability to provide quantifiable data and evidence will be instrumental in providing food security, profitability, and sustainability, which are all crucial factors for the industry's future and Jersey's aim towards carbon neutrality.

Phil Le Maistre, dairy farmer and chairman of Jersey Milk Marketing Board, had this to say from the producers' point of view:

"I have really enjoyed working with Jack collating all the data to input onto the Trinity AgTech platform. The real positive for me is that as with the LEAF Marque scheme all sectors of the farming community are engaging with Trinity AgTech to measure and monitor our carbon emissions so we can hopefully add value to our two unique brands, Jersey Dairy and the Jersey Royal Potato.

The other benefit of using the Trinity AgTech system is that we will be able to see the effect of changing our farming practices to further reduce our carbon emissions in the future."

Jack Irving
Jersey Dairy

Royal Farms assist Jersey dairy industry with re-stocking programme

In 2022 the Royal Jersey Agricultural & Horticultural Society (RJA&HS) and the Jersey Milk Marketing Board (JMMB) arranged to make a presentation to Queen Elizabeth the Second of seven heifers to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and acknowledge Her Majesty's long reign.

A group of maiden heifers which represent a cross section of breeding from the leading herds in Jersey were selected and remained in Jersey to be bred with the view to creating a lasting legacy within the Windsor herd of a breeding line that traces back into the heritage of the Jersey Herd Book and the origins of the Jersey breed.

Following the accession to the throne of His Majesty The King, arrangements were in hand for the shipping of the animals to Windsor, when, in December last year, one of the leading herds in the Island suffered the tragic loss of the majority of their milking herd. The loss of milk supply, in an Island which does not allow for the importation of live animals, can only be replaced by retaining milking stock and in-calf heifers. The challenge this presented to the JMMB, as the Island's milk co-operative, was met by the members who pledged animals to help the affected herd re-stock as quickly as possible.

His Majesty, aware of the loss of cattle and the efforts of the members of the co-operative, graciously gifted the seven in-calf heifers to assist with the re-stocking programme in support of the dairy farming community.

The heifers were presented to the Lieutenant Governor of Jersey, His Excellency Vice Admiral Jerry Kyd who, on behalf of His Majesty, gifted them to the Le Boutillier family of Woodlands

Farm to help them re-stock their farm. The progeny of these animals will be recorded within the Jersey Herd Book with the affix 'Platinum' to their pedigree name to mark the deep links between the Sovereign and the Jersey breed in the Island.



Members of the Co-operative, who bred the heifers, and the Lieutenant Governor presenting the animals to Charlie Le Boutillier in front of Jersey Dairy

left to right: Vicky Huelin - Freedom Farms, Phil Le Maistre - Master Farms, Paul Houze - Lodge Farm, Rob Perchard - President, RJA&HS, Tom Perchard - La Ferme, Charlie Le Boutillier - Woodlands Farm, His Excellency Vice Admiral Jerry Kyd - Lieutenant Governor of Jersey, Phil Le Maistre - Chairman, Jersey Milk Marketing Board, Andrew Le Gallais - Cowley Farm, Jim Carter - Trinity Manor Farm, John Le Feuvre - Les Augerez Farm

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Summer Fair - Spring Cattle Show 2022

Judge for both the cow and heifer classes, which were held over the weekend of June 11th and 12th, was Mr Blaise Tomlinson, one of the most highly regarded Ayrshire breeders in the UK and the world, with the Sandyford prefix at the forefront of many top show cows and heifers up and down the country.

Starting the day's judging were 18 entries forward for the Heifer in Milk class, competing for the H G Shepard Memorial Trophy, the winner was an entry from Les Augerez, St Peter, in *Lassies Nuance Supreme* (Sire: *St-Lo Nuance Supreme*). Trinity Victorious Maid, exhibited by Trinity Manor Farm Ltd however took first place for Best Udder. Blaise had his work cut out in the second class of the morning, for 3Yr old cows in milk, 13 impressive cows were presented in this line-up, which was led by *Westlands Casino Christina* (Sired by *Elliotts Regency Casino ET*) and also went on to win Junior In-Milk Champion

The following class for Young Cows (4-6yrs) was won by a previous Island Supreme Champion, *Elite Joel Noblesse* (Sire: *Guimo Joel ET*). The Senior Cow class, saw another Les Augerez entry selected to stand at the head of the line, this time with *Lizzies Little Beanie Babe* (Sired by *Gabys Tbone Branson*), owned by J F Le Feuvre and bred by Elizabeth Le Cornu, taking home the Marks and Riches Perpetual Cup for inspection.

With Blaise Tomlinson bringing in his young cow class winner head of the senior cow for the Senior In-Milk Champion, his aim for a potential Grand Champion was starting to take shape.

The Herd Group class, made up of three homebred animals was won by La Ferme Ltd, taking home the Le Cappelain Perpetual Challenge Trophy, with the Les Augerez group in reserve. Extensively used Canadian sire *Guimo Joel ET CICC* was awarded the Peer Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Senior Progeny group of three daughters.

As the weather started to heat up so did the line-up for the Grand Champion classes. The four superb class winners were led out into the ring, and it was the impressive 5yr old *Elite Joel Noblesse* which reigned supreme, in addition to being crowned Grand Champion also took home Best Udder and Exhibitor Bred Champion awards.

Miss Isabelle Hefford-McCutcheon, one our most successful junior members, took both Heifer and overall In-Milk Junior Member championship prize with her animal *Clover Izzys Angel Pixie* (Sire: *Dutch Hollow Oliver P*).

Cow Classes	Exhibitor	Sire	Exhibitor
Heifer in Milk	Lassies Nuance Supreme	St Lo Nuance ET CICC	Mrs S J Le Feuvre
3yr Old Cows	Westlands Casino Christina	Regency Casino	P F Le Maistre
Young Cows	Elite Joel Noblesse	Guimo Joel CICC ET	J F Le Feuvre
Mature Cows	Lizzies Little Beanie Babe	Gabys Tbone Branson ET	J F Le Feuvre
Grand Champion	Elite Joel Noblesse	Guimo Joel ET	J F Le Feuvre
Res Grand Champion	Ansom Chrome Bangle	River Valley CECE Chrome ET	La Ferme Ltd
Champion Best Udder	Elite Joel Noblesse	Guimo Joel CICC ET	J F Le Feuvre
Exhibitor Bred Champion	Elite Joel Noblesse	Guimo Joel CICC ET	J F Le Feuvre
Jnr Member Champion	Clover Izzys Angel Pixie	Dutch Hollow Oliver P	Miss Isabelle Hefford-McCutcheon

The glorious weather held for day two of the proceeding and a record number of junior handlers entered the ring for the first class of the morning Heifers Under 12 months. Due to the size of the class the 20 animals put forward were split into two groups. It was *Westlands Perry Majestic* (Sire: *Clover Patch Dazzler Perry*), exhibited by Westlands Farm and led by Steve Le Feuvre, that was placed overall winner of this class and presented the Perpetual CC Pallot Memorial Trophy. It was another Westlands heifer which took top spot in the second class Heifers 12-18 months old; *Westlands Symagic Rosebud*, sired by their homebred bull *Westlands Casino Symagic*. In the final class 18-27 months of age, 12 heifers were brought forward, which was won by a stylish looking heifer *Honeys Video Snowdrop* (Sire: *St Lo Video*). But it was the young heifer that caught the eye of the judge as soon as she walked in the ring in the first class which was awarded Open Heifer Champion and exhibitor bred Champion *Westlands Perry Majestic*.

Well done also to the Westlands team for winning the Junior Progeny Trophy with their homebred bull *Westlands Casino Symagic* and Master Finn Goddard being awarded the Junior Member Heifer Champion with *Ansom Chrome Nouvelle*.

Heifer classes	Animal	Sire	Exhibitor *
Under 12 months	Westlands Perry Majestic	Clover Patch Dazzler Perry	P F Le Maistre
12- under 18 months	Westlands Symagic Rosebud	Westlands Casino Symagic ET	P F Le Maistre
18 - under 27 months	Honeys Video Snowdrop	St Lo Video ET	P K Vibert
Jnr Member Champion	Ansom Crazy Bangle	River Valley Circus Craze ET	Miss O Perchard
Heifer Champion	Westlands Perry Majestic	Clover Patch Dazzler Perry	P F Le Maistre
Res Heifer Champion	Honeys Video Snowdrop	St Lo Video ET	P K Vibert
Exhibitor Bred Champion	Westlands Perry Majestic	Clover Patch Dazzler Perry	P F Le Maistre

The cattle show was a huge success and gratifying to hear from our judge that in his long career of international judging it was the best show of cattle that he had ever had the pleasure to officiate over!

"I would like to thank the RJA&HS for the invite to judge your spring show, it was a credit to you and all the organisers to put together such a fantastic display of cattle, not only the impressive numbers in the classes but the quality of animals right down the line. I have been lucky enough to judge on four continents over the past twenty five years and the 2022 Jersey OIsland Spring Show is the best show of cattle I have ever had the pleasure to officiate over, so once again thank you for such a wonderful opportunity"

Blaise Tomlinson

Jane Harvey
Livestock Services Manager



Class 1 WINNER Heifer In Milk - Lassies Nuance Supreme



Class 2 WINNER Three Year Old - Westlands Casino Christina



Class 3 WINNER and Grand Champion - Cow Elite Joel Noblesse



Class 4 WINNER Mature Cow - Lizzie's Little Beanie Babe



Class 1 JUNIOR MEMBER WINNER - Clover Izzys Angel Pixie & Izzy



Blaise Tomlinson starting to place his 5Yr Old Cows



Deborah Tomlison awarding Steve Le Feuvre with the Class 2 '3Yr Old Cow' trophy



Class 22 WINNER Heifer under 12mths - Westlands Perry Majestic



Class 23 WINNER Heifer 12-18 Months - Westlands Symagic Rosebud



Class 24 WINNER Heifer 18-24mths Honeys Video Snowdrop



Class 23 winner led by Hannah Saxby, receiving first prize from Don Connolly, Alex Picot



Great effort from all our junior handlers!



Steve Le Feuvre stands at the head of line with Westland Perry Majestic

Summer Fair - Early Summer Flower Show

11th & 12th June 2022



Best in Show - Carole Mourant - Pot of Streptocarpus

Although the Summer Country Fair coincided with the Jersey Boat Show this year, the Show drew in the crowds with over 2800 people attending over the weekend. The Fair hosted a Cattle Show, Horticultural Show, Cultivate Village, Kids Area plus poultry, small animals and lots of local trade stand selling their products plus delicious homemade food from Beresford Street Kitchen.

The Horticultural Early Summer Flower Show was well supported, with over 700 entries exhibited by 121 entrants with classes for everything from Cut Flowers, Pot Plants, Fruit & Vegetables to Floral Arrangements, Artwork, Photos and Cakes.

The top award of Best in Show went to a very surprised and delighted Carole Mourant for her beautiful blue flowering Streptocarpus, the judges Janine Buckley and new judge Carmen Selek describing it as perfect, beautifully presented and a healthy plant with good foliage. This is the second time Carole has won the top accolade at our Shows, she won Best in Show at the Spring Flower Show in 2014 for a Container of "Minnow" Narcissus and was Reserve Best in Show in June 2019 with a Vase of Lillies. Carole's wins did not stop there as she also won the Worshipful Company of Gardeners Certificate of Merit in Floral Art for her lovely Arrangement of Flowers from your Garden or Allotment as well as the Pelargonium & Geranium Society Gold Certificate.



Reserve Best in Show - Kevin Roberts - Lettuce

An impressive lettuce grown by experienced grower Kevin Roberts took the Reserve Best in Show title with our first-time judges Jane Fraser and Jeannine Sharpe awarding the lettuce a Best in Section Rosette. The lettuce, a variety called Annalena, was grown on Kevin's plot at the FJ Ahier Country Gardens and was described as excellent quality, uniform shape and colour and well presented with a good heart.

Graham Queree had a successful weekend and collected four awards for his roses, three of them for his stunning bowl of "Sexy Remy" pink roses described as beautiful even all round effect and dome shaped and thus securing the Best in Section in the Cut Flowers, the AFA Matthews Trophy as well as for the second year running, the coveted award of the Worshipful Company of Gardeners 'Diploma of Excellence in Horticulture', an award he was trying to win last year since 1995 – how fantastic to win it two years in a row.



Cut Flower Best in Section - Graham Queree - Bowl of Floribunda Roses

Stephen Le Feuvre again produced the best display of his Group of Cacti taking the Best in Section Rosette, his display described as a superb beautiful arrangement and balance, clean with lots of flowering specimens.

It was fantastic to see so many Sweet Pea entries, the last few years there have not been many entries of these beautiful flowers. Steve Vibert had a fantastic show exhibiting his sweet peas for the first time securing him three trophies for the Best Exhibit in each class. Tom Robinson, in his second year showing his sweet peas, won the trophy for the most points in the Sweet Pea classes.



Steve Vibert - Winner of the Sweet Pea Trophies and Medal

Other award and trophy winners at the Show were Richard & Louise Noel winning the Parker Rosarians Trophy and the British Fuchsia Society Blue Rosette and Crested Spoon, Nicole Hamel winning the Pelargonium & Geranium Society Silver Certificate and Colin & Paulette's "special anniversary" Rose winning 75 votes from the public for the Most Fragrant Rose.



Most Fragrant Rose winner Paulette De La Haye

Steph from Arabella's Flowers kindly judged all the entries in the Adult Floral Arranging classes and regular competitor Phyllis Gouedart headed the Amateur classes with her table arrangement to celebrate a 'RHS Flower Show' winning the Best in Section Rosette.



Phyllis Gouedart - Winner of the Best Amateur Floral Arranging

Ashlea Tracey from BBC Radio Jersey joined Steph to judge all the Children's classes and with 23 entries in the Floral classes and 74 entries in the Art classes, they had their work cut out. 9-year-old Poppy Brady impressed the judges with her World Ocean Day Collage securing her the Best in the Children's Section Rosette and 9-year-old Joao Alves from Mont A L'Abbe School was awarded the RHS Junior Competitors Merit Certificate for his clever and lovely arrangement in a recycled container – both children were absolutely delighted with their awards.



Children's Floral & Art Best in Section winner Poppy Brady



Children's Cake Best in Section winner Jessica Eder

The ever-popular cake classes, with 140 entries in, gave experienced judges Heidi Grimes and Antoinette De Louche a huge task of tasting all the cakes entered in both the Adult and Children's sections. After tasting all the cakes and following lots of deliberation, it was 6-year-old Jessica Eder who impressed the judges the most with her delicious Chocolate Cake and in the Adult Section, cake baker Ian & Beverley Le Marquand's amazing Biscoff Cake took top spot.



Beverley Le Marquand - Winner of the Adult Cake Best in Section



De La Mare Cup Winners Melissa Dean and Duncan Berenguer (Mont A L'Abbe School)

At the end of the Show on Sunday afternoon, the exciting Cake Action was held to raise funds for local charity St John's Ambulance with a fantastic amount of £425 raised for this very worthy charity.



Special Thank You Presentation to Graham Queree

Following the cake auction, all the trophies were presented to the winners by our Horticultural Chairman Martin Preisig and last but not least, a special presentation was made to Graham Queree, a long-standing member of the Society and retiring member of the Horticultural Committee. Graham was surprised and delighted to be presented with a lovely rose and a beautiful photo book created by Secretary Rachelle as a thank you for all his work and support to the Committee and Society.

A class for the Best Pint-Sized Pea was held again for children 16 years and under to enter. This was judged by Graeme Le Marquand from the Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society and from all the peas entered, Ashleigh Eder was awarded 1st prize closing followed by her younger brother Dylan Eder in 2nd place. 3rd place went to Eleanor Harris.

The Show was a fantastic success with lots to do and see, we were blessed with beautiful weather which helped to attract lots of visitors to our amazing Showground located in the middle of rural Trinity allowing families to enjoy a weekend out together, relax and enjoy the fresh air.



HE & Lady Dalton with Robert Perchard and Martin Preisig

Rachelle Robinson
Horticultural Secretary

Award	Awarded For	Winner
BEST IN SHOW 3rd BLYTHWOOD BOWL Re-presented in 2010 by Miss Gill Simon	Best in Show	Carole Mourant 1 Pot Streptocarpus
RESERVE BEST IN SHOW	2nd Best in Show	Kevin Roberts 1 Lettuce
A F A MATHEWS TROPHY Donated by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Best Bowl of Hybrid Tea or Floribundas	Graham Queree Bowl of Floribunda Roses
PARKER ROSARIAN'S TROPHY	Best Box of 6 roses (Hybrid Tea or Miniature)	Richard & Louise Noel Box of 6 Miniature Roses
SWEET PEA CHALLENGE CUP 1972 Donated by the late Mr HE Le Ruez	Best Vase of Sweet Peas	Steve Vibert 6 Varieties, 6 Vases
WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF GARDENERS DIPLOMA FOR EXCELLENCE IN HORTICULTURE	Excellence in Horticulture	Graham Queree Bowl of Floribunda Roses
WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF GARDENERS CERTIFICATE OF MERIT	Merit in Floral Art	Carole Mourant Arrangement of Flowers from your Garden or Allotment
RHS JUNIOR COMPETITORS MERIT CERTIFICATE	Merit in the Junior Flower Arranging	Joao Alves Small Arrangement in a Recycled Container
ROSE SOCIETY UK BRONZE MEDAL	Best Exhibit in the Rose Classes	Richard & Louise Noel Box of 6 Miniature Roses
BRITISH FUCHSIA SOCIETY BLUE ROSETTE	Best Fuchsia Exhibit	Richard & Louise Noel 1 Normal Bush Fuchsia
PELARGONIUM & GERANIUM SOCIETY Gold Certificate	Best Exhibit in the Pelargonium Classes	Carole Mourant 1 Angel Pelargonium
PELARGONIUM & GERANIUM SOCIETY Silver Certificate	Second-Best Exhibit in the Pelargonium Classes	Nicole Hamel 1 Zonal Double Pelargonium
BEST IN SECTION CUT FLOWER	Best in the Cut Flowers classes	Graham Queree Bowl of Floribunda Roses
BEST IN SECTION POT PLANTS	Best in the Pot Plants classes	Carole Mourant 1 Pot Streptocarpus
BEST IN SECTION CACTI & SUCCULENTS	Best in the Cacti & Succulent classes	Stephen Le Feuvre Group of Cacti
BEST IN SECTION FRUIT & VEG	Best in the Fruit & Vegetable classes	Kevin Roberts 1 Lettuce
BEST IN SECTION CHILDREN'S FRUIT & VEG	Best in the Children's Fruit & Vegetable Classes	Thomas Cohu Any Type of Fruit
BEST IN SECTION - FLORAL ARRANGING (AMATEUR)	Best in the Amateur Floral Arranging classes	Phyllis Gouedart RHS Table Arrangement
BEST IN SECTION CHILDREN'S FLORAL & ART	Best in the Children's Floral and Art classes	Poppy Brady World Ocean Day Collage
BEST IN SECTION CAKES (ADULTS)	Best in the Adult Cake classes	Ian & Beverley Le Marquand Any Other Type of Cake
BEST IN SECTION CAKES (JUNIORS)	Best in the Junior Cake classes	Jessica Eder Chocolate Cake
PERPETUAL ROSE CUP Given by the late Miss H de la Taste in memory of her sister	Most points in the Rose Classes	Graham Queree 34 points
BRITISH FUCHSIA SOCIETY CRESTED SPOON	Most points in the Fuchsia Classes	Richard & Louise Noel 32 points
SWEET PEA PERPETUAL TROPHY	Best Exhibit in Class for 6 vases, 6 varieties	Steve Vibert
NATIONAL SWEET PEA SOCIETY MEDAL	Best Exhibit in Class for 3 vases, 3 var	Steve Vibert
H.E. LE RUEZ MEMORIAL SWEET PEA CUP Donated by his brothers, sisters & their families	Most points in the Sweet Pea Classes	Tom Robinson 26 points
DE LA MARE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP	First Prize Winner in the Children's Flower Arrangement 10-12 years	Melissa Dean & Mandarin Class (Mont A L'Abbe School)
MOST FRAGRANT ROSE	Most Votes in the Class	Colin & Paulette De La Haye 75 votes (Special Anniversary)
BEST CHILDREN'S PINT SIZED PEAS	Most Votes in the Class	1st Ashleigh Eder 2nd Dylan Eder 3rd Eleanor Harris

Food Security and Food Systems Transition.. Stocking Humanity's Larder.

Global shocks are increasingly reverberating on our food systems and are testing the resilience of countries all around the world to be food secure.

Climate Change, Covid and Conflict have drawn into sharp focus the need to accelerate food systems transformation, to revive the health of our soils, reduce waste and work within planetary boundaries to provide food security across the globe.

In its simplest terms Food Security is like the family larder stocked with adequate sustainable food to feed the family. A larder that the family are able to consistently replenish.

The UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) defines Food security and evaluates in detail the many factors that influence food security on a national and world level.



Jersey is self-sufficient in milk all year round

As a starting point, the FAO states that Food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life.

The markers are four pillars, which examine the Availability, Access, Utilisation and Stability of food supplies.

Looking at food Availability, is there enough? What is the quality of that food and its nutritional dimension? Where does it come from? Home production, imports, food aid? Can people access it through income and adequate food resources?

Do they also have the means to utilise food with clean water, sanitation and health care to reach a state of nutritional well being where all physiological needs are met? Utilisation recognizes the easily forgotten importance of non-food inputs in food security.

Close to home, Jersey's island status and its high population density provide unique challenges to the availability of food and island food production. The majority of Jersey's food is imported from or through the UK by major retailers and for everyday staples, Jersey is self-sufficient only in fresh milk and new potatoes. Imported fresh food to Jersey has an approximate supply of between 1.5 and 5 days with 21 days for frozen and dried products. Jersey's food security is therefore highly

dependent on the supply chains and logistics of produce delivered by ferry on a daily basis as well as inputs including fertilizer and animal feeds.



Harvesting Jersey Royal potatoes above Gorey

Of the FAO four pillars the final one, Stability is critical.

To be consistently food secure, a population, household or individual must have stable access to adequate food at all times. For Jersey our supply is relatively stable with established supply chains from nearby UK. Covid and weather have however given us a good glimpse of how this might be disrupted overnight.

For many countries, Stability is extremely fragile. The big question circling above them constantly is whether the availability and access of food can withstand likely sudden shocks such as an economic or climatic crisis and seasonal food insecurity.

The Global shocks of the past 2-3 years together with Climate Change threaten our established food systems and there is much evidence to show that this is happening, in some countries more than others.

The Global Food Security Index assesses a country's exposure to impacts of Climate change alongside its susceptibility to these risks. The rankings are interesting. Finland in first place followed by Ireland, 3rd is the Netherlands and 4th Austria. The Czech Republic 5th is followed by the UK in 6th place. Other notable positions are the US in 11th place, Russia 24th, China 39th and India 71st.

At the alarming end of the league of Food Insecure Nations the countries most affected by climate impacts on food security. About 80% of the food insecure global population are in Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. Farming families are disproportionately poor and vulnerable in these areas and most at risk from crop failures and hunger from climate change. Yemen is ranked the most food insecure Country in the world.



The Jersey breed playing an important role in food security globally

Since 2020 the number of people on the planet who live in extreme food insecurity has doubled. It has sky rocketed to approximately 350 million and the scale of the current global hunger and malnutrition crisis is enormous.

In addition to droughts and failed harvests caused by climate change, Conflict is a huge driver of hunger, with 70 percent of the world's hungry people living in areas afflicted by war and violence. Events in Ukraine are proof of how conflict causes hunger, forcing people out of their homes, wiping out their sources of income and wrecking countries' economies.

However, it is not just war torn regions of the world and the deepest driest Sub Saharan countries that are experiencing sudden shocks to their food security.

Japan was ravaged by Heavy rains, heat waves, the Osaka earthquake and Jebi typhoon, in 2018, making it the most threatened country in the world by climate change according to the UN 2020 Climate Risk Index.

Germany also features 3rd in the top ten as being most affected by climate change. 2018, was the hottest year in Germany's history and the estimated damage to the agricultural sector was more than 3,500 million dollars.

India is 5th in the Index and a huge continent so the ramifications of furious heat, floods and sandstorms shocks to its food security are far reaching.

A government study suggests that Canada is warming twice as fast as the rest of the planet. Canada also features in the top ten most threatened countries by climate change.

All this does perhaps combine to show that our natural resources and our ability to be Food Secure globally are under great strain. The topics of agricultural practices, re forestation, soil health, waste, water and ecosystem protection, restoring biodiversity and technical innovation are all part of the tool box and for a future article, and there are many nature based solutions which provide great hope for improved outcomes if they can be scaled up.

Looking at the wider world picture today of food security and insecurity, with all its alarming knock on effects is a powerful prompt to urgently protect our natural resources and improve collective resilience. A sea change shift is needed from the top down, a strong move away from thinking that human and economic growth is superior to nature.

The Food "Security" stakes show us that trying to maintain the existing system and fixing the Planetary Crisis, doesn't work if we aspire to stock Humanity's Larder.

Philippa Evans-Bevan
MRICS

The German Occupation of Jersey - Agriculture and survival in a time of war.

We are pleased to announce the forthcoming publication of this ground breaking book authored by Andrew Gilson. The author and the RJA&HS have contracted with a well-known UK publisher, Amberley Publishing, and it is anticipated that it will be available from September 2023.

In the book, Andrew explores how agriculture in the Island pivoted, within a matter of months, from being a largely export focused industry into one primarily dedicated to producing food for local consumption. This became vital as the war went on, particularly after the Island was cut off from the continent following the Normandy landings.

He examines the relationship between the German military government and the civilian government, and civil service, on Jersey, and how they had to work together to ensure the island's survival through its farming industry. It provides a remarkable insight into how much was achieved by a few key individuals. Much has been written about the occupation, but this is the first time that the efforts of the agricultural community have been properly recognised.

Based on hundreds of original documents from Jersey including those held by the RJA&HS, the Jersey Farmers Union, the Jersey Archive, as well as other Channel Islands, Germany, France, Austria and elsewhere in Europe. This book will be the main reference point for anyone with an interest in Jersey agriculture.



Andy Gilson

Dairy for Development

The Society's Dairy for Development (D4D) team in Jersey directly contract a number of colleagues who are based in each of our African project countries. We hire their services, on a full or part-time basis, to assist on the various projects that are run and having a member of the team on the ground who reports directly to the Jersey office, is really beneficial, when we can't be there ourselves. Whilst we also have in-country NGO partners running the projects having exceptionally well experienced ears and eyes on the ground, looking out for potential issues and opportunities from an RJAHS perspective, is proving to be invaluable. This short article gives us an opportunity to introduce them to you, whilst giving us the chance to thank them for their contribution to our work with the Jersey cow in smallholder dairy farming in Africa.

Amare Feleke - Ethiopia

Amare is employed to assist Project Mercy, our in-country implementing partner in the RJAHS led Ethiopia Dairy Project. He is a Senior Development Professional with more than 28 years' experience working with agri-businesses, donors, Government and farmers in the agricultural sector. Amare holds a Masters in Rural Development and brings experience of working with smallholder farmers. He can speak English, Ethiopian native language Amharic and also Afan Oromo (one of the native languages used in Ethiopia).



Dr Barnabas Chitalu - Zambia



Barnabas is a highly respected qualified vet based in Zambia's capital city, Lusaka. He is occasionally working for the D4D team as a Technical Consultant and specifically supporting our in-country implementing partner ADRA Zambia, on the Jersey Breed Focused Dairy Development in Zambia project. Our project, with some 8,100 smallholder farmers, commenced in November 2022 and with over 20 years of experience in veterinary and development work, Barnabas is a well networked professional in the NGO sector in Zambia.

Innocent Rwamuhizi - Rwanda

Innocent works as a Technical Project Officer in Rwanda. He spends much of his time collecting dairy data from smallholder farmers across the country (as pictured here) and also teaches farmers about best practice for managing dairy cows. Innocent is also playing a key role in helping the Rwanda Agriculture Board (RAB) trial functionality within the developing Rwanda National Livestock Database (RNLD), which has been a core part of our work in Rwanda over the past two years. A campaign, led by the Ministry of Agriculture since September 2021, has since seen the registration of some 700,000 smallholder farmers and their 1.4 million cows nationwide in the national database by RAB and other stakeholders in the dairy industry. Having this number of cattle, all now uniquely identified and their farmer owners known, means we can start to roll out some of our work nationally, rather than being confined to specific zonal project tasks.



Innocent joined our team during the depths of Covid 19 travel restrictions and quickly became an essential part of the project team, carrying out field work on our behalf, given we were unable to travel to the continent. With our support, he has more recently completed his Master's degree in Animal Production and is hoping to commence a PhD soon. His research interests include evaluating the benefits of the Jersey breed, especially in a smallholder farming system, genetic advancement in cattle, productivity, reproductive data, farm records management, and other dairy management techniques to support the dairy sector, by using the Jersey breed.

Innocent is pictured here with the cow owned by one of the smallholder farmers he oversees, the Jersey sired cow having recently given birth to a 2nd generation Jersey calf.

Dr Roulex Owino - Malawi



Roulex is the Project Vet on the Malawi Dairy Growth Project, working with the Shire Highlands Milk Producers Association (SHMPA). He has spent 10 years working in livestock development and research in Kenya (where he was born), West Africa and Malawi - including five years as Project Vet with SHMPA. He has experience in the commercial sector and with international institutions and NGOs including ILRI (International Livestock Research Institute), Caritas, and USAID (United States

Agency for International Development). Roulex holds a Bachelors in Veterinary Medicine and Surgery from the University of Nairobi, Kenya. As well as developing veterinary focused training modules for SHMPA's now 12,000 smallholder dairy farmers, Roulex also helps develop technical capacity amongst the 5 Field Managers and 35 AI/Field Livestock Technicians

Philippe Rumenera - Rwanda

Philippe has more recently been contracted as our team liaison officer for the RAB Songa Station Feasibility Study. Songa is a 400Ha semi-redundant grassland farm, on which the RJAHS is leading investigations into the development of a Centre for Dairy Excellence. Such a unit will be the primary dairy training site in Southern Rwanda and a hub for the Jersey breed, not just in Rwanda but for the region. Philippe has worked with the D4D team before, on the Endline Evaluation of the Jersey Inka Nziza Project in Rwanda which completed in March 2022. He has more than 20 years of experience in implementing activities in different domains in agribusiness, trade policy and export promotion strategies. He has a Masters in Agriculture Economics and speaks English and French as well as Swahili and Rwanda's local language Kinyarwanda. Philippe is pictured here, enjoying fresh milk from a bucket at his father's dairy farm in the Gishwati area of North-West Rwanda.



Current Projects (listed by project end date order)

The table below gives a flavour of our activities in the five countries and pan-Africa through the African Jersey Forum.

Start/ Finish	Country	Project Title	Partners (Implementing partner in bold)	Summary
End March '22	Rwanda	Jersey Inka Nziza - Phase 2	SACR, RAB, PAN, CTLGH	Project now closed after 5 years. Noted to accommodate 2022 Inc.
End Sept '23	Multi	Cross-Project Engagement	As requested by JOA	Engagement with other JOA D4D projects, as requested by JOA.
2 years: October 2021 - September 2023	Rwanda	Development of a Jersey breed-focused Centre for Dairy Excellence at RAB Songa Station and with Dairy for Development impact	Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Development Board (RAB)	Creating a Jersey breed focussed dairy & breeding herd, and training centre at RAB Songa Station – a Rwandan government research farm. Initial two years will focus on research and budgeting exercises to determine a long-term staffing and funding model for Songa, with potential for JOA/RJAHS to be engaged on this project for 10+ Yrs, pending results of feasibility study.
3 years: April 2021 - March 2024	Malawi	Malawi Dairy Growth Project - Phase II	Shire Highlands Milk Producers Association (SHMPA) , Pan Livestock, Udderwise	Working with SHMPA and their approximately 12,000 farmers, providing training and AI. Relevant data collection will also be key to the project and will provide valuable insights on dairy cattle management and breeding, to benefit smallholder farmers across the wider region.
3 years + 1 year No Cost Ext: July 2020 - June 2024	Ethiopia	Transforming Smallholder Dairy Farming in the ChaCha area of Ethiopia, through a Jersey Breed led model	Project Mercy , Pan Livestock, Udderwise	Supporting farmers in central Ethiopia with AI and training, and training new AI technicians. After initial progress was hampered significantly by Covid-19 and civil conflict, a No Cost Extension of 1 year was agreed in 2022, which will see the Project run to June 2024.
3 years: November 2022 - October 2025	Zambia	Jersey Breed Focussed Dairy Development in Zambia	(Adventist Development and Relief Agency) ADRA Zambia , Pan Livestock, Udderwise	The project will promote and supply appropriate genetics to farmers to enhance their assets and improve their resilience by promoting climate smart practices. It will focus on improved on-farm management with a targeted group of beneficiaries, both farmers and service providers. Areas of focus include fodder production and feed management; cattle health and fertility management; and milk quality and hygiene, as well as developing a functional genetic evaluation index.
To January 2026	Pan-African	African Jersey Forum (AJF)	Multi	Regular postings on the African Jersey Forum Social Media platforms have occurred and had engagement from the public. Work towards the 2023 AJF Conference has begun, and it is likely to be held on 28th June 2023 in Blantyre, Malawi.
	Nepal	RJA&HS offers technical dairy support to an ADRA project in Nepal.	ADRA Nepal	Over the 3 years of the project, the RJA&HS has budget for 3 trips (1 p/annum). Our specific area of support is in the supply of genetic material (semen & embryos), farmer training and Monitoring & Evaluation.

Jersey breed “down under” is in great shape!!



Steve Le Feuvre

I have been very fortunate to have travelled the world and have seen Jerseys in many countries and on every continent over the past thirty of so years, so when I was elected President of the World Jersey Cattle Bureau in 2018, I planned to travel frequently to all corners to encourage Jersey breeders particularly in countries with smaller Jersey populations, and to help to promote them. That aim certainly worked for 2019, but then all my plans came to abrupt halt when in early 2020, Covid-19 hit the world and changed our lives forever.

Restrictions during the past three years due to the Covid-19 pandemic has meant that I was unable to travel and engage with Jersey cattle breeders and enthusiasts in person, but fortunately through the use of technology I have been able to fulfil my role albeit remotely. The huge chaos to “normal” life and countries’ economies could not possibly have been foreseen. So, when Australia and New Zealand re-opened their borders to travellers mid-way through 2022, I started planning a trip, not having been to that part of the globe since 2018. Both countries have very strong Jersey populations that have developed in different breeding directions over the centuries since importing their first stock from the Island. I was keen to see as many friends and Jersey breeders as possible, and also take time to explore the wonderful natural scenery that both countries have in abundance, so decided to go for the whole of January and February.

During my time in Australia, it was great to meet up with old friends and to make lots of new friends who are passionate about breeding top class Jerseys. I visited Western Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland seeing scores of herds and thousands of Jersey cows, and what struck me most was the amount of young and highly capable and enthusiastic people involved in the dairy industry, a fantastic plus point for the future of the breed in this part of the world.

There has been a tremendous improvement in udder quality and dairyness since my last visit to Australia, and this was highlighted during my visit to International Dairy Week in Tatura (Northern

Victoria) where the line-ups were fabulous with the top few in each class being some of the best Jerseys in the world. Milk prices are very good at present, and there is a palpable positiveness from everyone you meet. IDW is certainly a place that buzzes with enthusiasm for everything dairying, and I would recommend it to anyone with a passion for the Jersey breed.

Visiting herds during my month in Australia gave me the opportunity to view the daughters of bulls that we in Jersey are using or thinking about importing semen from, and it was also gave me an opportunity to see progeny of the grandsires of those bulls. Good, solid and reliable cow families are absolutely essential to breeding a good herd, and whilst “the numbers” for a bull are of course important when choosing which to use in a herd, bulls from top female lines will always prevail in an overall breeding plan so that you achieve great conformation, udders, production and longevity.

I am a great fan of the U.S. bull River Valley Victorious from the Veronica line, and I was pleased to see many superb milking daughters, and on a par with those I have seen in the rest of the world. The Island now having 60+ daughters of Brookbora Valentino ASKN on the ground, I was delighted to see numerous second and third lactation daughters, and this bull will definitely not disappoint Island breeders. Lightening Ridge Ferdinand is another Australian bull that we here in Jersey have started to use, and this is one way that we as Island breeders can tap in to one of the greatest cow families of all time, the Bushlea Fernleaf line. U.S. bull Wilsonview IF Matt is doing a grand job in Australia like he is back in Jersey, and I can see the influence of his dam shining through, a tremendous cow by Tbone that I am fortunate to have seen in the flesh at the farm in Oregon.

Australia is such a vast place and despite spending four weeks seeing cows and meeting up with wonderful people, I didn’t manage to see many prominent herds, and that will have to be for another extended visit sometime soon. However, when pressed to choose my favourite herd of those I managed to see, I have to go for the Kings Ville herd of Rob & Kerrie Anderson & family. There was superb consistency throughout the herd, with excellent two and three year olds, as well as some great old cows. The Belle family, tracing back to the one and only Duncan Belle, is very dominant in the herd, and they are doing well with their own home-bred bulls from that line. Currently there are many great two year olds in the herd by Kings Ville Bashful-P, and with a sire stack of Oliver-P, Vanahlem and Larfalot all of whom have done a wonderful job “down under”, it is hardly surprising that his daughters are so good and consistent.

Moving on the New Zealand, I had not visited this marvellous country since February 2011 when the World Jersey Cattle Bureau International Conference was held there, and during that trip I was impacted by the terrible earthquake in Christchurch where the delegates had all been assembled just two days previously. This time during my visit, the north island suffered from the ravages of Cyclone Gabrielle, but this didn’t stop me seeing many friends and some fabulous herds.

New Zealand dairying is still largely grazing based, but more units are putting in feed pads particularly to supplement herd diets during times of shortage as drought periods become more frequent. Due mainly to the dominating influence of two major A.I./breeding companies, and the breeding index system adopted nationally, bulls for the local market are mostly chosen on a “breeding by numbers” basis. I have to say that quality of udders on those farms has generally deteriorated since I was last in New Zealand, and I saw many examples of bull dams with shocking udder traits that were most undesirable – but I was told, they have the numbers!!



Line-up of the Junior Two Year Old class at International Dairy Week, Jan 2023 in Tatura, Northern Victoria, Australia

I was constantly reminding myself – cow families, cow families, cow families!! In my mind, it matters very little if a cow has the “numbers” but doesn’t have a truly sound udder and come from a reliable female line with superb udder conformation. And I saw far too many farming families who were sticking to the numbers game, clearly struggling to earn a decent living.

It’s not all doom and gloom, as there are many breeders who have concentrated for many years using a mix of superior international Jersey genetics, with some also practising a criss-crossing breeding policy whereby they would dip in to using local bulls that were producing great quality cows.

However, probably the biggest threat to the Jersey breed in New Zealand is the policy of the two dominant breeding companies very much focussing their effort on the Kiwi-cross cow, and breeding bulls without going back to pure Jersey and Friesian sources.



The fabulous Leithlea herd of Tony Luckin & family (Okato, Taranaki, New Zealand)

My first stop after landing in Auckland was to head to Feilding for the New Zealand Dairy Event, and it gave me a chance to meet many of the prominent breeders, and have extensive chats around the ringside with old friends. Standards were exceptional and I was honoured to meet up with and have discussions with two other “World Presidents” - President of the World Holstein Friesian Federation (Cherilyn Watson from New Zealand) and President of the World Ayrshire Federation (Edmund Els from South Africa).

I saw many fabulous world-class herds during my tour of the North and South Island, and all these were owned by breeders concentrating on international genetics as part of their own breeding plans, and not really paying much attention to the national breeding policy of BW, PW and LW measures.

Two bulls that were clearly continuing to have a very positive effect are the power bulls Richies Jace Tbone and Pannoo Abe Vanahlem, being in the back pedigrees of many of the great

cows I saw. As in Australia, I saw some great daughters of All Lynns Loie Valentino and Steinhauers latola Applejack, big strong cows with huge production and lovely udders.

Again, I was pressed to come up with the best herd I saw during my time in New Zealand, and this time it was a three-way tie between Leithlea (Tony Luckin & family), Ferdon (Warren Ferguson & family) and Lilac Grove (Peter Hansen & family). All three herds are quite exceptional and concentrate on long-established cow families that have stood the test of time over many decades and generations, and their cattle are a credit to their breeding skills and devotion to the Jersey breed.

So, what can I conclude after having spent two months exploring Australia and New Zealand?

Firstly, I was pleased that I decided to visit during their summer months, and I hardly had a bad-weather day.

Secondly, I saw some spectacular scenery wherever I went in these two tremendous countries at the opposite end of the globe from Europe.

And thirdly I saw lots of fabulous Jersey cows and countless wonderful breeders with a passion for the Jersey breed and whose hospitality was beyond belief.

The Jersey breed is indeed in great shape and in good hands “down under”!!



Milford Sound, South Island, New Zealand - awesome scenery!!

Steve Le Feuvre

All Island Garden Competition

12th, 13th & 14th July 2022

Despite the hot weather we had been experiencing this summer, the RJA&HS and Ransoms Garden Centre All Island Garden Competition was a fantastic success with 59 entries (one more than last year).

The standard was very high again giving our two judges Louise Noel and Alan Derrian quite a task of judging all the gardens, allotments, vegetable gardens and Parish Halls over three long and very hot days - luckily the organiser and Horticultural Secretary Rachelle Robinson had a new car this year to drive them around in which had air conditioning - a blessing!



Judges Louise Noel & Alan Derrian

Due to the volume of entries, the three days were jam packed of judging with tight schedules put together by Rachelle split into the East of the Island on Tuesday, the West on Wednesday and Central on Thursday. Each day the Judges were treated to home-made cake kindly provided by an entrant for their coffee break, a picnic lunch together with many bottles of water!

At the end of all the judging on Thursday afternoon, the Judges got together and decided that their Overall Winner was Ian & Beverley Le Marquand's beautiful garden which won the Formal Garden class with a fantastic 99 points out of 100. The Judges' described their garden as WOW, stunning with spectacular baskets and containers with vibrant colours – a huge impact garden with a perfectly manicured and almost immaculate lawn and not a weed in sight! – perfection.



Overall Winner of the Garden Competition - Ian & Beverley Le Marquand's Wow Garden

The Judges Award for Garden Design was awarded to Kris Moore's stunning Garden which he designed and built himself which is perfect for all the family – the Judges commented on the wonderful impact of plants, colour, and variation with a beautiful feeling of peace and tranquillity. His garden won the Small Garden class with 91 points.



Kris Moore - Winner of the Judges Award for Garden Design

The Jersey Beekeepers Association Shield is awarded to the Best Pollinator Friendly Garden and Pat Jackson's Garden won this prize given by the judges as her garden was excellent for bees and wildlife with a splash of colourful plants, wonderful tubs and a good variety of plants and vegetables – very natural.



Best Pollinator Friendly Garden winner Pat Jackson

A new award that was introduced last year is the Judges Award for Best Use of Recycling Material and this went to Matt Bartlett's informal and family friendly garden which was designed and built by Matt using all sorts of recycled materials in all parts of the garden – the Judges described it as a good family and creative garden, well laid out with different levels with interesting plants.



Matt Bartlett with his Children - Winner of the Judges Award for Best Use of Recycling Material

The largest class was the Best Floral Parish Hall class with nine of the twelve Parish Halls entering. This was the first time that St Brelades Parish Hall had entered and this paid off as they won the class with 95 points – the judges describing it as a stunning display with great impact with a lovely mix of colours in well filled baskets and containers giving a delightful frontage to the Parish Hall.



St Brelade Parish Hall - Best Floral Parish Hall Winner

It was wonderful to have one pub enter the competition this year, the Farmers Inn in St Ouen which received 93 points for their lovely area to the side of the pub, described as a wonderful selection of different planters and baskets with vibrant colours giving a good visual impact.



Farmer's Inn - Best Pub Garden Winner



Hannah Collins - New Competitor Garden Winner

The two New Competitors classes for Gardens and Allotment/Vegetable Garden proved popular too with four new entrants in the Gardens class and two in the Allotment or Vegetable Garden class. Hannah Collins was delighted to win the Gardens class with 94 points for her delightful colourful and well filled small patio garden and Katie McArthur and her dad John Vernon won the Allotment/Vegetable Garden class with her Plot at the FJ Ahier Country Gardens with a good mixture of vegetables, fruit and flowers attracting so many bees.



Richard & Jayne Le Maistre - Best Medium Garden Winner

Thank you very much to everyone for entering their beautiful gardens and allotments into our competition, the standard was fantastic as ever and it is lovely to see all the entrants and their families spending time in their gardens and the effort they put into their havens. Thank you to our judges Louise and Alan for giving up their time to judge over the three days - they both really enjoyed judging.



Werner Toporis - Best Medium Allotment at Le Creux

A big thank you to Ransoms Garden Centre for very kindly sponsoring the competition again this year providing vouchers for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in every class as well as a Ransoms Garden Centre discount voucher for every entrant and for all their help with making the competition a massive success.



Peter Williams - Best Garden with Professional Assistance Allowed

Results

Class 1 - Small Garden (less than 100 square metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Kris Moore	94.5	1st
Dave & Jean Le Lievre	93.5	2nd
Bryan Swain	93	3rd
Paula Matson	91.5	4th
Carol Holmes	91	5th

La Chasserie Cup awarded to Winner of Class 1: Kris Moore

Class 2 - Medium Garden (100 - 250 square metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Richard & Jayne Le Maistre	92.5	1st
John Cunningham	85.5	2nd
Jessica McGovern	85	3rd

Vautier Challenge Rose Bowl awarded to Winner of Class 2: Richard & Jayne Le Maistre

Class 3 - Large Garden (250 - 500 square metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Derrick & Jenny Frigot	97	1st
Artur Bobak & Przemyslaw Poznanski	96.5	2nd
Fay & Douglas Huelin	94	3rd
Deborah Taylor	93	4th
Pat Jackson	88	5th

Barry Sylvester Memorial Trophy awarded to Winner of Class 3: Derrick & Jenny Frigot

Class 4 - Patio Garden excluding a lawn (less than 100 square metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Michael & Betty Quenault	95.5	1st
Helen Barnes	92.5	2nd
Brian R Richard	92	3rd
Richard Van Neste	84.5	4th

Eileen Gordon-Hall Memorial Tankard awarded to Winner of Class 4: Michael & Betty Quenault

Class 5 - Courtyard Garden excluding a lawn (100-250 square metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Derek Vivian	97.5	1st
Samneang Nut	90	2nd
Mary Conery	89	3rd

J. Lindsey Perpetual Shield awarded to Winner of Class 5: Derek Vivian

Class 6 - Best Kept Allotment - Small (less than 100 square metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Tom Robinson	90	1st
Margie Holland Prior	89.5	2nd

Graham Daghom Perpetual Shield awarded to Winner of Class 6: Tom Robinson

Class 7 - Best Kept Allotment - Medium (between 100 - 250 square metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Werner W Toporis	91	1st
Martin Preisig	89.5	2nd

Selwyn Hamon Trophy awarded to Winner of Class 7: Werner W Toporis

Class 8 - Best Kept Allotment - Large (more than 250 square metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Kevin Roberts	91.5	1st

JFTU Town & Country Trophy awarded to Winner of Class 8: Kevin Roberts
Albert Bartlett & Sons Ltd Trophy awarded to the Overall Winner of Classes 6, 7 & 8: Kevin Roberts

Class 9 - Best Kept Vegetable Garden at Home (any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Richard Le Maistre	93.5	1st
Colleen Nicholson & Richard De La Haye	93	2nd
Colin & Paulette De La Haye	89.5	3rd

Prior Cup awarded to Winner of Class 9: Richard Le Maistre

Class 10 - Formal Garden (any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Ian & Beverley Le Marquand	99	1st

Norman Ltd Challenge Trophy awarded to Winner of Class 10: Ian & Beverley Le Marquand

Quenault Trophy awarded for the Overall Winner of Classes 2, 3 & 10: Ian & Beverley Le Marquand
Alternate Challenge Cup awarded for the next highest points in Classes 1, 2, 3 & 10: Derrick & Jenny Frigot

Class 11 - Informal Garden (any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Tim & Stephanie Du Feu	93.5	1st
Matt Bartlett	92	2nd
Susan Ingram	91	3rd
Leslie & Julie Howard	90	4th
Roxane Hayward	77	5th

Channel Island Decks Trophy awarded to Winner of Class 11: Tim & Stephanie Du Feu

Class 12 - Family Garden, a garden to celebrate Family Life, not manicured (any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Dave Cottrell	88.5	1st

Ransoms Garden Centre Trophy awarded to the Winner of Class 12: Dave Cottrell

Class 14 - Farm Gardens attached to either a working or non-working farm (any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Colin & Paulette De La Haye	95	1st
Colleen Nicholson & Richard De La Haye	94.5	2nd

Second La Chasserie Shield awarded to Winner of Class 14: Colin & Paulette De La Haye
Channel Industries Ltd Trophy awarded to next highest points in Class 14: Colleen Nicholson & Richard De La Haye

Class 15 - Gardens of any size (professional assistance allowed)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Peter Robert Williams	94.5	1st

E W Machon Challenge Cup awarded to Winner of Class 15: Peter Robert Williams

Class 16 - New Competitors (gardens only - any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Hannah Collins	94	1st
Bernie & Jenni Illien	88.5	2nd
Jennifer Rendell	88	3rd
Rebecca Hefford	81.5	4th

Coronation Challenge Cup awarded to the Winner of Class 16: Hannah Collins

Class 17 - New Competitors (allotment, vegetable garden at home or field only - any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Katie McArthur & John Vernon	89.5	1st
Rebecca Hefford	85.5	2nd

New Competitor's Rose Bowl awarded to the Winner of Class 17: Katie McArthur & John Vernon

Class 18 - Gardens attached to a Hotel or Guest House (any size - professional assistance allowed)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
St Brelade's Bay Hotel	95.5	1st
The Atlantic Hotel	92.5	2nd

John Le Sueur Rose Bowl awarded to the Winner of Class 18: St Brelade's Bay Hotel

Class 19 – Gardens attached to a Restaurant, Pub or Tourist Attraction (any size - professional assistance allowed)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Farmers Inn	93	1st

Mr & Mrs MR De La Haye Cup awarded to the Winner of Class 19: Farmers Inn

Class 20 - Gardens attached to a Care or Residential Home (any size, professional assistance allowed)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Jersey Hospice Care	96	1st
Les Houmets Care Home	89.5	2nd
Jersey Cheshire Home	88	3rd

The Grainger Challenge Cup awarded to Winner of Class 20: Jersey Hospice Care

Class 21 - Best Floral Parish Hall on the Island (professional assistance allowed)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
St Brelade Parish Hall	95.5	1st
Grouville Parish Hall	95	2nd
St Saviour Parish Hall	93	3rd
St John Parish Hall	92.5	4th
St Helier Parish Hall	91.5	5th
St Lawrence Parish Hall	90.5	6th
St Martin Parish Hall	90	7th
Trinity Parish Hall	88	8th
St Peters Parish Hall	86	9th

A & L Ahier Shield awarded to Winner of Class 21: St Brelade Parish Hall



Best Hotel Winner - St Brelades Bay Hotel

Overall Awards

Andre Ruellan Memorial Rose Bowl awarded to the Overall Winner of the Competition with the most points: Ian & Beverley Le Marquand

Judges Award for Garden Design awarded to: Kris Moore

Jersey Beekeepers Association Shield for Best Pollinator Friendly Garden: Pat Jackson

Judges Award for Best Use of Recycling Material: Matt Bartlett

Rachelle Robinson

Horticultural Secretary



All Island Garden Competition Presentation Evening

Tuesday 9th August 2022

It was decided by Ransoms Garden Centre and ourselves that the Presentation Evening for the All-Island Garden Competition would be held at the RJA&HS Royal Jersey Showground in the Members Room.

This was held on the evening of Tuesday 9th August with all entrants and their families invited to attend. Approximately 60 people attended and it was a lovely relaxing evening with refreshments served before the presentation.

Louise Noel, who judged the competition kindly presented all the trophies, certificates and Ransoms Garden Centre vouchers to winners and all entrants with Chairman Martin Preisig, reading out all the results.

Evita from Ransoms kindly put together a fantastic power point presentation of all the gardens entered to show on the big screen for all to enjoy during the evening - thank you to Evita and Ransoms for kindly sponsoring the Garden Competition again this year.

Martin thanked everyone who entered this year, we were delighted to have so many entries, the standard was very high and it was really good to see all the work, time and effort everyone had put into their gardens and allotments during the last year. We hope everyone will enter the competition again next year.

Rachelle Robinson
Horticultural Secretary



Betty & Michael Quenault - Winners of the Patio Garden Class



Derek Vivien - Winner of the Courtyard Garden Class



2nd Best Vegetable Garden - Richard De La Haye & Colleen Nicholson



Dave Cottrell receiving his Family Garden Winner trophy from judge Louise Noel

Nursery & Primary Schools Garden Competition

29th & 30th June 2022

Sadly, due to ongoing effect from the pandemic, only four Schools entered the Nursery & Primary School Garden Competition this year. Once again, Le Quesne's Garden Centre kindly sponsored the competition with vouchers for the winners for which we are very grateful for their generosity.

Despite the low entries, our two Judges Tom Robinson and Ian Le Marquand, both Horticultural Committee Members, enjoyed spending the two days judging all the fantastic gardens the children had created. Tom has judged the Competition before but this was a first time for Ian and both judges were very complimentary of the high standard and very impressed by what the children had achieved in their garden havens.

Grouville School secured the highest score overall of 87 for their fantastic Vegetable Garden with the second joint highest score of 86.5 points for their lovely Patio & Courtyard Type Garden securing them the Les Greffes Landscape Shield and Jacobarca Shield respectively.

Both judges were impressed with the Vegetable Garden with Tom stating it is still one of the best he had seen and the wheel planter was stunning, a great idea with a nice range of vegetables. Ian and Tom were both impressed with the use of recycled materials including milk cartons in the greenhouse and the body of an old henry Hoover - 'very impressive' stated Ian.

The Patio Area, where some children joined the judges to explain what they had planted from seed in all the containers was well set up and well planted with the planters full of plants and with bee friendly flowers plus a very nice pollinator patch. Tom quoted the use of space is excellent and really benefits the school and children and Ian stated the children were all very well informed by a wonderful teaching assistant.

The school also won the Graham & Phyllis De Gruchy Trophy for the Overall Best Garden Using Recycled Materials.

Grand Vaux School also did well, not having entered for a few years and had the second joint highest score of 86.5 for their entry in the Wildlife or Environmentally Friend Garden winning them the Belles Fleur Shield. Both Judges commented on the use of available space as incredible with such diversity in a relatively small area which was very impressive as it was only in its first six months of setting up. Tom commented on the number of bug hotels, saucers of water with stones which was excellent and encouraging biodiversity. Ian said it was nice for the children to explain to them about growing and caring for the plants and wildlife and that the garden was in good hands. The enthusiasm of the teacher was infectious and just what the school needed.

It was the second year that St Clement's School entered the competition with their beautiful Wildlife or Environmentally Friendly Garden and they came a very close second with 86, half a point below the winner, securing them the RJA&HS Horticultural Department Trophy. Both judges were extremely impressed with the set up of the garden, the planting, and the nice range of plants and all very healthy. Tom said the buddleia was wonderful to see with a strong scent and a butterfly magnet and that the little painted stones were a great addition and once the area becomes more established and settles in, it will be amazing. Tom also commented that the enthusiasm and knowledge of one child was a real credit and definitely a future gardener in the making. Ian loved the bee friendly garden with lovely established plants for the bees and insects to flourish and the vegetable garden was very well stocked particularly the herb garden and all very well cared for by the children.

Both judges thought that Ellis deserved special recognition for his enthusiasm and knowledge and was delighted to be

presented with a Special Award Certificate together with a £25 gardening voucher kindly donated by Le Quesne's Garden Centre. Having entered a few years ago, d'Auvergne School entered their Vegetable and Wildlife or Environmentally Friendly Gardens this year securing a 2nd place in the Vegetable Garden to win the Les Greffes Landscapes Trophy and 3rd place for their Wildlife Garden. Both judges commented on the enormous potential the Wildlife Garden had and was such an improvement on the last time Tom judged it. It has some very nice and interesting cultivars of bee and insect friendly plants with the continuation of fruit trees and hedging programme, it will become a lovely educational walk for the children and be a miniature nature reserve.

Both Tom and Ian commented that the Vegetable Garden was set out really well, the one-foot grid system of raised beds was excellent and helps to teach the children what you can grow in small areas. The mix of vegetables and soft fruit plants were good too. Both judges felt the additional of a planned poly tunnel would be incredible for the children and School.



Beautiful Garden at Grand Vaux School



Busy Gardener at St Clement School Garden



d'Auvergne School - 2nd in the Vegetable Garden Class



Grand Vaux School - Winner of the Wildlife & Environmentally Friendly Garden class



Judges Tom Robinson & Ian Le Marquand



Children and their teacher show the judges what they have grown



St Clement Schools - 2nd in the Wildlife or Environmentally Friend Garden class



Grouville School - Winner of the Patio or Courtyard Type Garden class



Grouville School - Winner of the Vegetable Garden class



Pollinator Patch at d'Auvergne School



Winner of the Overall Garden Using Recycling Materials - Grouville School

Results

Class 4 - Primary School - Patio or Courtyard type garden of any size

School	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Grouville Primary School	86.5	1st

Class 5 - Primary School - Wildlife or Environmentally Friendly Garden of any size

School	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Grand Vaux Primary School	86.5	1st
St Clements Primary School	86	2nd
d'Auvergne School	81	3rd

Class 6 - Primary School - A Vegetable Garden of any size

School	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Grouville Primary School	87	1st
d'Auvergne School	75.5	2nd

Trophy Results

Award	Awarded for	Awarded to	Points
Jocobarca Shield	Highest points in the Patio or Courtyard type garden	Grouville School	86.5
Belles Fleurs Shield	Highest points in the Wildlife or Environmentally Friendly Garden	Grand Vaux School	86.5
RJA&HS Horticultural Department Prize	Second highest points in the Wildlife or Environmentally Friendly Garden	St Clements School	86
Les Greffes Landscapes Shield	Highest points in the Vegetable Garden	Grouville School	87
Les Greffes Landscapes Prize	Second highest points in the Vegetable Garden	d'Auvergne School	75.5
Graham & Phyllis De Gruchy Trophy	Judges Award for the Overall Garden Using Recycling Materials	Grouville School	



St Clements School Children loved showing the judges their garden

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On Farm Challenge 2022 - 'Cows at home, in their working clothes'



Derrick and Ricky enjoying the on-farm stewarding!

After two successful years of running this event virtually, it was a great to welcome retired Holstein UK classifier, Malcom Dyson, over to the island in August and judge our 2022 On Farm Challenge. Eight herds put forward, 64 entries.

The event uses the same four age groups, as seen at our shows, plus an additional class for cows over 8 years of age.

Herds that entered were permitted to enter up to 3 per class, but no more than 10 animals in total on the day. The progeny of 35 different bulls were amongst the total of 48 animals presented for inspection and the quality of entries from across all herds continues to be excellent.

With an incredible 145 points secured out of 150 available, a worthy winner of the 5 Yr Old Cow class and eventual competition winner was Elite Joel Noblesse, bred and owned by John Le Feuvre. The team at Les Augerez continued their success with their first placed Heifer In Milk, Elite Aimless Lady 264 being placed reserve champion.

Class	Animal	Points	Sire	Exhibitor
Heifer in milk	Elite Aimless Lady 264	137	Heartland Irwin Texas ET	J F Le Feuvre
3 Yr Old Cows	Lassies Barnabas Supreme	129	Jars of Clay Barnabas	Mrs S J Le Feuvre
4-6 Yr Old Cow	Elite Joel Noblesse	145	Guimo Joel ET	J F Le Feuvre
Mature Cow (6-8yrs)	Ansom On Time Samsybil	114	Lencrest On Time ET	La Ferme Ltd
Cow over 8 Yrs	Woodlands Regal Riley	135	Chasin Rainbows Act Riley	R H Le Boutillier
Champion	Elite Joel Noblesse	145	Guimo Joel ET	J F Le Feuvre
Reserve Champion	Elite Aimless Lady 264	137	Heartland Irwin Texas ET	J F Le Feuvre

We are extremely grateful to Islands for generously sponsoring the On Farm Challenge once again.



Class 1 winner - Elite Aimless Lady 264



Class 2 winner - Lassies Barnabas Supreme



Class 3 winner - Elite Joel Noblesse



Class 4 winner - Ansom On Time Samsybil



Class 5 winner - Woodlands Regal Riley



John Le Feuvre, receiving the Islands Trophy from Josh De La Haye

Jane Harvey
Livestock Services Manager



Thank you to Islands for generously sponsoring the On Farm Challenge

F J Ahier Country Garden Anniversary Day & Plot Competition

Sunday 4th September

The Horticultural Committee agreed to make changes to the Annual Plot Competition whereby every Plot at the FJ Ahier Country Gardens would be judged monthly from March to September by one Judge instead of one day in June to try and encourage Plot Holders to take part.



Alan Michel & Maria Benedito

Local grower Richard Le Maistre kindly agreed to judge the Plot Competition and each month from March to September, he judged each plot giving score out of 100 broken down with 25 points for General Appearance, 30 points for Good Workmanship, 30 points for Cultivation and 15 points for Layout. These were collated each month by Rachelle giving a final score at the September judging which took place at the Anniversary Day which is held every year to celebrate the opening of the FJ Ahier Country Gardens 13 years ago.



Filipe & Fatima Ribeiro

The Anniversary Day, Plot Competition and other Competitions were held on Sunday 4th September and we were lucky to be blessed with good weather. Members, Plot Holders, their families, and friends were invited to attend and the day started with the final judging of the Plot Competition which was split into four classes for the Best Small Plot, Best Large Plot, Best Double Plot and Best Newcomer Plot.

Jayne Le Maistre joined her husband Richard to judge the Competitions held on the day for the Tallest Sunflower, Widest Sunflower Head and also the Mini Produce Competition. With

a large step ladder and tape measure, the judges took on the task of measuring the tallest sunflowers first and a very impressive sunflower grown by Tony & Carla Maia measured the tallest at 141 inches won top prize from the other four entries. Jose Nogrega took 1st prize in the Widest Sun Flower competition with an amazing size of 19½ inches, there were six entries in the class ranging from 12 to 19½ inches.



Judging the Mini Produce Competition

Ernie Le Feuvre Ltd very kindly sponsored the Plot Competition again this year giving a voucher to each of the four class winners. Once Rachelle had collated the final scores, the class winners were announced with Maria Freitas from Plot 1 winning the small class with 389 points, Carla Maia from Plot 53 winning the Large Plot class with 515 points and Graham Daghorn won the Double Plot class with 578 points. There were 6 entries in the Newcomer Class and Roger & Lorna Corfield from Plot 21 took top spot with 436 points. The Team St Lawrence Shield was then awarded for the most points overall and this went to a very delighted Graham Daghorn for his two Plots 9 & 10, the judge stating that his plot was immaculate, very well kept with wonderful produce grown – throughout the judging Graham's plots really impressed the judge, Richard.

Richard & Jayne then judged the fun produce competition which is for plot holders to put forward what they have grown on their plots and are judged on their own merit and not against other entries. Gold, silver and bronze certificates were given and once all the certificates were awarded, the judges decided on their overall winner. Tom Robinson was delighted to win for a second year in a row with his lovely Vegetable Trug put together with all the produce grown on his two plots and winning him the John Brennan Memorial Trophy.



Martin Rouault



Tallest Sunflower Measuring



Mini Produce winner Tom Robinson with judge Richard Le Maistre



Widest Sunflower Head Measuring



Overall Plot Winner Graham Daghorn with judge Richard Le Maistre

After a presentation to all competitors by our Chairman Martin Preisig and the Judges Richard and Jayne, it was time for everyone to sit, relax and enjoy a sandwich lunch with lots of homemade delicious cakes!

A lovely day was had by everyone and thank you very much to our judges Richard and Jayne, to our sponsor Ernie's and to all the plot holders that entered the competitions.

Plot Competition Results

Small Plot Class			
Plot No.	Name	Points	Placing
1	Maria Freitas	389	1st
11	Tracey Bougourd	382	2nd
13	Dina Zviedre & Don Le Clercq	339	3rd
8	Trevor Bertram	329	4th
19	Andrew & Maria Taylor	302	5th
20	Richard Prouten	278	6th

Large Plot Class			
Plot No.	Name	Points	Placing
53	Carla Maia	515	1st
55	Steven Jacobs	514	2nd
56	Jose Nobrega	487	3rd
49	Maria Martins	424	4th
54	Margaret Lee	378	5th
46	Steven Shipp	377	6th

Double Plot Class			
Plot No.	Name	Points	Placing
9 & 10	Graham Daghorn	578	1st
22 & 23	Tom Robinson	400	2nd
28 & 29	Filipe Ribeiro	349	3rd
15 & 16	Andrew Norman	232	4th
25 & 26	Martin Rouault	210	5th
36 & 37	Dot Perks	160	6th

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Newcomer Class			
Plot No.	Name	Points	Placing
21	Roger & Lorna Corfield	436	1st
14	Katie McArthur	308	2nd
43	Andy West	236	3rd
38	Sarah Hill	223	4th
39	Alan Michel	207	5th
44	Roger Tadier	106	6th

Overall Winner of the Team St Lawrence Shield:
Graham Daghorn - Plots 9 & 10 - 578 Points

Sun Flower & Mini Produce Competition Results

Tallest Sun Flower			
Placing	Name	Plot	Height
1st	Carla Maia	53	141 inches
2nd	Filipe Ribeiro	29	109 inches
3rd	Andrew & Maria Taylor	19	88 inches
4th	Ellie Wood	24	81 inches

Widest Sun Flower			
Placing	Name	Plot	Width
1st	Jose Nobrega	56	19½ inches
2nd	Johanna Svensson	50	15½ inches
3rd	Dina Zviedre & Don Le Clercq	13	15¼ inches
4th	Carla Maia	53	15 inches
5th	Bradley Chambers	32	14 inches
6th	Maria Martins	49	12 inches

Overall Produce Winner + the John Brennan Memorial Trophy
Tom Robinson - Vegetable Trug

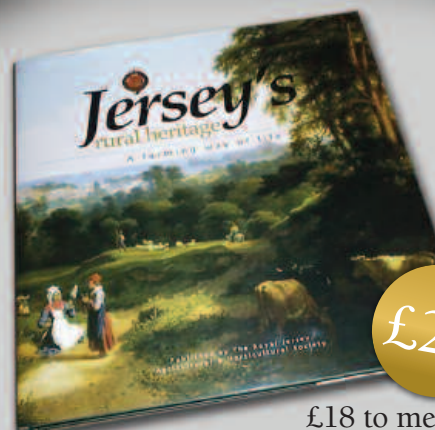
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Rural Matters!



Despite the highly significant contribution to the local economy, local culture, and a sense of place among Islanders and tourists, the agriculture and horticulture sectors are facing a watershed moment in their workforce succession planning, skills need, and related growth opportunities. The Island has a critical knowledge base on-island that requires a platform which facilitates the transfer of this knowledge and passion to the next generation. A vision for skills development in the land-based sector is therefore critical in order to encourage new entrants into the industry, thereby building on the knowledge base on-island. This was fundamentally the purpose of the Rural Matters research that I have been assigned to on behalf of the RJA&HS. As I explain later, the more people from the industry I have had the privilege to speak to, the more the original purpose pivots slightly.

There are many overarching common characteristics to both the agricultural and horticultural industries in Jersey. Horticulture is defined as the science and art of growing plants in gardens or landscapes, that employs special techniques and methods to cultivate plants. Horticulture is commonly referred to as gardening. (I actually feel this term gardening doesn't do the career justice. It deserves a rebrand to reflect the diverse, dynamic extraordinary career that horticulture provides). Whereas agriculture is the science of growing food, feed, fibre, and other goods such as hemp, as well rearing animals for farming. When looking closely at horticulture and agriculture in Jersey, there are many similarities and many unique differences. The one key most notable similarity being that they are both industries, for whom people work exceptionally hard at contributing to Jersey's food security as well as Jersey's iconic beautiful landscape and special flora, fauna and biodiversity. That said, in order to create an effective pathway into each industry, and effectively target support, it was necessary to bespoke my research questions appropriately for each land-based industry.

The initial outcomes for the Rural Matters research were to use the feedback of the industry to create a bespoke island land-based pathway that aims to:

- Raise the profile of the agricultural and horticultural communities;
- Inform and educate our young people with regard to local food and farming;
- Drive a greater interest in the sector as a career option; and
- Educate young people overall as to what modern farming and horticulture is all about.

The 'Rural Matters: Cultivate Horticulture' report has been concluded, and the 'Rural Matters: Cultivate Agriculture' research is now underway. The key stakeholders within the horticulture sector have contributed to the research as well as Skills Jersey. This 'Rural Matters' research is a priority at such a critical time in the rural sector, in providing an industry voice to government and aligning with the Economic Framework for the Rural

Cultivate programme

Environment; a framework that provides a foundation to help deliver additional government funding towards our agricultural sector as well as a longer term vision of increasing sustainability. The results from the survey in addition to crucial industry meetings, aim to support the horticulture and agricultural sector by ensuring that islanders can be offered a clear pathway into this industry with access to great training opportunities and hopefully an overall improvement in the the perception and development of the sector.

The 'horticulture matters' research set out to determine skills shortages and skills gaps prevalent in Jersey's horticulture amenity sector, understand future skills needs, as well as explore staff training, including associated barriers to training. The research also examined drivers of future change affecting the industry. The research involved a combined face to face meeting with each of the respondents as well as a survey of businesses in Jersey which achieved 8 responses whose workforce totalled 124 people and represents 12% of the industry workforce. The five subsectors that were represented in the survey were; Arboriculture, Landscaping, Ornamental Plant Production, Public Gardens.

Jersey's horticulture sector is highly skilled and makes a significant contribution to the local economy. According to Statistics Jersey, there were 990 employees listed in the horticulture amenity sector which contributed an estimated Gross Value Added (GVA) of £36,535,000. The fact that horticulture contributes such a significant sum to Jersey's economy every year is impressive, however its wider contribution extends well beyond the estimates given in this figure. What is therefore concerning is that 100% of businesses surveyed said that there is a skills gap in horticulture on island meaning that they struggle to find the skilled workers they require.

The sector is facing a critical skills challenge (skills gaps and shortages), resulting in an ageing workforce, difficulties in filling skilled vacancies, a significantly low average number of apprentices per businesses, overall challenges in recruiting apprentices and a general shortage of labour. The research showed that the three most notable skills gaps were reported to be in environmental awareness, people management and soft skills. 88% put these gaps down to lack of on island training opportunities and overall, a poor perception of horticulture within education. The survey results showed that out of the 124 employees represented in the survey, 46% were between the age of 50-74. Furthermore, businesses reported significant barriers in apprentice recruitment including, lack of government support / incentives and a lack of suitable off-the job training provision for apprentices. Predictably, the most widely reported cause of a skills gaps in the sector's workforce is the inability to find staff with the right knowledge and skills. This is further compounded by reported difficulties in accessing sector-relevant external training. Overall, employers surveyed did not expect automation, robotics and other technologies to have a disruptive impact that could reduce workforce needs in the short term. Skills shortages, the availability of labour, as well as government support, ranked prominently amongst the main drivers of future change. Food security over the next ten years as well as climate change were also mentioned as significant drivers of change.

To address these issues, the sector will need to tackle issues linked to these skills shortages and gaps, promote recruitment, and acquire improved and more local access to relevant training along with a sustainable talent pipeline. These challenges may not be met by the sector alone, but would benefit from external support from government and stakeholders in education, careers advice and careers promotion.

The results of my Cultivate Horticulture research are summarised above. As I am currently still surveying the agricultural industry key players, I cannot conclude my findings yet, however I would like to share my thoughts so far.

I went into the second stage of my research with the agricultural industry, with varying questions but with the same objective I had for my horticulture research. Which was to listen to the people working in the industry and collate and record their thoughts as to what they thought would be the most effective way Jersey could create a pathway into the industry. A pathway that guided someone forward if they were curious to join and train for an industry that connected them to the land, with the seasons, with food security and with local biodiversity, as currently there is no pathway.

When visiting the farmers and sitting and listening to them, I soon discovered that actually, the pathway focus to my research is less of a focus and instead, my focus has now turned to other more pressing issues that must be addressed imminently before even considering pathways into the industry. Such as the fragility of the industry's future and the overall well-being of those working within it. The longstanding concerns for the farmers and growers that have been increasing year on year, such as labour and competition from cheaper imports, have been exacerbated in the last six months by exponential rising costs. There are deeper more entrenched concerns also, that of society's relationship to food itself and the expectation that food must be cheap. This lack of value for food is now causing the industry to seriously buckle. Competing with cheaper imports as well as incurring rising costs creates an economic conundrum that even a fourth generation farmer deeply passionate about their role as a farmer, is struggling with.

Upon commencing my role in September 2018, it became quite clear that there was a growing disconnection with our local agricultural and horticultural communities. I attended the LEAF Education Conference at the Rothamsted Centre in Harpenden in October 2018 which highlighted this is a national issue. Conversations I have had with many local farmers and growers reflect that this disconnection is stronger now more than ever. As an island, together we need to connect once again to the joy of food and the joy of supporting our local farming community. Education, industry and government need to collaborate and we need to use our imagination to help our local farming industry to thrive and not just survive.

As a citizen of Jersey, as a consumer, as educators of the next generation, as parents and grandparents, these questions need to be explored on a deeper level than they are already for us to be able to connect back to where our food comes from. We must make 'food' and 'food security' a topic of debate, a focus in our Jersey curriculum and a priority for not just government action, but community action also.

- **Why should we protect our farming industry?**
- **Why is it important to produce food on Jersey?**
- **What is the rural industry's contribution to the rural landscape of Jersey?**
- **What does a typical year look like for people who work the land?**
- **What are the challenges of being a farmer?**
- **What are the opportunities going forward?**
- **Why must we support our local farmers, growers and horticulturalists?**



Jess McGovern
Head of Education & Development

An advertisement for The Howard Davis Farm Trust. At the top is a circular logo featuring a landscape with a tree, a field, and a bird, with the text "HOWARD DAVIS FARM TRUST JERSEY" below it. Below the logo, the text reads: "THE HOWARD DAVIS FARM TRUST", "Here to offer financial assistance towards", "Training Research Projects", "in", "Agriculture, Horticulture and Environment". At the bottom, it says "Enquiries to the Secretary" and "paultucker194@gmail.com". The background of the advertisement is a photograph of a large green tree in a park-like setting.

Summer Flower & Produce Show

20th & 21st August 2022

The third Show of 2022 being the Summer Flower & Produce Show attracted around 1000 visitors over the weekend to see some of the Island's finest examples of fruit, vegetable, flowers, plants, cakes and children's artwork. The Show also included the Jersey Poultry & Ornithological Rabbit & Guinea Pig Show, the Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society Fun Carrot Competition plus a Concours d'Elegance by the Jersey Classic Vehicle Club and mini tractor rides, bouncy castles, carousels for the children and lots of local trade stands.

With only 75 exhibitors, 22 of which were children, there was still over 700 entries across all the sections and classes. The judging took place on Friday evening with 10 judges kindly giving up their time for us.

An artistically balanced display of produce grown by Kevin Roberts at his allotment at the FJ Ahier Country Gardens won the Best In Show award, this being the second year in a row he has won the top spot. The judges described the display as excellent variety, well presented with good colour combinations and were impressed with what was grown especially with the hot weather conditions. This display also secured Kevin the Winter De Gruchy Memorial Trophy which he has won for the last four years.



Best in Show Winner Kevin Roberts - Display of Produce from the FJ Ahier Country Gardens

Husband and wife duo, Toots and Helen Le Brun had the task of judging all the fruit and vegetables and three impressive leeks grown by the States of Jersey Prison Service won Reserve Best in Show as well as Vegetable Best in Section Rosette. The judges commented it was uniform size, well presented and amazingly unblemished three firm stunning leeks. The Prison Service also won the RHS Banksian Medal which is presented to the exhibitor with the largest total amount of prize money in all the Horticultural classes at the August Show. Linda Mollet was delighted to win the Fruit Best in Section rosette with home grown Cape Gooseberries, being described as delicate, uniform, and fine specimens which was unusual to see entered in the Fruit section.



Linda Mollet's winning Best in Section Cape Gooseberries



Reserve Best in Show - 3 Leeks grown by the States of Jersey Prison Service

It was lovely to see entries from Max De La Haye with his beautiful Dahlias grown lovingly on his farm, this being the first time he has entered without his wonderful wife to help. His daughter was on hand to help him and the displays he staged were wonderfully done and won him the Best in Section Cut Flower Rosette and Dahlia Cup for his 3 Small Decorative Dahlias as well as the National Dahlia Society Silver and Bronze medals for his 3 Medium Decorative and 1 Giant Dahlia respectively. Judges Richard Le Cornu and Phil Le Chevalier commented that the 3 Small Decorative Dahlias were outstanding, absolutely striking and colour, uniform with no blemishes and clean healthy leaves.

A fantastic Triphylla Type Fuchsia plant, grown under very hot weather conditions by Ian & Beverley Le Marquand in only their second year of showing won the Pot Plant Best in Section accolade and also the coveted award for Excellence in Horticulture awarded by the Worshipful Company of Gardeners, this being the second time they have won this much sought after prize. Judges Dale Hector and Derek Noble said the Triphylla was a uniform shape with an excellent distribution of flowers, very healthy with excellent foliage. Their winning streak did not stop there as they also won the Best in Section in the Adult Cakes for 6 yummy portions of tray bake as well as the British Fuchsia Society Blue Rosette.



Max De La Haye's beautiful Dahlias won the Cut Flower Best in Section



Pot Plant Best in Section & Excellence in Horticulture Winners Ian & Beverley Le Marquand

Stephen Le Feuvre continued his winning streak with his 6 Pots of the Same Cacti winning the Best in Section Rosette with the judges describing the display as a simple very impressive presentation with no blemishes, clean plants and well presented. There were good entries in the Adult Floral Arranging classes and this was judged by Francis Le Quesne, who kindly donates The Janet Le Quesne Memorial Trophy plus cash prizes from Le Quesne's Garden Centre for the Amateur Pedestal Arrangement class. The Trophy was won by new competitor Angela Le Pavoux for her vibrant and very colourful display of flowers to celebrate the return of the Battle of Flowers. Regular competitor Betty Quenault won the Best in Section rosette for her beautiful display of stunning sunflowers in a watering can. The Amateur Best in Section rosette went to another regular and talented competitor Ivy Le Troquer for her traditional Battle of Flowers Pedestal Arrangement which also awarded Ivy the Worshipful of Company of Gardeners Merit in Floral Art award.



Ivy Le Troquer - Winner of the Amateur Floral Arranging and Merit in Floral Art

Francis and Cathy Le Feuvre judged the Children's classes, sadly entries were low at this Show due to the summer holidays and families taking advantage of going away on holiday, the first time most people had the opportunity to go away since the pandemic. This did not deter the standard of entries in each section and following in her grandmother's Betty Quenault's footsteps, Voilet Quenault-Andrews, who was on holiday for the summer, won the RHS Junior Competitors Awarded of Merit in Junior Floral Art certificate and the Children's Best in Section rosette for her beautiful colourful arrangement of flowers and foliage in a Plant Pot. The entries in the Collage and Painting classes were also of a very high standard with some amazing creations to celebrate the return of the Battle of Flowers and My Summer Holiday.

As ever, the Cake classes attracted lots of entries giving Judges Mike Wright and Sarah Friiss the task of tasting them all. 9-year-old Ashleigh Eder's delicious Victoria Sandwich Cake took top honours in the Junior Section winning the Best in Section Rosette. For this Show the very worthy Jersey Brian Tumour Charity was chosen to receive the proceeds of the Cake Auction. The Charity spent the whole weekend at the Show talking with people telling them about their charity and the wonderful work they do and they were delighted that the Auction raised £386 for them.



Ashleigh Eder winning Junior Best in Section Victoria Sandwich Cake

On the Sunday, the Classic Vehicle Club attended the Show with an amazing display of vintage cars, a tractor and motor bike. A Concours d'Elegance competition was held which was kindly judged by Colin & Paulette De La Hays, Colin himself owning a

Vintage tractor. Peter Evans' Black Vauxhall Wyvern impressed the judges who awarded him the Gold Certificate for the Best Classic Car. The Silver Certificate went to Alf Le Masurier's lovely Green Morris Minor and Ossie Baudains Blue Ford Cortina took the Bronze Certificate. The judges also decided to award some special prizes to Tim Pallot's wonderful Ford Dexter Tractor, a Moto Guzzi Motorbike owned by Derek Le Cocq and a lovely Blue Morgan owned by Bob De La Hays.

The Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society once again hosted the Fun Carrot and Funniest Carrot Competitions and with 67 entries received, the judges had their work cut out. Chairman Graeme Le Marquand and Nora Treanor judged the Fun Carrot Competition finding their 1st, 2nd and 3rd best carrot winners as children's entries, the winner being James Nobgrea. Collette Bisson and Gill Kay, both from the JEP, judged the Funniest Carrot competition and with some very unusual and hilarious specimens, they eventually found their winners.

Sadly, due to the Avian Flu outbreak on the Island, the Poultry & Ornithological Society were only able to have a Rabbit and Guinea Pig Show.



Best in Section Professional Floral Arranging Winner Betty Quenault



Violet Quenault Andrews - Winner of the RHS Award of Merit in Junior Floral Art



Amazing Collage to celebrate the Battle of Flowers



Explosion of Colour to celebrate the return of the Battle of Flowers



Janine Buckley with her winning Pelargonium



Lots of carrots enter the Jersey NVS Annual Carrot Competition



Winning Carrots



Children enjoying Tim Pallot's Ford Dexter tractor



Vintage Car Concours d'Elegance winner - Peter Evans Vauxhall Wyvern with judges Colin & Paulette De La Haye



Volunteers from the Jersey Brain Tumour Charity - Our Cake Auction Charity

Award	Awarded For	Winner
H.G. SHEPARD MEMORIAL TROPHY	Most Meritorious Exhibit at the Summer Show	Kevin Roberts Display of Produce from FJ Ahier Country Garden Allotments
RESERVE OVERALL WINNER	Second Best Exhibit at the Summer Show	States of Jersey Prison Service 3 Leeks
THE DAHLIA CUP	Awarded to the Best Dahlia Exhibit	Max & Dot De La Haye
STEPHENS PERPETUAL ROSE TROPHY	Best Specimen Rose	Ann Neill 1 Specimen Large Flowered Rose
NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY Silver Medal	Best Dahlia Exhibit	Max De La Haye 3 Medium Decorative Dahlias
NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY Bronze Medal	Second-Best Dahlia Exhibit	Max De La Haye 1 Giant Dahlia
BRITISH FUCHSIA SOCIETY BLUE ROSETTE	Best Fuchsia Exhibit	Ian & Beverley Le Marquand Pot Triphylla Type Fuchsia
PELARGONIUM & GERANIUM SOCIETY Gold Certificate	Best Exhibit in the Pelargonium classes	Michael Quenault 1 Ivy Leafed Pelargonium
PELARGONIUM & GERANIUM SOCIETY Silver Certificate	Second Best Exhibit in the Pelargonium classes	Janine Buckley 1 Scented Leaf Pelargonium
RHS JUNIOR COMPETITORS AWARD OF MERIT CERTIFICATE	Merit in Junior Floral Art	Violet Quenault-Andrews Arrangement of Flowers & Foliage in a Plant Pot (12-14 years)
WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF GARDENERS Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture	Excellence in Horticulture	Ian & Beverley Le Marquand Pot Triphylla Type Fuchsia
WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF GARDENERS Certificate of Merit in Floral Art	Merit in Floral Art	Ivy Le Troquer "Battle of Flowers" Pedestal Arrangement
BEST IN SECTION CUT FLOWERS	Best in the Cut Flower Classes	Max De La Haye 3 Small Decorative Dahlias
BEST IN SECTION POT PLANTS	Best in the Pot Plant Classes	Ian & Beverley Le Marquand Pot Triphylla Type Fuchsia
BEST IN SECTION CACTI & SUCCULENTS	Best in the Cacti & Succulent Classes	Stephen Le Feuvre 6 Pots Cacti Same Species
BEST IN SECTION FRUIT	Best in the Fruit Classes	Linda Mollet Any Other Kind of Fruit
BEST IN SECTION VEGETABLES	Best in the Vegetable Classes	States of Jersey Prison Service 3 Leeks
BEST IN SECTION ADULT FLORAL ARRANGING (PROFESSIONAL)	BEST IN SECTION ADULT FLORAL ARRANGING (PROFESSIONAL)	Betty Quenault "Summer Flower Watering Can"
BEST IN SECTION ADULT FLORAL ARRANGING (AMATEUR)	Best in the Adult Floral Arranging Amateur Classes	Ivy Le Troquer "Battle of Flowers" Pedestal Arrangement
BEST IN SECTION CHILDREN'S FLORAL ART	Best in the Children's Floral Art Classes	Violet Quenault-Andrews Arrangement of Flowers & Foliage in a Plant Pot (12-14 years)
BEST IN SECTION ADULT CAKES	Best in the Adult Cake Classes	Ian & Beverley Le Marquand 6 Portions Tray Bake
BEST IN SECTION CHILDREN'S CAKES	Best in the Children's Cake Classes	Ashleigh Eder Victoria Sandwich Cake (9-11 years)
HARRY DUNN PERPETUAL ROSE TROPHY	Winner of the Best Bi-Colour Hybrid Tea Rose Class	Ann Neill
ROSARIAN'S MINER'S LAMP	Winner of the Best Miniature Rose in a Picture Frame Class	Richard & Louise Noel
WINTER DE GRUCHY MEMORIAL PERPETUAL TROPHY	Winner of the Display of Produce from FJ Ahier Country Garden Allotment Class	Kevin Roberts
JANET LE QUESNE MEMORIAL TROPHY	Winner of the Amateur Pedestal Arrangement Class	Angela Le Pavoux
BRITISH FUCHSIA SOCIETY CRESTED SPOON	Most points in the Fuchsia classes	Richard & Louise Noel 29 points
BANKSIAN MEDAL Kindly offered by the Royal Horticultural Society	Winner of the largest total amount of prize money in all the Horticultural classes, except artistic, at the August show. Two years previous winners being ineligible to compete.	States of Jersey Prison Service 77 points / £35
MOST FRAGRANT ROSE	Most Votes in the Class	Neil Fauvel 47 votes

Rachelle Robinson
Horticultural Secretary

Wednesday Club



A great gathering of our farming community at Blanc Pignon

The summer wouldn't be complete without a couple of 'Wednesday Club' gatherings of our local dairy community.

The first visit was on the 17th August visiting the Elite herd of John, Sarah and John James Le Feuvre, at Les Augerez Farm in St Peter. Many thanks to them and herd manager Mark Smith for presenting the cows so well. This herd visit was enjoyed by around twenty local breeders and enthusiasts. There were many superb cows on display, as well as some exciting youngstock that are clearly going to make great cows. We were pleased to have Patti Tohl with us all the way from Tillamook, Oregon, USA and she was able to see some daughters of Chassin Rainbows Act Riley a bull that she bred.



Enjoying a leisurely stroll round Les Augerez farm

The second Wednesday Club, on the 31st August, was kindly hosted by David Leng and team at Blanc Pignon Dairy Farm in St Peter. It was an interesting visit for the thirty strong group as the farm has recently branched out into producing their own artisanal dairy products under the Blanc Pignon brand name. We were treated to a fabulous BBQ supper, serving their own Jersey beef burgers and also sampling their delicious gelato for dessert.

Jane Harvey
Agricultural Department



Proud Grandfather Derrick Frigot with his grand children Coralie and Dylan, at the Autumn Cattle Show

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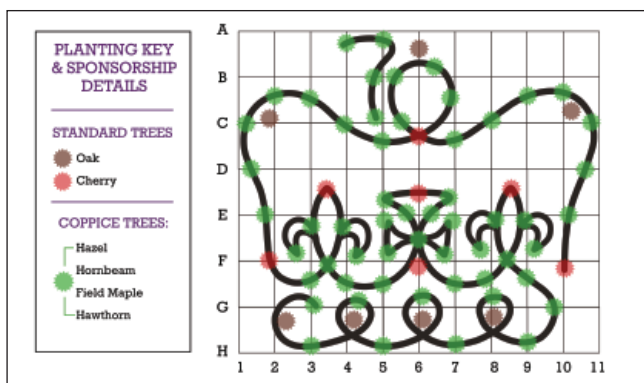
The Queen's Green Canopy



The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) initiative was launched in 2021 as a practical way to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth the Second. Following the wishes of Her Majesty, The King, the QGC initiative was extended to the end of March 2023 to give people the opportunity to plant trees in memoriam to honour Her Majesty. The QGC was due to conclude in December 2022, the end of the Jubilee year. However, as the official tree planting season in the United Kingdom is from October to March, the initiative was extended to include the full tree planting season, beginning in October 2022 and concluding in March 2023.

The Queen's Green Canopy will create a living legacy, with over a million trees planted in her Majesty's name across the nation during the first planting season, October 2021 to March 2022. The extension of the QGC initiative will build on this legacy and serve as a lasting tribute to Her Majesty's extraordinary service to her country and people.

The RJA&HS joined this initiative, giving members the opportunity to take part. On the 11th March 2023 some 40 members gathered at the Showground to plant the "The Queen's Coppice". Seventy trees were planted on the large bank at the southern end of the Showground comprising of a mix of species, some to left to grow as standard trees and some to become coppice trees. In time this will create a mix of heights to maximise the environmental benefits.



The plan shows how the planting scheme took inspiration from the Platinum Jubilee logo and shows the location of the 7 Oaks (*Quercus Robur*) and 7 Wild Cherry (*Prunus Avium*) which will be left to grow as standard trees, along with 56 Hornbeam (*Carpinus Betulus*), Hawthorn (*Crataegus Monogyna*), Field Maple (*Acer Campestre*) and Hazel (*Corylus Avellana*) which will form the basis of the coppice rotation.

Members were given the opportunity to sponsor a tree and this list along with the plan will be recorded in the Society main building as a permanent tribute.

In the Frame

Edwin Douglas



Jersey

Members may have noticed new additions to the Society's art collection with the hanging of three prints of Jersey cattle, painted by Edwin Douglas, that now form an imposing group at the top of the stairs in the Showground main building.

These prints were generously donated by Sarah Johnson, in memory of her mother Brenda McCarthy, and were expertly cleaned and reframed by Grange Framing in Georgetown. The pictures were originally hung in the Society's offices in Mulcaster Street, however, when the Society moved to a newly built office block at Springfield in 1969, many works of art were offered to members as there was not room in the new offices to house everything.

Edwin James Douglas (1848 – 1914) was born in Edinburgh, the son of James Douglas, a noted portrait painter, and exhibited his first work at the Royal Scottish Academy at the age of only 17. Edwin Douglas's paintings were mainly of a sporting nature and he attracted many notable patrons, including Sir Charles Tennant and Queen Victoria.

Douglas painted a series with Jersey cows titled The Channel Island Series in the 1880's. Two of the three prints, entitled "Jersey" and "Sark" are from this series the other two being "Alderney" and "Jersey Family".

The third print is entitled "Evangeline" with a sub title 'Foremost, bearing the bell, Evangeline's beautiful heifer' from the poem "Evangeline – A tale of acadie lyrics", by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Another print on the landing is titled "Prize Jerseys" and shows three famous animals from the Blythwood herd in Essex, 'Perry Farm Deery', 'Sweet Secret' and 'Rosy'. He was subsequently elected an Honorary Life member of the English Jersey Cattle Society.



Sark



Evangeline

Autumn Fair - Autumn Cattle Show 2022

The society was delighted to welcome Ashley Fleming to judge this year's Autumn show held at the Autumn Fair over the weekend of 2nd & 3rd October. Ashley and family are based in Seaforde, Downpatrick, Northern Ireland and are owners of the award winning Potterswalls herd of Jersey's. It was a pleasure to welcome Ashley back again, along with his wife Lynda and his parents to showcase to them the islands pedigree cattle.

With unsettled weather forecast over the two days an early decision was made to hold the cattle show indoors in the West Hall.

Kicking off the proceeding on Saturday was the Heifer in Milk class, 12 entries forward for animals under 30 months of age at date of exhibition. Class winner in this age category, exhibited by Mrs S E Le Feuvre was *Avonteur S Victorious Margo*, sired by an American bull *River Valley Victorious ET*. Which also went on win Junior In Milk and Best Uddered Champion.

Competing in the 3 Year Old Cow class for Miss Rebecca Houze and winner of the J H N Roberts Memorial Cup for inspection was *Gene Countess Chrome Iona* (Sire: *River Valley CECE Chrome ET*).

The Young Cow class, for which there were 7 put forward for inspection, aged between 4 and 6 years of age at date of exhibition. Continuing her incredible winning streak in this year's show season; *Elite Joel Noblesse* topped Class 5 again, sired by Canadian bull *Guimo Joel CJCC ET*, owned and bred by John Le Feuvre.

Four tremendous cows were presented in the Mature Cow class and it was the 8 year old *Lizzies Little Beanie Babe*, owned by J F Le Feuvre that caught the eye of Ashley Fleming. However, it was the young cow *Elite Joel Noblesse*, from the previous class, which secured the overall Senior In-Milk championship title.

The Home Bred Group class was won by Les Augerez Farm and the progeny group class, comprising of three daughters all sired from the same bull, was awarded to the Canadian bull *Guimo Joel CJCC et*.

Izzy Hefford McCutcheon continued her on-going show success, this time with *Clover Izzy Spring Success Pixie*, retaining her Junior Member In-Milk Championship title.

The four class winners were all led out for the Grand Championship classes, Ashley Fleming found his Grand Champion in *Elite Joel Noblesse*, praising her tremendous mammary system which placed her ahead of his reserve placed animal *Avonteur S Victorious Margo*. *Elite Joel Noblesse* also picking up the 2nd Meadcrest Cup for Champion Best Udder and the Vernon Cookes Challenge cup for Exhibitor Bred Champion.

Cow Classes	Exhibitor	Animal	Sire
Heifer in Milk	Mrs S E Le Feuvre	AVONTEUR S VICTORIOUS MARGO	RIVER VALLEY VICTORIOUS
3yr Old Cows	Miss R Houze	GENE COUNTESS CHROME IONA	RIVER VALLEY CECE CHROME ET
Young Cows	J F Le Feuvre	ELITE JOEL NOBLESSE	GUIMO JOEL CJCC ET
Mature Cows	J F Le Feuvre	LIZZIES LITTLE BEANIE BABE	FOREST GLEN AVERY ACTION ET
Grand Champion	J F Le Feuvre	ELITE JOEL NOBLESSE	GUIMO JOEL CJCC ET
Res Grand Champion	Mrs S E Le Feuvre	AVONTEUR S VICTORIOUS MARGO	RIVER VALLEY VICTORIOUS
Champion Best Udder	J F Le Feuvre	ELITE JOEL NOBLESSE	GUIMO JOEL CJCC ET
Exhibitor Bred Champion	J F Le Feuvre	ELITE JOEL NOBLESSE	GUIMO JOEL CJCC ET
Jnr Member Champion	Miss Isabelle Hefford-McCutcheon	CLOVER IZZY SPRING SUCCESS PIXIE	BUTTERCREST SUCCESS ET

Judging of the heifer classes took place on the Sunday. Due to such a strong turnout in the first class 'Heifers Under 12 Months' a decision was made to split it into two age groups; 0-6 months and 6-12 months old.

Ashley Fleming found his winner in the first 0-6 Month group in *Lassies Casino Flower 4*, sired by *Elliotts Regency Casino* and bred and owned by Mrs S J Le Feuvre and exhibited by junior member Miss Martha Pill. The older Heifer group was won by another animal from the Les Augeres herd *Natalies Victorious Queen*, led by Derrick Frigot's granddaughter Miss Coralie Frigot.

Nine were brought forward in the following class, Heifers 12-18 months, was won by P F Le Maistre with *Westlands Perry Majestic* (Sire: *Clover Patch Dazzler Perry*). In the final class of the morning, Heifers 18 to 27 months, 5 entered the ring with *Ansom Chrome Countess*, bred and exhibited by La Ferme Ltd being awarded class winner.

But it was the under 12 months heifer *Natalies Victorious Queen* which was the Judge's selection for overall heifer champion, with *Ansom Chrome Countess* taking the Jack Le Sueur Exhibitor Bred Champion Trophy.

Heifer Classes	Exhibitor	Animal	Sire
Under 0-6 months	Miss M Pill	LASSIES CASINO FLOWER 4	ELLIOTTS REGENCY CASINO
6-12 months	Miss C Frigot	NATALIES VICTORIOUS QUEEN	RIVER VALLEY VICTORIOUS ET
12- under 18 months	P F Le Maistre	WESTLANDS PERRY MAJESTIC	CLOVER PATCH DAZZLER PERRY
18 - under 27 months	La Ferme Ltd	ANSOM CHROME COUNTESS	RIVER VALLEY CECE CHROME ET
Jnt Member Champion	Miss C Frigot	NATALIES VICTORIOUS QUEEN	RIVER VALLEY VICTORIOUS ET
Heifer Champion	Miss C Frigot	NATALIES VICTORIOUS QUEEN	RIVER VALLEY VICTORIOUS ET
Res Heifer Champion	La Ferme Ltd	ANSOM CHROME COUNTESS	RIVER VALLEY CECE CHROME ET
Exhibitor Bred Champion	La Ferme Ltd	ANSOM CHROME COUNTESS	RIVER VALLEY CECE CHROME ET

Well done to Olivia Perchard in winning the JISEX Showmanship award and holding on to her Junior Member heifer championship title and Miss Elinor Huelin for winning the Carol Ann de Gruchy memorial trophy, awarded for the highest number of annual points won in 2022.

It was a wonderful show to round off the 2022 show season and congratulations to all the breeders who took part, finishing with a few words from Ashley, who kindly shared with us his thoughts on the weekends events....

"I always enjoy visiting Jersey and to be invited again to officiate at the RJA & HS Autumn Show was a real privilege. It is so encouraging to see the calibre and quality of the cattle continue to improve with each visit. Within the constraints which the breeders have to operate they have done a wonderful job to continue to develop the Jersey cow to track with the breeds improvement across the world. The winning individuals were superb representatives of the Jersey breed."

Ashley Fleming

...here's to showcasing more of our fantastic pedigree Jerseys in 2023!

Jane Harvey
Livestock Services Manager



Class 1 Winner and Reserve Champion - Avonteur S Victorious Margo



Class 2 winner - Gene Countess Chrome Iona



Class 3 Winner and Supreme Champion 2022 - Elite Joel Noblesse



Class 6 winner - Lizzies Little Beanie Babe



Championship winners receiving their winning trophies from Robert MacRae, Deputy Bailiff and Ashley Fleming



Reserve Heifer Champion - Ansom Chrome Countess



Open Heifer Champion - Natalies Victorious Queen



Class 23 winner Heifer 12-18Mth - Westlands Perry Majestic

Autumn Fair - Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Show

1st & 2nd October 2022

The last Show of 2022 was another massive success with over 1700 people visiting over the weekend and a record number of nearly 1000 entries in the Horticultural Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Show keeping the Show Secretary on her toes during the ten days running up to the Show sorting out all the admin.

The Show also hosted the second Cattle Show of the year, the Heaviest & Longest Fruit & Vegetable Competition plus a second Rabbit and Guinea Pig Show hosted by the Poultry & Ornithological Society.

Thirteen judges were invited to judge the various sections and following the judging of all the classes, the Fruit, Vegetable, Pot Plant and Cut Flower judges, having picked their Best in Section winners, got together with our Chairman Martin Preisig to give their points for each of the Best in Section Winners. Martin adds up the points and the highest points wins the Best in Show with the second highest points taking Reserve Best in Show.

From over 180 entries in the Vegetable classes, it was a unanimous decision by all the Judges that a Large Vegetable Basket exhibited by the States of Jersey Prison Service described by judges Ian Scott and Tony Le Brun as excellent quality and a good selection of well balanced and presented vegetable was awarded the Best in Show Award – a very eye-catching display. This is the second year in a row that the Prison Service have won this award, last year for their Collection of Vegetables in a Wheelbarrow. The inmates that grow all the vegetable and exhibit them in the basket were absolutely delighted that all their hard work and dedication paid off.



States of Jersey Prison Service Best in Show - Large Vegetable Basket

The Reserve Best on Show Award when to Stephen Le Feuvre's impressive display of a Group of Cacti, the judges commented on how well-balanced and well presented the display was giving maximum effect with excellent quality and variety of plants – stunning and interesting. Stephen's beautiful Purple Anthurium plant in bloom won the Pot Plant Best in Section with judges Martin Bourke and Brian Hamon describing it as an unusual fabulous perfect specimen, an excellent house plant which was clean with no blemishes.



Stephen Le Feuvre's Group of Cacti - Reserve Best in Show

There will around 70 entries in the Cut Flower Section and after judging all the classes, judges Jane Fraser and Claude Bertram agreed that 6 Miniature Roses of Hybrid Tea form in a Box won the Best in Section Rosette describing it as an excellent display considering the recent weather conditions. The Roses were exhibited by experienced Rose growers Richard & Louise Noel and same Roses also won them the Jersey Festival Rose Show Bowl.

From 101 entries in the Fruit classes, experience Fruit judge Robert Le Gresley enjoyed the task of judging all the classes finding his Best in Section winner in a Collection of Cider Apples grown by Carole Maurant – Robert describing them as excellent quality, clean even size, and well-presented fruit. Carole and husband Neil won the same award at the October Show in 2021 with a Collection of Cider Apples.

Tom Robinson won the Growers Choice class for a second year in a row which is also judged for the Best & Reserve Best in Show. All the produce that Tom displayed is grown in his garden and allotment and the judges commented that it was an amazing selection and variety of produce, well displayed and presented with a lot of effort to grow such a variety.



Tom Robinson & dog Harry with his Growers Choice Display of Produce

A wonderful String of Onions exhibited by Geoff Mounsey really impressed the Judges and took the coveted prize of Excellence in Horticulture given by the Worshipful Company of Gardeners as well as winning the Francis John Ahier Memorial Prize for the most meritorious exhibit in all the Vegetable classes.



Excellence in Horticulture winner Geoff Mounsey with his grandson Oliver Gardener winner of the RHS Merit in Junior Floral Arranging

The weigh in of the Heaviest and Longest Fruit & Vegetable competition took place on the Saturday morning and the popular Heaviest Pumpkin class saw friendly rivalry between members of the Le Sueur family with Richard Le Sueur emerging victorious with an impressive 500.72lb pumpkin. His two grandchildren, brothers Joseph and Corey Delaney were delighted with 2nd place with the 482.46lb pumpkin. The Heaviest Pumpkin winner was also judged for Best & Reserve Best in Show with the judges stating it was of excellent quality, uniform and there was such skill in growing it to this size. Entries were lower than usual this year with no records being broken - A big thank you very much to GiantVeg who once again sponsored the prize money for all the Heaviest & Longest classes for which we are very grateful. Thanks you also to Lucas Brothers for a Christmas tree voucher to the winner of the Heaviest Produce class.



Richard Le Sueur - Winner of the Heaviest Pumpkin with grandchildren Joseph & Corey Delaney with their 2nd place pumpkin

RJA&HS staff member Jane Harvey was absolutely thrilled to win the Preserve Best in Section Rosette for her jar of Quince Jelly, which she nearly forgot to bring to the show, and was judged by new judge Anna Robertson who owns Gorse and Lily that create jams using local seasonal fruits. She was very impressed with the variety of jams entered and was happy to suggest new classes for our future shows.



Jane Harvey with her winning Preserve Best in Section jar of Quince Fruit Jelly

Jean Roche kindly judged the 22 entries in the Adult Floral Arranging classes with themes for Autumn and Bon Fire Night. Professional Flower Arranger Betty Quenault did not disappoint and her Autumn Pumpkin Arrangement was awarded with the Best in Section Rosette. Amateur Ivy Le Troquer, who always exhibits the most fantastic Pedestal arrangements at all our Show, won the Best in Section Rosette for her beautiful "Bon Fire Night" Pedestal arrangement also winning her the Hamel Trophy. New competitor in the Floral Arranging classes Janine Buckley was very surprised and delighted to win the Judges Choice for Merit in Floral Art for her beautiful Arrangement of Flowers & Greenery from your Garden or Allotment.

There were 45 entries in the Children's Floral Arranging and 32 entries in the Children's Art classes giving our two judges Margie Holland Prior and Mandy Le Tensorer the envious task of judging them all. Regular and keen competitor Melissa Dean, who is 12, had a great Show winning the Dorothy De La Haye Cup for her Arrangement of Flowers & Foliage in a trainer, a new class for this show plus the Dogs Day Trophy for the Junior Member gaining the most points at all the 2022 Shows. 10 year old Poppy Brady won the VC Bertram Trophy for her "Exotic Bird" Fruit and Vegetable Creation, 6 year old Grace Stone won the Plant Protection Cup for her amazing Autumn Forest in a Box and 10 year old Oliver Gardener won the RHS Junior Competitors Award of Merit Certificate for his creative Best Halloween Carved Pumpkin Face. In the Children's Art classes, the Painting theme was "Safety" Sam" to celebrate 25 years of Safety in Action and for the Collage the theme was to celebrate the "Emergency Services". There was some amazing and very creative entries in both classes and 5 year Charlie Wakeham was delighted to win the Best in Section Rosette for his Emergency Services Collage.



Janine Buckley with her winning Conference Pears and her Certificate of Merit in Floral Art Arrangement



Grace Stone won the trophy for the Best Autumn Forest in a Box



Children's Best in Section Floral & Art winner Charlie Wakeham with his Emergency Services Collage



Melissa Dean - Winner of the Best Flower Arrangement Trophy and also the winner of the Dogs Day Trophy for the most points at the 2022 Shows

Medals for 1st (gold), 2nd (silver) and 3rd (bronze) were awarded in all the Children's classes on the Sunday afternoon which were kindly presented by judge Mandy Le Tensorer who is involved in Safety in Action along with our Chairman Martin Preisig. The medals were again sponsored by C I Engravers Ltd – a big thank you to them for their continued support of the Society and the Children that enter.



Best Fruit & Vegetable Creation Winner Poppy Brady with judge Mandy Le Tensorer



Lily Jeffries won the Award for the New Junior Member with the most points at all 2022 Shows

New Cake Judges Cathie Anders and Emily Williams had the envious task of judging and tasting all the entries in the Adult and Cake classes – around 140 in total – they were both pleased they had not eaten dinner yet! Following a long evening judging all the wonderful cakes, they found their Adult Best in Section winner in Ian & Beverley Le Marquand's delicious Coffee & Walnut Cake, this being the third Best in Section win in a row for Beverley who is a very keen and amazing cook, myself having sampled her cakes on many occasions! 9 year old Lydia Brown was delighted to win the Children's Best in Section Rosette with her amazing decorated cake to celebrate the Emergency Services in the Island. Once again, all the cakes were auctioned on the Sunday afternoon and an amazing amount of £444 was raised for very worthy charity Family Nursing & Home Care who provide a wonderful service to Islanders.



Lydia Brown's Best in Section Junior Cake Best Decorated Cake to celebrate the Emergency Services

There are lots of Trophies and Awards given at the October Show which are Class Winners, Points awarded at the October Show and Points for all the four Shows combined – all these trophies will be presented at the Horticultural Prize Giving and Christmas Lunch in December at St Brelade's Bay Hotel. Colin & Paulette De La Haye won the Francis John Ahier Memorial Prize for the 3 Vases of Miniature Decorative Dahlias as well as the Jersey Produce Marketing Organisation Trophy for their Collection of 8 Kinds of Vegetable. Vincent Obbard had a great Show exhibiting his Apples and Pears winning two trophies and Richard & Jayne Le Maistre were pleased to also win two trophies for the most points in the Onion and Shallot classes and most first prizes in the Vegetable classes at the October Show. New competitors Trevor & Felicity Rabet jointly won the Trophy for the most points in the Preserve classes with Jennie Le Sueur. The British Fuchsia Society Crested Spoon was won by Richard and Louise Noel and the Blue Rosette by Ian & Beverley Le Marquand. The Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society again won the Robin Hood Cup, Tim Wright won the Cup as new exhibitor with the most points in the Fruit Cups and Fred Benest & Alison Ahier won the trophy for the most first prizes in the Apple classes.



Preserve Trophy joint winners Trevor & Felicity Rabet



Richard & Jayne Le Maistre - Winners of the Charles Jones Memorial & Forest Hill Trophies



Winner of the Jersey Produce Marketing Organisation Trophy Colin & Paulette De La Haye



Amelie Falla with all her Well Done Rosettes



Winner of the Robin Hood Cup for a Collection of Vegetables - Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society

Awards - October Show

Award	Awarded For	Winner
EASTERN GARDEN MACHINERY CUP Best in Show	Overall Winner of the Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Show	States of Jersey Prison Service Large Basket of Vegetables
RESERVE BEST IN SHOW	2nd Best Overall of the Fruit, Flower & Vegetable show	Stephen Le Feuvre Group of Cacti
MISS LINDA LE SEELLEUR MEMORIAL TROPHY	Best Exhibit in the Pear Classes at this Show	Janine Buckley 5 Conference Pears
BRITISH FUCHSIA SOCIETY BLUE ROSETTE	Best Fuchsia Exhibit at this Show	Ian & Beverley Le Marquand 1 Pot Triphylla Type Fuchsia
FRANCIS JOHN AHIER MEMORIAL PRIZE Silver Spoon	Awarded to members for the most meritorious exhibit in the DAHLIA classes at this Show	Colin & Paulette De La Haye 3 Vases Miniature Decorative Dahlias
FRANCIS JOHN AHIER MEMORIAL PRIZE Silver Spoon	Awarded to members for the most meritorious exhibit in the VEGETABLE classes at this Show	Geoff Mounsey String of Onions
DAVID TUCKER GLASS VASE	Awarded to the Judge's Choice of the Best Individual Exhibit in the Fruit or Vegetable classes at the Autumn Show (excluding collections, baskets, barrows, longest and heaviest classes)	Janine Buckley 5 Conference Pears
WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF GARDENERS Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture	Awarded to the Judge's Choice for the Excellence in Horticulture	Geoff Mounsey String of Onions
WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF GARDENERS Certificate of Merit in Floral Art	Awarded for the Judges Choice for the Merit in Floral Art in the Adult Flower Arranging	Janine Buckley Arrangement of Flowers & Greenery from your Garden or Allotment
JERSEY FESTIVAL ROSE SHOW BOWL	Awarded to the Exhibitor at this Show with the Best Rose Exhibit receiving a First Prize	Richard & Louise Noel Box of 6 Miniature Roses
CHILDREN'S PLANT PROTECTION CUP Presented by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Awarded to the Exhibitor of any age exhibiting the Best Autumn Forest in a Box at this Show	Grace Stone "Autumn Forest" in a Box (6-8 years)
CHILDREN'S V C BERTRAM MEMORIAL TROPHY	Best Vegetable Creation in any age group at this Show	Poppy Brady "Exotic Bird" Fruit & Vegetable (9-11 years)
CHILDREN'S RHS JUNIOR COMPETITORS AWARD OF MERIT CERTIFICATE	Merit in the Junior Floral Arranging Classes	Oliver Gardner Best Halloween Carved Pumpkin Face (8-11 years)

Best in Section Rosettes - October Show

Award	Awarded For	Winner
BEST IN SECTION	Cut Flower Classes	Richard & Louise Noel Box of 6 Miniature Roses
BEST IN SECTION	Pot Plant Classes	Stephen Le Feuvre 1 Pot of Plants in Bloom
BEST IN SECTION	Cacti & Succulent Classes	Stephen Le Feuvre Group of Cacti
BEST IN SECTION	Fruit Classes	Carole Mourant Collection of Cider Apples
BEST IN SECTION	Vegetable Classes	States of Jersey Prison Service Large Basket of Vegetables
BEST IN SECTION	Heaviest & Longest Classes	Richard Le Sueur Pumpkin
BEST IN SECTION	Preserve Classes	Jane Harvey 1 Jar Quince Fruit Jelly
BEST IN SECTION	Adult Floral Arranging Classes (Professional)	Betty Quenault Autumn Pumpkin Arrangement
BEST IN SECTION	Adult Floral Arranging Classes (Amateur)	Ivy Le Troquer "Bon Fire Night" Pedestal Arrangement
BEST IN SECTION	Children's Floral Art Classes	Charlie Wakeham Collage to Celebrate the Emergency Services
BEST IN SECTION	Adult Cake Classes	Ian & Beverley Le Marquand Coffee & Walnut Cake
BEST IN SECTION	Children's Cake Classes	Lydia Brown Best Decorated Cake to celebrate the Emergency Services (9-11 years)

Class Winners Awards - October Show

Award	Awarded For	Winner
ROBIN HOOD CUP	Winner of the Class Collection of Vegetables, not less than 12 kinds awarded for arrangement and variety - Open to CLUBS, SOCIETIES, INSTITUTIONS, COMMERCIAL ENTITIES OR GROUPS OF PEOPLE	Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society
HAMEL TROPHY	Winner of the Amateur Pedestal Class	Ivy Le Troquer
CHILDREN'S DOROTHY DE LA HAYE CUP	Winner of the Class Flower Arrangement for Children 10 - 14 years at date of the exhibition	Melissa Dean
JERSEY PRODUCE MARKETING ORGANISATION TROPHY	Winner of the Class Collection of 8 kinds of Vegetables	Colin & Paulette De La Haye
LUCAS BROTHERS PRIZE Christmas Tree Voucher	FOR THE HEAVIEST PUMPKIN in Class 550	Richard Le Sueur 337lb 12oz

Points Awards - October Show

Award	Awarded For	Winner
MARTIN CHALLENGE CUP	Awarded to the Exhibitor obtaining the highest points in the Fruit classes at this Show	Vincent Obbard 56 points
E.R. LE CONTE CHALLENGE CUP	Awarded to the Exhibitor gaining the most first prizes for the APPLE Classes at this Show	Fred Benest & Alison Ahier 40 points
MONT ORGUEIL CUP	Awarded to the Exhibitor gaining the most points in the Pear Classes at this Show	Vincent Obbard 20 points
C.G. RICKETS CUP	Awarded to any Exhibitor new or old not having their name previously on any of the Fruit Cups	Tim Wright 15 points
BRITISH FUCHSIA SOCIETY CRESTED SPOON	Exhibitor gaining the most points in the Fuchsia classes at this show	Richard & Louise Noel 34 points
FOREST HILL CUP	Most First Prizes in the Vegetable classes at this show	Richard & Jayne Le Maistre 48 points
MRS E K ROBERT PRESERVE TROPHY	Exhibitor gaining the most points in the Preserve Classes at this show	Joint: Jennie Le Sueur & Trevor & Felicity Rabet 26 points
CHARLES JONES MEMORIAL TROPHY	Exhibitor with the most points in the Onion & Shallot classes at this Show	Richard & Jayne Le Maistre 10 points
CHILDREN'S DOGS DAY TROPHY	Junior Member gaining the most points at all the 2022 Shows	Melissa Dean 241 points
CHILDREN'S NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS' PRIZE SILVER SPOON	New Junior Member gaining the most points at all the 2022 Shows given they became a member for the first time during the current year	Lily Jeffreys 29 points

An absolutely fantastic and extremely successful Show to end the 2022 season.

Rachelle Robinson
Horticultural Secretary

Life at the Showground

At the end of my article in 2021. I said Fingers crossed for a very busy 2022!

Well, what can I say. We are back with a BANG. The events industry is back in full swing and 2022 has certainly been challenging and fun on a number of fronts.

As many of you are aware the RJA&HS was one of the organisations fortunate to be able to apply for Fiscal Stimulus funding. The Society was successful in its application, and we were able to press on with the projects that we never thought possible at the showground. The four elements of the project were;

1. Installing an air handling system in the main Exhibition Hall,
2. Conversion of the event support facility to a large events kitchen and office space,
3. Construction of a covered walkway linking the main building to the west arena, and
4. Installation of improved WIFI connectivity, water saving appliances and renovating the existing kitchen.



After the last event was held on the 17th December 2021, the showground was cleared of all event equipment leaving an empty shell ready for works to progress. The team from AC Ventilation had their brief, 'be completed by Thursday 3rd February'. The boys set to work!! I'm happy to say Alan, Chris and the team from A&C managed to complete the works one week early. Although the plant was not commissioned until some weeks later, we were able to host our first event on time. Since the plant has been operational, we have had many compliments about how comfortable it now is in the main hall in both summer and winter.



Once the air handling was complete it was quickly onto the next two projects. Converting the event support facility in to a commercial kitchen with office space and complete the covered walkway. David Langlois and his son Alex sprung in to action. Again, David and Alex were given a brief, 'we need both projects completed and operational by Monday 25th April'. Again, I'm pleased to say both projects were completed on time. The showground remained open and during the works, we hosted nine large events. All nine large scale events ran smoothly.

As the dust was still settling from all the building works we were heading into another challenging weekend at the showground. How do we fit four events into four days?



Royal Visit

On the 5th May we hosted HSBC Star Achiever Awards in the west arena, 6th May Jersey Funds Awards using both the main hall and west arena, 7th May the Kennel club were in the West Hall and 8th May a Royal Gala Dinner for The Duke & Duchess of Wessex. I'm pleased to say all events ran smoothly without any glitches and the Duke and Duchess left the showground on Sunday with a smile on their face. It was a very challenging few days and my thanks goes out to the teams from Delta Events, Harpers Catering, Marquee Solutions & Ace cleaning. I'm confident that there is no other venue in Jersey that could pull this off.



Durrell - Ronan Keeting

The remainder of the year flashed by. Every weekend we hosted a different event. This was everything from White Collar Boxing to government awards ceremonies to antiques fayres. As always, we are happy to welcome new and old customers to the Showground.

As the year came to a close, we welcomed back The Green Room Club for the production of Nativity the Musical. For the first time the Showground was open for the festive period and into the new year. Nativity was a huge success selling out every show from 23rd December – 2nd January 2023.

As I've said previously 2022 was a challenge, and keeping the lights on and events turning over week after week especially during the building projects would not have been possible without the following people and companies.

- David & Alex Langlois
- Alan & Chris - A&C Ventilation
- Warren Plant and the team from Marquee Solutions
- Simon & Hayley - Harpers catering
- Simon Gasston and the team at Delta Events
- Rob Richie and the team from Stage2 Events

The commitment and the ability to adapt to change from these people and companies certainly made my job easier.

Onwards to 2023.

Dave Cottrell
Events & Facilities' Manager

Society Council Report 2022

The Council has overall responsibility for the policy of the Society and co-ordination of the work of the two departments. This includes specific responsibility for finances, employment and real estate as well as membership and the RJA&HS Trust Fund.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 19th May 2022 with one Council member, David Leng, being re-elected. The Agricultural General Committee had one member completing their term of office, Sarah Le Feuvre, who was re-elected. The Horticultural General Committee had two members completing their terms of office, Graham Querée who retired from the committee with Ian Le Marquand being elected in his place, and Steve Falle who was re-elected.

The Council were pleased to award Graham Querée with Honorary Life Membership of the Society for his long record of achievement.

The activities of the Agricultural & Horticultural departments are described in more detail in their respective departmental reports and the various show and activity reports that appear in this Journal.

Patronage:

The President wrote, on behalf of the membership, to His Majesty The King on the sad occasion of the death of our Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second. The Society was invited to send a representative to the State Funeral. A review of Royal patronages is being undertaken.

Vice Admiral Jerry Kyd CBE kindly accepted our invitation to become a Vice Patron on assuming office as the new Lieutenant Governor of Jersey.

Governance:

The Council is undertaking a review of all aspects of governance to ensure that the Society is compliant with current requirements and consider any potential changes required.

Terms of Office:

The following list details the Officers and committee members together with their term of office, noting that office is assumed at the AGM in the first year of the term and held until the AGM following the last year of the term. Those in bold below are therefore completing their term of office at the AGM in 2023.

Council	Responsibilities	Term of Office (COVID extended by 1 year)	Meeting attendance 26/04/22 - 28/02/23
R Perchard *+ ~	President	2021 - 2023	4 of 4 meetings
R Leith *~	Vice President	2019-2021 (2022)	3 of 4 meetings
M Preisig *~	Vice President	2019-2021 (2022)	4 of 4 meetings
S Le Feuvre *+ ~	Treasurer (Ag)	2021-2023	4 of 4 meetings
J Neil *+ ~	Treasurer (Hort)	2019-2021 (2022)	1 of 4 meetings
D Leng		2022-2024	1 of 4 meetings
K Roberts		2021-2023	4 of 4 meetings
R Houzé		2019-2021 (2022)	1 of 4 meetings

* Members of Officers Committee

+ Members of Finance Sub-committee. Peter Williams is a co-opted member of the Finance Committee

~ Members of Employment Sub-committee

Agricultural General Committee	Responsibilities	Term of Office (COVID extended by 1 year)	Meeting attendance 26/04/22 - 28/02/23
R Perchard	President		2 of 3 meetings
R Leith	Chairman		1 of 3 meetings
S Le Feuvre	Treasurer		3 of 3 meetings
Sarah Le Feuvre		2022-2024	2 of 3 meetings
C Le Bouillier		2021-2023	0 of 3 meetings
L Agnes		2021 - 2023	2 of 3 meetings
J McMullon		2019 - 2021 (2022)	3 of 3 meetings
T Perchard		2019 - 2021 (2022)	1 of 3 meetings
D Leng	Co-opted from Council		
R Houzé	Co-opted from Council		

Horticultural General Committee	Responsibilities	Term of Office (COVID extended by 1 year)	Meeting attendance 26/04/22 - 28/02/23
R Perchard	President		4 of 8 meetings
M Preisig	Chairman		8 of 8 meetings
J Neil	Treasurer		3 of 8 meetings
S Falle		2022-2024	7 of 8 meetings
G Queree		Retired	2 of 8 meetings
Ian Le Marquand		Appointed	5 of 8 meetings
Jennifer Rendell		2021 - 2023	8 of 8 meetings
C de la Haye		2019 - 2021 (2022)	8 of 8 meetings
T Robinson		2019 - 2021 (2022)	7 of 8 meetings
Kevin Roberts	Co-opted from Council		

Strategy Working Group - Cultivate Programme:

The Officers have supervised this programme during the year which, as reported last year, has involved the re-focus of Jess McGovern to prepare a report into the demand for, and provision of, training in agriculture & horticulture. The initial findings, on horticulture, are described in this Journal, with the project ongoing the focus will be on agriculture. The extension of this important work has been jointly funded between the Society, the Howard Davis Farm Trust and the Government of Jersey.

The original aims of the group were drawn from the 'think tank' process in 2018, at which members indicated they would like to see the Society focus on four main themes; update the Society's image (inc. promotion, new media etc), develop Society activities (inc. shows, events etc), increase membership (inc. benefits, new members etc) and establish an education programme (inc. schools, adult etc.).

Finance Sub-committee:

This Sub-committee, led by the President, includes Steve Le Feuvre, Jeremy Neil with Peter Williams co-opted for his long experience with the investment of the Society assets.

Actual to budget performance is reviewed quarterly along with investments and any capital expenditure requirements. The main investment portfolio, managed by Rathbones on a discretionary basis and a moderate risk profile, returned a revaluation loss of some 14% over the year. This has not been realised as the policy remains to leave the main investment portfolio for long term security. Investment values have suffered as a result of global challenges including the war in Ukraine and resultant inflationary pressures.

The financial results for 2022 are described in more detail in the Treasurers' Report which follows the Council Report.

Employment Sub-committee:

This Sub-committee, led by the President, includes Richard Leith, Martin Preisig, Steve Le Feuvre and Jeremy Neil

Annual staff appraisals were undertaken and the Committee was able, on behalf of the membership, to record their sincere thanks to all the staff for their efforts and commitment during the year. Future staffing needs are under review in response to growth in the Dairy for Development work stream and the need to commence succession planning.

Real Estate:

Day to day management of the Society's real estate portfolio is undertaken by the respective general committee to which the benefit of the real estate accrues. The Council is cognisant of the need to maintain the Society's real estate assets appropriately and also to continue a programme of investment in the Showground.

Representation:

The Society maintains important links with Jersey breed associations and is a full member of both the World Jersey Cattle Bureau and the European Jersey Forum. We were pleased to welcome a group of delegates from the World Jersey Cattle Bureau in September prior to the annual meetings being held in France.

In Jersey the Society is represented on the Action for Cleaner Water Group and regularly contributes to various government requests for consultation. The Society has enjoyed an excellent working relationship with both the Jersey Milk Marketing Board and the Jersey Farmers Union in helping to promote interests of the agricultural industry.

The Chief Executive has been appointed as a Director of the Jersey National Park Limited to represent the interests of the agricultural community on that body. In addition, the Chief Executive is a member of the recently established Rural Forum, an initiative led by the Government of Jersey to examine strategic issues facing the future of the agricultural sector.

Membership Report:

Memberships	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Honorary Life Members	8	9	9	9	9
Full Members (inc Life & Patrons)	267	237	232	223	232
Joint Members (x2)	207	196	206	226	208
Junior Members	30	28	25	36	35
Total	512	470	472	493	484

RJA&HS Trust Fund:

A review of the future application of the Trust is to be undertaken by the Trustees, currently the Society Officers, with the fund standing at some £110,000.

Thank you:

The President held a 'soup 'n roll' reception on 11th March 2023 as part of the planting of the Queen's Coppice, for members who serve on Society committees, help out at shows or give their time in other voluntary roles.

James Godfrey

RJA&HS Secretary & CEO



Honorary Life Members

At the Society's AGM on 19th May 2022 Mr Graham Querée was presented with the award of Honorary Life Membership by Horticultural Vice President, Martin Preisig.

Mr Preisig spoke of Graham's long association with, and service to, the Society, having first joined in the early 1960's, initially through his career in agriculture. He then listed Graham's many achievements in the field of horticulture, including founding the Jersey Rosarians and winning numerous awards and medals, along with his wife Pam, and his stalwart help and advice on various committees. Mr Querée thanked the Council and members for the award commenting on how much he appreciated the honour and acknowledging how his accomplishments could not have been possible without the help and support of his wife Pam.

Honorary Life Membership is the highest honour the Society can bestow on an individual in recognition of outstanding service or achievement. Recipients of the modern award are:

1996 Sir Peter Crill	2014 Max de la Haye
1999 Francis Le Ruez	2015 Charles Le Cornu
2001 Jack Rondel	2017 Collette Bisson
2005 Ernest Le Conte	2018 Lewis Rondel
2008 John Le Feuvre	2019 Pam Laurens
2010 Anne Perchard MBE	2020 Graham de Gruchy
2011 John Hidrio	2021 Steve Le Feuvre
2012 Muriel Le Gresley	2022 Graham Querée
2013 Derrick Frigot MBE	



Graham Querée receives Honorary Life Membership from Martin Preisig

Treasurers' Report 2022

What an extraordinary year 2022 turned out to be. The beginning of the year saw inflation rates rising slightly from their long-term low level, largely due to the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic. This was followed shortly by Russia's invasion of Ukraine which led to soaring energy prices and massive instabilities in every economy around the globe. This led to soaring inflation, higher interest rates and recession fears, all of which hit global markets.

Looking at the consolidated picture, the Society finances showed a loss for the year of £217,416 as opposed to a net gain the previous year of £125,123.

However, a closer look at the two main component elements of this loss saw that our investments dropped in value by £169,652 and allowance for depreciation was £100,435 - an increase of £52,536 as a result of huge investment in improving facilities at the headquarters, the majority of which was funded by a grant from the States of Jersey Fiscal Stimulus Fund.

The Society improved its cash reserves during 2022 by £20,764 so there are many elements of the business activities that remain positive and in a healthy position to see us into the future, such as:

- Income from Real Estate increased by 17.9% to £300,208
- Income from Contracted Services increased by 28.5% to £261,363
- Membership Subscription increased by 16.7% to £12,948

The Horticultural Department, Jersey Island Genetics, and the Agricultural Department (when the increased depreciation is taken out) all made a positive contribution to the Society's finances, and this is largely due to the constant updating and reassessing of budgets and spending plans at general committee and Council levels. We are forever conscious that we operate the premier events site in the Island, with tens of thousands of people coming through our doors annually for a huge variety of functions and events, so it is important that we maintain the buildings and facilities to an extremely high standard to ensure repeat hiring. Our range of offering to users of the facilities has increased in the past couple of years, and so too therefore have our maintenance costs, but this is now more than covered by increased takings especially as we are now more able to comfortably have multiple users on site simultaneously.

Our Dairy for Development Programme is continuing to expand, and this is documented elsewhere in detail in this Journal. It continues to provide the Society with good PR both here in Jersey and globally, as well as a welcome small financial contribution to ensure that we can continue to provide the vital infrastructure to support this flagship activity. All members should be immensely proud of the real difference we and the Jersey breed is making to thousands of families in Africa, bringing them out of poverty and providing them with a viable and sustainable future.

We would like to thank all the staff for their support and commitment in what has proved to be a very challenging year on a number of fronts, particularly on the financial front. We are extremely grateful to James Godfrey for providing sound counsel and advice enabling the Council to make reasoned and balanced decisions and to identify opportunities for increased income and savings where appropriate.

Balance Sheet Comparison

Fixed Assets	2022	2021	2020
Tangible Assets	3,725,429	3,292,884	3,166,018
Investments	1,075,158	1,265,954	1,120,298
Total Fixed Assets	4,800,587	4,558,838	4,286,316
Current Assets / Stock	17,485	22,132	26,861
Debtors & Prepayments	99,600	123,850	260,413
Cash at Bank	1,179,343	1,158,579	645,111
Total Current Assets	1,296,428	1,304,561	932,385
Creditors	1,907,689	1,456,657	937,082
Net Assets	4,189,326	4,406,742	4,281,619

Profit & Loss Comparison

Income	2022	2021	2020
JIG Trading	1,614,934	1,673,511	1,482,546
Real Estate	300,208	254,528	182,350
Herd Book	23,910	27,124	26,468
Investment Income	14,577	16,515	8,839
Investment Net Gains	(174,534)	87,737	49,566
Shows & Events	30,939	19,251	720
Members Subscriptions	12,948	11,091	12,226
Misc & Merchandise	92,534	34,660	72,069
Total Income	1,915,516	2,124,240	1,834,784
Operating Expenses			
JIG Trading	1,387,343	1,409,328	1,260,112
Real Estate	88,845	54,016	52,500
Shows & Events	42,297	21,259	3,513
Herd Book	15,843	17,475	19,542
Breed Improvement	867	680	5001
Merchandise & PR	23,687	22,280	13,864
Total Operating Expenses	1,558,882	1,525,038	1,350,031
Overheads			
Employment	328,313	305,194	305,203
General Overheads	145,057	119,082	124,812
Finance	363	1,918	3,759
Depreciation	100,435	47,885	52,446
Total Overheads	574,168	474,079	486,220
Total Surplus / (Deficit)	(217,416)	125,123	(1,467)

Respectfully submitted.

Stephen Le Feuvre (Agriculture)
Jerry Neil (Horticulture)

Agricultural Department Report 2022

The Agricultural General Committee is responsible for a variety of important functions within the Society, which are detailed in this annual report. Key areas of responsibility include:

- Administration of the Jersey Herd Book.
- The initiation and maintenance of programmes to support the development and improvement of the Jersey breed.
- Awarding of prizes for the annual competitions and staging the island cattle shows.
- Representation of the farming industry.
- Management of the Royal Jersey Showground.
- Assistance with the promotion of local produce and development of business opportunities within the agricultural industry.

The Jersey Herd Book:

Table 1, below, sets out the transactions reported through the Jersey Herd Book for the calendar year 2022:

Year	Pedigree Jersey Bulls Registered	Pedigree Jersey Heifers Registered	Bulls Licensed	Cows Linear Assessed/ Classified	Jersey Beef Animals Registered	Jersey X Beef Animals Registered
2022	15	677	7	487	20	224
2021	19	668	19	726	20	215
2020	31	792	15	789	25	138
2019	24	618	20	619	29	73
2018	31	618	14	1206	26	173

Pedigree Jersey heifer registrations remain at a level similar to 2021, as we see stability in the number of herds remaining within the industry. There is continuing strong growth of Jersey X Beef animals as the industry, up 4% vs last year, reflecting the continued consumer demand for buying local Jersey X beef.

Breed Development:

Table 2: Sire usage

Year	Number of bulls siring progeny	Number of males registered	Number of females registered	Average number of females per bull used	Number of bulls siring 50% of female progeny	% females from 5 most popular bulls
2015	152	30	835	5.5	27	16
2016	135	24	767	5.7	22	21
2017	121	25	681	5.6	16	24
2018	115	31	618	5.4	13	26
2019	109	24	618	5.7	15	22
2020	117	36	792	6.8	12	30
2021	80	19	668	8.4	12	28
2022	82	15	677	8.2	18	28

With genetic selection becoming ever tighter, the number of bulls siring registered pedigree Jersey calves has been falling year on year, but has started to flatten off in the last couple of years, with 82 bulls in total siring progeny in 2022. With the 5 most popular bulls still accounting for a quarter of all heifers registered.

River Valley CECE Chrome hits the top spot for siring the most daughters (registered) in 2022. Two popular bulls are placed for the first time in the top 5; VJ Quintana taking second position and Steinhauers Samson Lemonhead taking fifth place.

The five most popular bulls (and number of daughters registered to them) being:

- 1 - River Valley CECE Chrome - 58 (USA)k
- 2 - VJ Quintana - 34 (Denmark)
- 2 - Dutch Hollow Oliver P - 31 (USA)
- 3 - Elliotts Regency Casino - 28 (USA)
- 4 - Steinhauers Samson Lemonhead - 25 (USA)

Table 3: Source of sires

Females registered	Year	Number of females registered	Number of bulls siring females	Average number of females per bull used	Number of bulls siring 50% of female progeny	% females from most popular bulls	% females from 5 most popular bulls
Sired by International bulls	2016	516	79	6.5	12	11.0	31.6
	2017	501	79	6.3	10	11.2	33.7
	2018	443	80	5.5	10	8.1	33.6
	2019	473	71	6.7	10	7	29.8
	2020	595	106	5.6	7	10.3	40.8
	2021	520	53	9.8	10	9.6	34
	2022	528	55	9.6	11	11.0	33.3
Sired by locally born bulls	2016	251	56	4.5	9	8.0	33.8
	2017	180	39	4.6	8	9.4	35.0
	2018	175	35	5.0	7	12.6	42.8
	2019	145	38	3.8	8	10	39.3
	2020	197	42	4.7	8	10.6	39.6
	2021	148	27	5.5	4	25	57.4
	2022	149	24	6.2	5	16.1	53.0

Table 4: 2021 1st lactation inspections, type analysis:

2019 saw a change to the composite categories scored by the Holstein UK Classifiers. Across all dairy breeds appraised by them. This team of highly professional assessors have been scoring cows in Jersey since 2002. Dairy Strength and Body Conformation have been replaced by Dairy Capacity, Dairy Character and Rump. The Mammary score still comprises 40% of the total.

Sire source	Final Score	Mammary	Legs & Feet	Dairy Capacity	Dairy Character	Rump	No. Inspections
UK	80	78	83	83	84	81	5
Denmark	78	76	79	82	82	81	93
J. Island*	79	78	80	80	80	79	96
N. America	80	79	81	81	82	81	291
International	80	78	81	81	82	81	389
J. Island*	79	78	80	80	80	79	96

*J. Island includes 100% JI and JI born bulls with international genetics in their pedigree.

Champion Producers:

The Agricultural Department of the RJA&HS presents annual awards and trophies to individual cows for their production and all milking cattle are eligible for automatic entry based on their milk recorded performance. The conditions of these awards relate to their qualifying lactation which includes:

- The butterfat and protein production must at a minimum of 5.00% and 3.75% respectively.
- The animal must calve again within fourteen months of commencing the qualifying lactation.
- The lactation must be for 305 days or less and completed during the Milk Recording Year, which runs from 1st October to September 30th in the following calendar year.

The awards presented in 2022 were therefore completed between 01/10/20 and 30/09/21.

Title	Name	Owned by	Milk Kg	Fat %	Fat Kg	Prot. %	Prot. Kg	Points
Senior Champion	Woodlands Lady Margarethe 507	R H Le Boutillier	10,111	5.96	603	4.25	430	2044
Reserve	Woodlands B Winsome Anwyn	R H Le Boutillier	10,058	6.04	608	3.93	395	2009
Junior Champion	Woodlands Jane Coltess	R H Le Boutillier	10,923	5.52	603	4.06	444	2139
Reserve	Woodlands Oliver P Regal	R H Le Boutillier	9,510	5.52	525	3.97	377	1853
Junior Members Champion	Clover Izzys Topeka Pixie	Miss I Hefford-McCutcheon	7,040	5.92	417	3.75	264	1385

Congratulations to Woodlands Farm in achieving a clean sweep of both the senior and junior champion producer awards. Woodlands Lady Margarethe 507 (Sire: DJ Zaga DJHB), in her third lactation, achieving the highest number of points and winning overall champion producer. Clover Izzys Topeka Pixie owned by Miss Izzy Hefford McCutchen taking the Junior Members Champion title again in this 2020/2021 recording year.

Agricultural Department Trophies:

The Department held two cattle shows in the year, the Spring & Autumn Island Shows, held as part of the Society Spring & Autumn Fairs respectively and a summary of the main results of these can be found later in this report. The RJA&HS awards four 'points' trophies annually which reflect the success of competitors in these shows during the year.

Trophy	Criteria	Winners & Reserves
Exhibitors Perpetual Championship Cup	Awarded to the most successful exhibitor during the year based on a system of points awarded at the Spring and Autumn cattle shows	Les Augerez - Winner Westlands - Reserve
Carol Ann de Gruchy Memorial Trophy	Awarded to the most successful exhibitor in the Junior Section during the year based on a system of points awarded at the Spring and Autumn cattle shows	Miss Elinor Huelin
Premier Sires Championship Cup	Awarded to the sire whose sons and daughters attain the highest number of points over the two Island Shows	Guimo Joel CJCC ET
Pioneer Trophy	Awarded to the sire whose group of five daughters attain the most points for production from qualifying lactations in the recording year	Gabys Tbone Branson ET

Herd Recording:

The herd recording programme is managed by Jersey Island Genetics Ltd with the data management contracted out to The Cattle Information Service (CIS). The top ten herds, ranked on combined kilograms of Fat and Protein for the Oct '19 to Sept '21 milk recording year are set out below.

Rank	Name	No. Qual Lacts	No. Non Qual Lact	% Non Qual	Milk KG	BF %	Ptn %	Calving Index	Kgs BF+Ptn
1	Lodge Farm	200	25	13	7770	6.04	3.62	393	750
2	Woodlands Farm	249	19	8	7649	5.60	3.87	381	725
3	La Ferme	257	13	5	7521	5.43	3.77	372	692
4	Cowley Farm	212	10	5	6888	5.55	3.81	402	644
5	Westlands Farm	176	18	10	6731	5.58	3.92	384	639
6	Les Augerez	126	12	10	6826	5.23	3.77	397	614
7	Trinity Manor	333	44	13	6469	5.68	3.80	413	613
8	Blanc Pignon	60	9	15	6556	5.08	3.84	419	585
9	Le Marinel Farm	17	3	18	5718	5.27	4.11	542	536
10	Freedom Farm	81	6	7	5562	5.40	3.95	397	520

Cattle exports:

Jersey Island Genetics successfully co-ordinated the movement of 3 consignments of cattle off the Island to the UK. The first load went in July to a Jersey breeder in Cheshire, the second was a consignment of 7 bulls to the UK Sire Services collection centre in September, and finally in October a group of 50 heifers travelled to a farm in Wales.

YEAR	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
United Kingdom	12	107	107	230	375	8	149
Northern Ireland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands	-	-	151	-	-	-	-
Total FEMALES	-	100	101	378	362	-	148
Total MALES	12	7	6	3	13	8	1
Overall TOTAL	12	107	107	381	375	8	149

It was a relatively quiet export year for the society as Jersey Dairy encourages the industry to maintain cattle numbers to secure supply for both local and export market demands – check with James appropriate sentence. Two consignments of six bulls were exported in April and November to the UK Sire Services semen collection centre in Devon, as part of the Jersey Overseas Aid breeding programmes in Africa.

Cattle Health Scheme:

Jersey Island Genetics Ltd continues to oversee the management of the island wide cattle health scheme. The programme continues to screen the island herd for three important cattle diseases which have a serious impact on animal health and productivity. Cattle kept on Jersey are registered as accredited free of:

Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR) - since July 2012
Bovine Virus Diarrhoea (BVD) – since Dec 2010
Leptospirosis – since Dec 2010

A fourth ailment, Johnes Disease is monitored by testing all milking cows at least once a year, using the samples sent to the UK on a monthly basis for the Herd Recording programme. It is known that the very high health status the island herd enjoys is a key element in enhancing Jersey Dairy's export market potential.

There are three additional diseases that are closely monitored on the island, according to strict EU and UK criteria with these being Tuberculosis, Brucellosis and Enzootic Bovine Leukaemia (EBL). The Island's farmers remain thankful that it has been decades since any of these ailments were seen on the island but following clear screening for many years, Jersey Island is now recognised as being officially EBL Free. With local herds well into similar programmes for securing officially free status for TB and Brucellosis all cattle owners can be thanked for ensuring this status which is the envy of many other jurisdictions.

Jane Harvey

Agricultural Department
Livestock Services Manager

Horticultural Prize Giving & Christmas Lunch

4 December 2022

As St Brelade's Bay Hotel proved to be the perfect location, it was decided that the Horticultural Department Prize Giving and Christmas Lunch would be held there again this year. In their lovely function room with its own bar, it proved the perfect venue for our 50 members, friends, and family to enjoy a delicious three course Christmas Lunch with a wonderful festive feel to the afternoon,

Following lunch, the Prizing Giving took place with the trophies won at the October Show plus the Annual Points Trophies being presented to those who attended that won. Honorary Life Member Max De La Haye very kindly presented all the trophies with our Chairman Martin Preisig reading out all the results. The Trophies presented for all the Shows are based on points received at all four of the Society Shows during the year in the various sections' members have entered.

Stephen Le Feuvre, who enters a variety of classes at all the Shows, won three trophies, the Wynne Walker Cup for the exhibitor gaining the most first prizes are all the 2022 Shows, The CGA (Jersey) Ltd Challenge Cup for the most points in the Pot Plant classes and the Bryan Le Marquand Challenge Cup for the most amount of first monies in all the Horticultural Classes. Stephen also jointly won the Chrysanthemum Trophy for the most points in the August and October Show with Max De La Haye.

Ian & Beverley Le Marquand picked up two trophies, the Mrs O Williams Memorial Trophy for the most points in the Hanging Basket classes and the Lort Phillips Fuchsia Challenge Cup for the most points in the Fuchsia classes. Twin Sister Felicity Rabet and her husband Trevor won the Lady McNiece Cup which is for the post points in the Pelargonium classes.

Tom Robinson continued his success with gaining the most points in all the Basket of Vegetable classes to win the Fison Cup which he has won for the last three years. Richard & Louise Noel won the St Helier Trust Fuchsia Trophy which is awarded for the most points in all the Flowering Fuchsia Hanging Basket classes – Louise is an expert in growing these beautiful plants each year.

In the Floral Arrangement classes, Betty Quenault won the Walker Challenge Cup for the most points in the Professional classes and Ivy Le Troquer won the PBI Challenge Cup for the most points in the Amateur class – both ladies are talented exhibitors in these classes each year.

The New Member's Prize is given to the exhibitor with the most points at all the Shows each year provided they became a member during that year and Hannah Collins was surprised and delighted to win the Silver Spoon.

Two new prizes were awarded this year, the first being a £20 prize kindly donated by one of our prolific Rose growers for the most points in the First-Time Rose classes at the June, August and October Shows this year with the prize going to a delighted Jennifer Rendell.

The second new prize was a £20 Ransoms Garden Centre Voucher awarded to the exhibitor with the most points in the Adult Cake classes at all the 2022 Shows. Very keen bakers Martin Preisig and Beverley Le Marquand went head-to-head at all the Shows with the points extremely close but Martin came out of top with the most points with Beverley a close 2nd – I think this will be a competition to watch at next year's Shows!

Well done to everyone one who won prizes and trophies, a wonderful afternoon was had by all. Special thanks to the staff at the St Brelade's Bay Hotel for making the afternoon pleasurable.

Rachelle Robinson
Horticultural Secretary



Betty Quenault - Winner of the Most points in the Professional Floral Arranging



Jennifer Rendell - Winner of the New Prize for the most points in the First Time Rose Classes



Colin & Paulette De La Haye presented with the Francis John Ahier Memorial Prize



Janine Buckley presented with the David Tucker Glass Vase



New Competitor Award Winner Hannah Collins



Ivy Le Troquer - Winner of the Most points in the Amateur Floral Arranging



Richard & Jayne Le Maistre winning the Charles Jones Memorial Trophy



Most points in the cake classes - Winner Martin Preisig with Max De La Haye



Richard & Louise Noel - Winner of the Most Points in the Fuchsia classes



Vincent Obbard - Winner of the Most points in the Fruit Classes at the October Show

Points Awards - All Shows

Award	Awarded For	Winner
CHRYSANTHEMUM POINTS CHALLENGE CUP	Awarded to the Exhibitor with the most points in the Chrysanthemum classes (except Pompon & Spray varieties) at both the Summer & Autumn shows	Max De La Haye & Stephen Le Feuvre 4 points
NEW MEMBER'S PRIZE SILVER SPOON	Special Prize awarded to the Exhibitor with the most points at all this year's shows provided he or she became a member during the current year	Hannah Collins 39 points
WYNNE WALKER CUP Presented by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Awarded to the Exhibitor gaining the most first prizes at all this year's (excluding Floral Art, Preserve, Cakes & Heaviest/Longest classes)	Stephen Le Feuvre 81 1st prizes
LADY McNIECE CUP Presented by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Awarded to the Exhibitor gaining the most points in the Pelargonium classes at all this year's Shows	Trevor & Felicity Rabet 51 points
FISONS CUP Presented by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Awarded to the Exhibitor gaining the most points in the Baskets of Vegetables (including salad) classes at all this year's Shows	Tom Robinson 14 points
MRS O. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL TROPHY Presented by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Awarded to the Exhibitor gaining the most points in the Hanging Basket classes (excluding Fuchsias) at all this year's Shows	Ian & Beverley Le Marquand 6 points
C.G.A. (JERSEY) LTD CHALLENGE CUP Presented by the Firm	Awarded for the most points in the Pot Plant classes at all this year's Shows	Stephen Le Feuvre 270 points
BRYAN LE MARQUAND CHALLENGE CUP	Awarded for the most amount of Prize Monies (Floral Art & Cakes excluded) in the Horticultural classes at all this year's Shows	Stephen Le Feuvre £183
ST. HELIER TRUST FUCHSIA TROPHY	Awarded to the person with the most points in the Fuchsia classes at all this year's Shows	Richard & Louise Noel 99 points
LORT PHILLIPS FUCHSIA CHALLENGE CUP Donated by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Awarded to the winner gaining the most points at all this year's Shows in Flowering Fuchsia Hanging Basket classes	Ian & Beverley Le Marquand 11 points
WALKER CHALLENGE CUP	Most points in the Professional Flower Arranging classes at all of this year's Shows	Betty Quenault 40 points
P.B.I. CHALLENGE CUP	Most points in the Amateur Flower Arranging Classes at all of this year's Shows	Ivy Le Troquer 35 points
£20 PRIZE	Most points in the First Time Rose Classes at the June, August & October 2022 Shows	Jennifer Rendell 12 points
£20 RANSOMS GARDEN VOUCHER	Most points in the Adult Cake Classes at all 2022 Shows	Martin Preisig 145 points

New Society Ties

The Society have some new ties available to purchase. As well as looking smart, they are also great for the planet! This is because they are made with yarn that is created using recycled plastic bottles.

The ties have been made by a company called Eco-Ties (which is now the trading name of Keltic Ties) and it's a family business that has designed and supplied quality ties for over 20 years. Their solar-powered mill in Lancashire is now in its fourth generation of weavers.

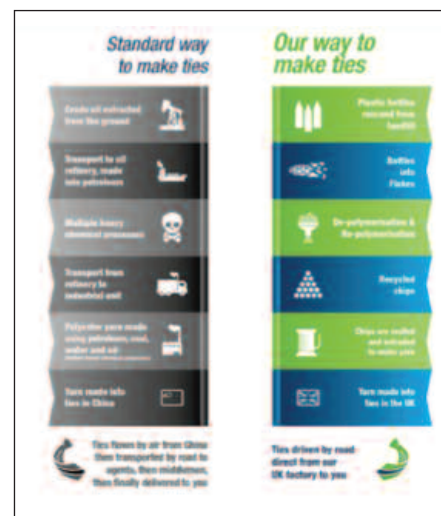
Previously, their ties were made from polyester yarn that came from crude oil, as this is the most popular way to make ties. But in 2017, they made the change to yarn made from recycled plastic bottles and Eco Ties was born!

Eco-Ties claim many other environmental benefits from making ties using this new type of yarn:

- 60% less energy consumption
- 32% less CO2 emissions
- 94% less water consumption
- avoid reliance on fossil fuels

Every Eco Tie made, saves approximately 2 plastic bottles from oceans and landfill, meaning that the RJA&HS's order of 200 ties saved roughly 400 recycled plastic bottles from polluting our planet.

The ties cost £15 each and are available from the Society Office and at our various shows and events.



An excerpt from Eco-Ties website, showing the process involved in making standard ties and Eco-Ties.

Horticultural Department Report 2022

2022 was a fantastic year for the Horticultural Department with all events and shows going ahead and back to normal.

We held two Indoor Table Top Sales in January and February, both a great success and raising much needed funds for the department.

We were delighted to hold the Spring Flower Show at the end of March, this was the first time in three years as the 2020 Show was cancelled and 2021 was a Virtual Show. It was a huge success with 850 entries and with a new layout, the wonderful displays and array of colours provided a wow factor for visitors. The other three Shows held in June, August and October were also huge successes with the Cattle classes returning in June Show after three years, the weather was good for all three Shows attracting lots of visitors and entries were good across all them all keeping Rachelle very busy!

A President's Reception was held in April with Committee Members and Volunteers invited as a thank you for all their help during the year and also to celebrate the planting of a specimen Oak Tree to celebrate our Patron's Platinum Jubilee.

The Children's Primary and Nursery School competition went ahead at the end of June but sadly only four schools entered due to lack of staff and not enough time to spend doing their gardens. The standard was still very high across the four schools giving the two judges plenty to judge.

The All-Island Garden Competition in July was as popular as ever with 59 entries received (1 more than last year) including a pub. Despite the very hot weather, lots of drinking water and three jam packed days, the two judges thoroughly enjoyed judging all the entries, the standard was once again very high. It is fantastic to see the amount of time people spend in their gardens and allotments, a place to get away from normal day to day life. The presentation of the trophies took place in the Members Room at the beginning of August and an enjoyable evening was had by all with delicious refreshments.



Horticultural Secretary Rachelle Robinson helping with the tree planting

Changes were made to the annual Plot Competition whereby every plot was judged by the same judge monthly from March to September instead of one day in June to encourage plot holders to take part. The results were announced at the Anniversary Day of the FJ Ahier Country Gardens which celebrates its opening. The day also included the sunflower and mini produce competitions and Members, plot holders and their family and friends enjoyed a lovely afternoon of refreshments and homemade cakes.

The season closed with the department holding their annual Prize Giving and Christmas Lunch at St Brelade's Bay Hotel and the beginning of December. A very enjoyable lunch was had by the people attending which had a lovely Christmas feel to the afternoon with the trophies and awards being presented to all the winners. A lovely way to close a very successful year.

A special thank you to all the committee and volunteers who help at our Shows, without them we could not have our wonderful Shows for everyone to enjoy.

We are looking forward to the 2023 season which will be Rachelle's sixth year, doesn't time fly!

Rachelle Robinson
Horticultural Secretary

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Diary dates for 2023/24

18th & 19th March	Spring Flower Show
17th May	Annual General Meeting
10th & 11th June	Summer Fair (inc. Early Summer Flower Show & Spring Cattle Show)
28th & 29th June	Schools Garden Competition
12th to 14th July	Island Garden Competition (Sponsored by Ransoms)
19th & 20th August	Summer Flower & Produce Show
30th September & 1st October	Autumn Fair (Inc Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Show & Autumn Cattle Show)
16th & 17th March 2024	Spring Flower Show



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