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# President's Report

Once again it is my pleasure to report on another eventful year for the Society. We are an organisation with a very wide spectrum of activities, yet "agriculture" and "horticulture" are still very much at the heart of what we do, though in their broadest sense. We see this, for example, in our excellent country shows which attract much interest and good publicity for the Society representing, as they do, the very best that the Island has to offer. Apart from this, we have also been busy fulfilling our other roles on behalf of our membership and, indeed, the public of Jersey. Firstly, by providing a top quality events venue for the island and, secondly and increasingly important, our partnership with Jersey Overseas Aid in international development projects based around the Jersey cow.



The Society is best known for its shows, along with the garden and allotment competitions, and once again these were of an extremely high standard. In 2019 we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the FJ Ahier Country Gardens and it was a particular delight that, having entered the Best Allotment or Community Garden section, to be awarded Gold and Overall Winners of the Island Parish in Bloom competition for the second year running. The shows themselves saw a significant increase in entries, not only in terms of horticulture and produce but also in the number of herds exhibiting cattle. This is really pleasing and the effort of all those involved in making this happen, exhibitors and helpers alike, deserves recognition and our thanks. I would also like to thank Jersey Dairy for their support for our shows. The West Hall now provides excellent additional indoor exhibition space while the newly landscaped and grassed outside areas offer a perfect setting for our events. We are hoping to expand the June show and promote it as "The Royal Jersey Show" and highlight the strides the dairy industry and farming in general is making in terms of sustainability and environmental stewardship. And together with Jersey Dairy, promote the island's delicious and nutritious dairy products and emphasise the importance of dairy in maintaining Jersey's unique rural character.

This emphasis on informing and "educating" the general public was one of the themes that arose from the Future Strategy consultation and brainstorming event held in 2018, when members gave their views and a road map was formed to guide the future direction of the Society. Central to this is the "Cultivate Programme" we have introduced which aims to bring a better understanding of agriculture and horticulture to schoolchildren, and supports the work being done by Jersey Dairy with their school farm visits. By the time you read this we shall have held our second "Cultivate Young Minds Day" and this year we opened the event to members and the general public in the evening. Linked to the LEAF initiative (Linking Environment and Farming) this was an opportunity to showcase the enormous diversity within the local rural economy, opening students' eyes to the care and skills involved in each sector, as well as demonstrating potential employment opportunities that exist at many levels, something they may not have previously considered.

Also central to what the Society is about is the work we do in helping safeguard the purity and health status of the Jersey cow in her island home, including providing services to the livestock industry on behalf of Government. These functions, which come under the umbrella of "Jersey Island Genetics", are a key part of our workload. The aspects covered are diverse and have become very technical; in terms of staff numbers this is our largest area of activity. Following on from the Richard Report last year (which

showed the positive impact of Jersey breeders using international genetics) we have embarked on a further exciting project - to "genomically profile" the island's entire cattle population, in other words, reading the information encoded in each animal's DNA, or genome. This knowledge can then be used to selectively breed animals with particular desirable traits, as identified by genetic markers on their DNA. The project has been carried out in conjunction with Jersey Dairy (and generously supported by Howard Davis Farm Trust) with a particular focus on identifying which cattle carry the gene for producing the A2 type of beta-casein protein in their milk. It is widely believed that A2 has several health benefits and is easier for people with milk intolerance to digest.

During the year the Society's successful partnership with Jersey Overseas Aid (JOA) has progressed further with the commencement of a new project in Ethiopia. This is in addition to the work we are already undertaking in Rwanda and Malawi and involves collaboration with organisations such as Send a Cow on the ground, using the influence of the Jersey breed to transform the lives of smallholders in poor rural communities. This often entails cross breeding the local cattle with more productive Jersey bull semen, then reinforcing these gains in succeeding generations with further use of Jersey. The aim is to help these smallholders to up-skill through training in artificial insemination and animal management. Coupled with this is the provision of equipment and technical support as well as access to subsidised Jersey genetics.

Ultimately, the goal is to build resilience throughout the dairy supply chain and it was a great privilege to witness this at first hand last June when the World Jersey Cattle Bureau held its annual meetings in Rwanda. Delegates from around the world were able to visit smallholdings, see the projects in action and hear in person from the families that were reaping the benefits of working with a more productive and efficient breed of cattle. A key part of the Bureau meetings was the inauguration of the African Jersey Forum at which over a dozen African countries were represented. The Forum's objectives are to be a platform for the promotion of the Jersey breed in Africa. This can be achieved through encouraging improved methods of breeding, feeding and management by applying research findings, innovation and best practice. The aim is also to build partnerships and share experiences on how best to harness the enormous potential exhibited by the Jersey cow.

With such a varied and busy portfolio of activities to manage, which grows by the year, it is a credit to James Godfrey and the team at Trinity that they achieve this so effectively, all the while making our headquarters and the facilities at the Royal Jersey Showground so welcoming, attractive and, indeed, a centre to be proud of. We are fortunate to have such a committed and capable staff team, each person well qualified in their own area but also willing and able to support each other when necessary. Without naming them all, I would like to thank them and say how much their efforts are appreciated. Our extra workload has been reflected, not surprisingly, by an increase in our staffing level. We welcomed Ross Single earlier in the year and he has settled very well into his dual role of supporting Dave Cottrell with showground operations and as a member of the milk recording team. We are also delighted that Sam Thomson has joined us, a welcome addition to our growing International Development section. He comes with a good deal of experience in the field and I'm sure he will provide invaluable assistance to David Hambrook whose workload has grown significantly. David has worked tirelessly in developing the projects I described but now is the time to bolster this section as the number of projects grows, and the associated need for monitoring and oversight.

This is my third report as President and, with my term of office drawing to an end, I feel that we have come a good way. This is an exciting time to be involved with the Society and there is much to celebrate, as this report shows. There are a number of projects in train that I would like to see through, and more that I would like to address, therefore I shall be offering my services for a further three years. In closing, I would like to thank sincerely my fellow Officers, the Council and all Committee Members for the knowledge and experience they bring and their continued commitment to our Society, enabling it to maintain and uphold Jersey's traditional and core values.

## President's Report 2020 - Postscript

How the world has changed in just a few weeks. Since penning my President's Report the full effects of the COVID 19 epidemic have hit home and we are now living in what, just a couple of months ago, would have seemed a parallel universe. The effects have certainly been dramatic. Our personal lives have seen drastic changes as a result of movement restrictions and the requirement for social distancing, and everyone's plans have been thrown into disarray.

Our Society, like every other institution in Jersey, has not been insulated from this. As we go to print, we have already had to cancel our Spring Flower Show and also our showpiece Royal Jersey Show in June which we had planned to expand into a bumper event. The Cultivate Young Minds Day has also been a casualty, and the rest of the year's programme of events remains under review. This is such a pity as our shows and competitions

are seeing a wonderful revival, as I described in my report. It must be very frustrating for those members who had planned entries for those events to be thwarted in this way; we are all losers in being unable to enjoy the best that Jersey can offer, and which would have been on show. I would like to thank all members for their patience and forbearance during these straitened times, your continued support for the Society is important and greatly valued. The other core functions of the Society are being maintained, affected to a greater or lesser extent, with our staff making a sterling effort to keep the ship on course. It goes without saying that we shall suffer a significant blow to our revenues this year from the financial crash and the reduction in showground lettings and we shall have to face this situation with resolve and pragmatism. The Society provides the island with a unique events facility and this is something that needs to be recognised and safeguarded.

When the island emerges from this crisis, as it undoubtedly will, our chief goal as a Society must be to reflect for the people of Jersey what is truly valuable about their island, namely its intrinsic beauty and bounty. Undoubtedly, the restrictions imposed on the population by the Coronavirus outbreak will have brought home to everyone the fundamental importance of Jersey's rural character and the richness of its local produce. Extolling these qualities is at the very heart of what the Society stands for, and we shall continue to showcase and celebrate these with pride.

**R J Perchard**  
*President*

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## Secretary's Think Piece

Occasionally I have the opportunity to look out of the office window at the Showground, and take in the first floor view of the beautiful countryside with which Jersey is blessed. This landscape, with its intimate scale of small fields boarded by banks and hedgerows interspersed with meadow and woodland, has evolved over centuries because of the activities of agriculture and livestock rather than despite it.



It is well to reflect that our agricultural industry has been extraordinarily productive and successful over a long period of time due to our generally benign climate, our fertile soils and generations of dedicated farmers. Agriculture, especially the mix between crops and livestock found in our island, brings real benefits in terms of biodiversity, fertility, food security, diverse employment and local production. It also provides intangible benefits including bringing life and vitality to the countryside, supporting the image of Jersey as a place of quality, answering questions of heritage and identity, as well as providing a sense of place and community.

Of course there are areas we can improve on, however, a glance through our annual reports over the years shows how the industry has an impressive track record of doing just that. For example, in recent years our farmers have achieved LEAF accreditation (Linking the Environment and Farming), demonstrating compliance to the highest standards of environmental management. However, we must not ignore the many challenges to the industry which are particularly acute in an island with inherently high costs of production and a market

place that concentrates on the cost of food rather than its value. That said, there is much to be optimistic about. We are very fortunate in Jersey to have an exceptional cadre of young farmers, professionally trained and enthusiastic, who have joined the industry in recent years and with the right support and encouragement the industry has a good future in their hands.

In this context I had cause recently to consider the abundance of well-intentioned commentators on matters rural with which Jersey is also blessed. A view quoted by one them in the Jersey Evening Post described the system of agriculture in Jersey as "broken". I was somewhat surprised by this and took the opportunity to engage by asking on what grounds such a strong statement had been made. It was clear from the resultant exchange of correspondence that it was an opinion formed on very out dated information at best, and no information at worst. I asked myself how could such an opinion come to be formed?

In an age of 24-hour news, social media and the internet one can easily find highly qualified people presenting 'scientific facts' that can establish two perfectly plausible but entirely conflicting theses. For example, 'livestock farming is a threat to the planet and veganism will save us from climate change' versus 'livestock-maintained ecosystems are vital carbon sinks and will help to save us from climate change'. No wonder a well-meaning public reacts like an erratic pendulum swinging from one knee jerk reaction to another!

Locally, the States of Jersey estimate that agriculture is responsible for less than 4% of Jersey's Tier 1 carbon emissions, and that is without deploying much in the way of new mitigation measures. Put it the other way, 96% of emissions are a result of activities other than agriculture. I believe now, more than ever, the Society, with its 187-year history of promoting excellence in the sector, has a vital role to play in encouraging **objective** debate based on the collection of **local data** and presentation of **authentic** science.

**James Godfrey**  
*RJA&HS Secretary & CEO*

# The Island Jersey: A Breeding Plan 2018 - 2028

In 2008 the States of Jersey amended legislation to enable the importation of pedigree Jersey bull semen and at that time the Society gave an undertaking that it would monitor the effect of the decision as part of its ongoing work to improve the Jersey breed in its island home. In 2018 the Agricultural General Committee commissioned two reports from Dr Maurice Bichard, the first to examine the state of the Jersey dairy herd in the island ten years on from importation, and the second to make recommendations for the future.

An abridged version of the first report was published in the Society Annual Report for 2018 which showed how the genetic merit of the Island herd had improved significantly as a result of importing genetics from a selection of the world's best Jersey bulls. This was apparent for both production and physical type characteristics. Indeed, the improvements were remarkably in line with predictions made by Society staff prior to importation indicating the reliability of scientific methods of modern cattle breeding. The full report was circulated widely, including States Members and those involved with the import discussions at the time.

Dr Bichard's second report, entitled *The Island Jersey - A Breeding Plan 2018 to 2028*, drew on the experiences of ten years of importation, changes in the cattle breeding world, improvements in technology particularly relating to genomic assessment, and demands of the market for breeding stock and milk. Unsurprisingly the report is a specialist piece of work of particular interest to cattle breeders, and rather than reproduce it in this publication, it was felt more appropriate to report on the conclusions of the Society's Agricultural General Committee and the resultant Breeding Plan that has been adopted.

The report was circulated to all with an interest in the subject and copies are available at the Society office. An open meeting was held with Dr Bichard on 16th April 2019 at which the Breeding Plan was discussed and Dr Bichard thanked for his interest which covered some 15 years of the project. Also invited were the Trustees of the Howard Davis Farm Trust, who had generously agreed to fund the preparation of the two reports.

The Society Officers and staff, informed by Dr Bichard's conclusions, consulted with the active cattle breeders, the veterinary profession, and particularly Jersey Dairy to adopt the RJA&HS Breeding Plan 2018-2028 which is made up of the following nine elements:

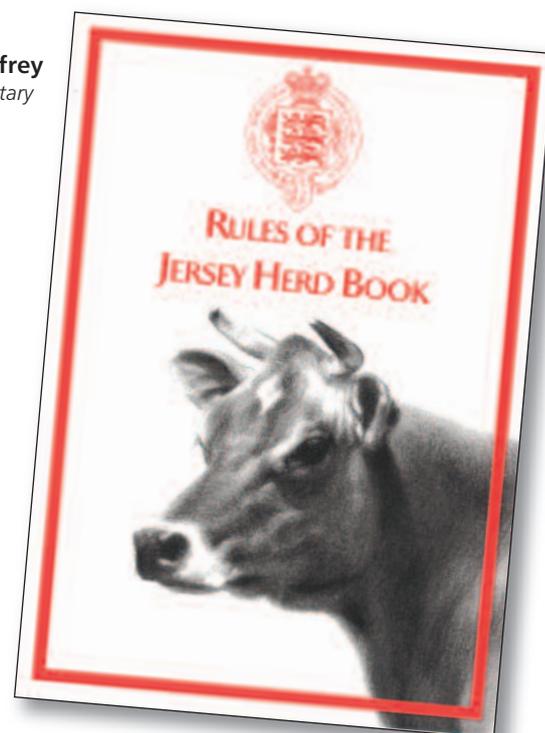
1. **Importation of semen:** There will be a continuation of the programme of importing semen from international pedigree Jersey bulls in accordance with the current rules of the Jersey Herd Book. The key element of which being that each bull must be at least seven generations pedigree registered in a recognised herd book and have no known ancestor of another breed.
2. **Production Targets:** A production target of 6,500 litres of milk at 5.5% butterfat produced per cow per annum by 2020 is adopted (2017 - 5,543 kg @ 5.28% BF) and then reviewed. Recognising that the aim of a modern breeding programme is not solely production but aiming to produce a 'balanced' cow that is productive, healthy, fertile, and long lived.
3. **Undesirable characteristics:** A new rule will be introduced into the Jersey Herd Book to allow for de-registration, or refusal to register, animals that exhibit any

characteristics deemed to be not 'true' to the Jersey breed in response to concerns that genetic mutations or admixture in other populations are not introduced into the island herd. This will be included as part of an ongoing review of Herd Book Rules that need to be updated to take account of new technologies.

4. **Sire Review Panel:** This will be established to formalise, and share knowledge of, the review process for bulls considered for importation to ensure that they meet the requisite Herd Book standards, will bring genetic benefit and that any 'problem lines' are widely recorded. It will also have the benefit of engaging cattle breeders in the process of sire selection.
5. **Genetic evaluation of health traits:** Investigation will continue into the development of herd recording processes with regard to health traits for genetic evaluation, in addition to the current recording for management purposes. It is recognised that the resources required in order to establish this as an independent process in the island would be significant and with such a small population the benefits in terms of information for reliable genetic evaluation are less than clear.
6. **Selection for A2A2 Milk Protein:** The adoption of a goal for the island herd to be fully A2A2 for milk protein production will be investigated jointly with Jersey Dairy and genomic testing used to establish prevalence will be explored.
7. **A bespoke breeding index:** The possibility of creating a bespoke breeding index for the island herd will continue to be investigated. It is recognised that this is related to increasing genomic testing and building a reliable data set for a reference population.
8. **Calves surplus to herd replacement:** Initiatives will be examined, in conjunction with dairy industry stakeholders, to develop more productive outlets for calves not required for herd replacements.
9. **Monitoring and review:** The plan will be monitored annually and reviewed after five years, i.e. 2023.

It is pleasing to note that considerable progress has been made on all these items since adoption of the plan which will be elaborated upon in the Report of the Agricultural Department later in this publication.

**James Godfrey**  
*RJA&HS Secretary  
& CEO*



# Spring Flower Show

## 23rd & 24th March 2019

The Show took place on the weekend of 23rd & 24th March in the Main Exhibition Hall with entries up on last year with 637 entries and 146 exhibitors, many of them children, with over 600 people visiting the show.

A Vase of White Triandrus Narcissi, described as 'sheer perfection' by our visiting UK Judge Johnny Walkers took the Overall Best Exhibit at the Show, the blooms entered by a delighted Kate Le Ruez, repeating her Best in Show success of two years ago. Kate also collected awards for her other entries including the Daffodil Society Diploma for a vase of three stems, Bronze Medal & Best Bloom Card for the Best Narcissus Bloom together with the RJA&HS Horticultural Department Award for a group of Daffodils and Narcissi showcasing a minimum of six different varieties and Best in Section in the Cut Flowers – overall a very successful Show for Kate.



Kate Le Ruez, Best in Show Exhibit

Reserve Best in Show went to a huge and very beautiful lilac Cyclamen grown by Peter & Anne Kempster which was also chosen as the Best Pot Plant. This amazing Cyclamen has been grown from a baby and nurtured by them and is now over 15 years old.



Peter & Anne Kempster, Reserve Best in Show Exhibit

Johnny Walkers said he was very impressed by the overall quality of the flowers and plants at the Show, who was also taking the opportunity of having a short break in the Island with his wife Rosemary.

Other Best in Section Awards went to Stephen Le Feuvre who again won the best Cacti & Succulents for his amazing display of a Group of Cacti and David Pope had the best entry in the produce section with his lemons. Pam Laurens produced the best arrangement of 'Spring Flowers' in the Amateur Floral Art classes.



Pam Laurens' Spring Flowers arrangement

Linda Mollet with her specimen daffodil of 36½ inches long won the award for the Longest Stemmed Daffodil.



Linda Mollet Longest Stemmed Daffodil

The Jersey branch of the International Camellia Society held their bi-annual Show this year and despite problems caused by the weather, there was an excellent level of entries. Visiting judge Stephen Lyus found his Best in Show award from over 250 entries in Maxine Fergusson's beautiful white Camellia, Latifolia. He also judged the RJA&HS Camellia classes with the Best in Section and International Camellia Society Trophy awarded to Ann MacMichael.

As well as all the beautiful plants and flowers, there were over 100 cakes made by adults and children. The Cake judges had a hard time judging and tasting all the fantastic cakes that were presented and they awarded the Best in Section winners to Jennie Le Sueur for her Vegan Cake in the adult section and 10-year-old Isla England of Grouville School winning the children's section with her yummy Chocolate Cake. St John Connettable Christopher Taylor won the class for a cake baked by a current Connettable. All the cakes were auctioned on Sunday afternoon which always proves to be an exciting auction with large bids raising £300 for Centre Point Trust.

We were delighted to once again see a large number of children taking part with their collages, miniature gardens, paintings, necklaces, floral arrangements and creatures made from fruit and vegetables. The most humorous of these creatures was a "Thumper" rabbit created by 5-year-old Ashleigh Eder which won her the Dennis Shaw Memorial Shield. The RHS Junior Competitors Award of Merit was awarded to 9-year-old Kate Le Mottee's "Let's Celebrate Spring" basket arrangement.



Ashleigh Eder with her winning entries

Also, children from lots of local Primary Schools entered the Special School Class – a container of Hot Gossip Narcissus bulbs supplied by Fentongollan Flower Farm in Cornwall and this was won by St Martin’s School. Jennifer Rendall took top spot in the same Adult class.

The prize giving of awards and trophies was held on Sunday afternoon with a special presentation of a voucher and an apple tree to retiring Horticultural Chairman Graham De Gruchy. Society President Robert Perchard paid tribute to all the work and support Graham had given the Society during his two three-year terms of office.

The Spring Show Committee would like to thank Bonny’s Country Garden, Jersey Flower Club, St Martin’s Flower Club, The Dolls’ House Club and Jersey Sogetsu Study Group (Ikebana) who all put on the most spectacular of displays.



Jersey Sogetsu Study Group (Ikebana) Camellia Display

## Awards

Award	Awarded For	Winner
The Belles Fleurs Trophy Generously Donated by Mr And Mrs Bernard Rebours	Overall Best Exhibit in the Spring Show	Kate Le Ruez Triandrus Narcissi
Reserve Best In Show	2nd Overall Best Exhibit in the Spring Show	Peter & Anne Kempster 1 Cyclamen in a Container
Jersey Chrysanthemum Lovers Challenge Cup Originally donated by The Society of Jersey Gardeners, and re-Presented in memory of the late Jim Hosking of Fentongollan Flower Farm, Cornwall	The Best Entry in the Narcissus Section – Cut Flowers Or Containers	Kate Le Ruez Triandrus Narcissi
International Camellia Society Trophy Generously Donated by the ICS (Jersey Group)	For the Best Exhibit in the RJA&HS Camellia Classes	Ann Macmichael One Anemone or Paeony Camellia
Denis Shaw Memorial Shield Donated in his Memory by his Family in 2012	The Most Humorous Fruit and/or Vegetable Creation at the Spring Show	Ashleigh Eder (age 5) Fruit & Vegetable ‘Thumper’
RHS Junior Competitor’s Certificate	Merit by a Junior Competitor	Kate Le Mottee (age 9) ‘Let’s Celebrate Spring
Worshipful Company of Gardeners Award for Floral Art	Excellence in Floral Art	Pam Laurens Spring Flower Arrangement
Daffodil Society The Bronze Medal & The Best Bloom Card	The Best Narcissus Bloom in the Show (cut flower classes only)	Kate Le Ruez Triandrus Narcissi
Daffodil Society The Diploma	The Best Vase of 3 Stems in the 3-Stemmed Vase Classes	Kate Le Ruez Triandrus Narcissi
Best In Section	Cacti & Succulents	Stephen Le Feuvre
Best In Section	Pot Plants	Peter & Anne Kempster
Best in Section	Cut Flowers	Kate Le Ruez
Best In Section	Fruit & Vegetables	David Pope
Best In Section	Camellias	Ann Macmichael
Best In Section	Floral Art (Amateur)	Pam Laurens
Best In Section	Cakes (Adults)	Jennie Le Sueur
Best In Section	Cakes (Children)	Isla England

## Points Prizes

Award	Awarded For	Winner
Society of Jersey Gardener Trophy Originally Presented by the Late Sq Leader Arthur Robert in 1953 to the Society of Jersey Gardeners and awarded for Chrysanthemums.	Winner of Class 1: the Group of 5 Different Varieties of Daffodil/Narcissi, one variety in each container, not to exceed a 4ft frontage.	John & Barbara Hidrio
£25 Gardening Voucher First Prize	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	Alan Le Troquer
£20 Gardening Voucher First Prize	Winner of Class 3: Group of 3 Different types of “True Bulbs”, any number of bulbs but only one type in each container, not to exceed a 30in frontage	John & Barbara Hidrio
RIA & HS Horticultural Department Special Prize of £50	Winner of Class 39: Group of Cut Flowers consisting of Daffodils and Narcissi, not exceeding a 4ft frontage on table space. 12 Vases in total, 5 Blooms to a vase, one variety in each, all named if possible. Not less than 6 varieties included in the group	Kate Le Ruez
Perpetual Narcissus Trophy Kindly Donated By Mr Peter Hunt And Family	Winner of Class 42, Trumpet and Large-Cupped Daffodil varieties, 3 vases, Divisions 1 or 2	Jane Dervin
Longest Stemmed Daffodil (£5 Gardening Voucher)	Winner of Class 59: Longest Stemmed Daffodil	Linda Mollet (36.5 inches)

**Rachelle Robinson**  
Horticultural Secretary

RJA&HS

# Cultivate

programme



What connects us to the Society is an interest in a variety of different things. One thing that unites us all is that we are all custodians of our rural culture. What also unites us, is our shared vision and hope that this sense of stewardship and care towards our rural culture is embraced by the next generation. This is the vision that underpins our educational Cultivate Programme.

Part of my role, as Head of Education and Development for the Society is to help foster a connection to the rural culture and industries of the Island, so that a sense of care and stewardship is embraced by the next generation. In doing so, we also hope to engage and inspire the future generation to explore potential career opportunities within the Agri-Food industry. But why is Jersey's rural culture something which we feel should be promoted to the next generation?

First and foremost, our rural culture represents our **Heritage**. As many of our farmers and growers today will know, it has taken many hands across many generations to have sustained our rich farming history. Echoing the words of Jersey Heritage - "Our Island story, is the narrative of our lives and those who came before us; providing context to who we are and the Island we live in". Jersey's rural heritage - farming and its community - represent the heart and soul of our Island story.



**Imagination:** Today our farmers and growers, much like farmers thousands of years ago here in Jersey were doing, have a willingness to adapt to changes in society by using technology and innovation, to ensure our farming industry continually improves. In the words of Justin Le Gresley from Anneville Farm, "rural culture has often been an area where great innovation has occurred and driven other industries or technology forward." The Agri-Food industry is a term that combines the words agriculture and food to represent a holistic view of the activities involved in food production - what an incredibly exciting industry to encourage our young people to study, as a way of promoting life skills and development at a global and a local level.



**Resilience:** Only a month or so ago, supermarkets shelves were almost empty after a prolonged spell of bad weather stopped freight ships from delivering produce. As a result, shops had increased their orders of local produce. By teaching our young people the integral role farmers play in food security terms, we are supporting our farming industry and developing Jersey's long-term resilience. This, in turn, assures islanders that our agricultural industry is prepared for potential future disruption to the island's supply chain.



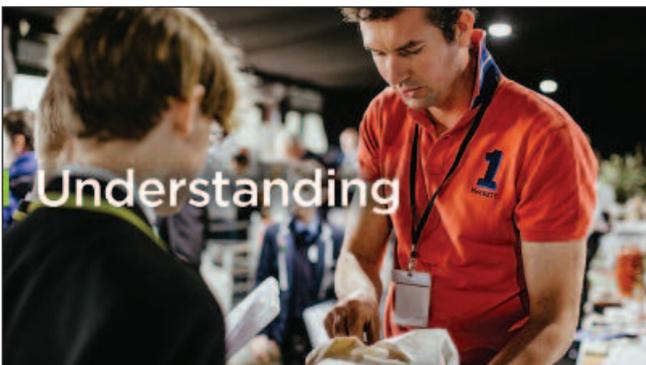
**Stewardship:** What does this actually mean? A simple definition I once used in a geography lesson was "Managing and caring for resources and people". This prompted a fascinating discussion with the students that concluded first and foremost, we must manage and care for our resources, our land, air, water, crops and animals - then and only then we will be able to care for our people.



**Respect:** If we want our shared sense of care and stewardship to be embraced by the next generation, providing opportunities for our young people to form that connection to our rural culture - is absolutely key. If people don't understand something, they can't care for it. If they can't identify with it, they don't know it's going or that it is gone. If you turn that on its head and look at it optimistically; the more one understands something, the more likely one will care for it and respect it and thus work together in order to protect it.



**Co-operation:** Derrick Frigot will be very happy I am echoing his favourite fact but approximately 27 Jersey calves are born each day in Rwanda thanks to the pioneering project run in partnership between JOA, the Government of Rwanda, Send a Cow and the RJA&HS. This is a true reflection of co-operation and it is this co-operation between Jersey and Rwanda that can be taught to our young people to show, in the words of Deputy Carolyn Labey, "what two countries can do when they work together as equals."



**Understanding:** The more we understand and appreciate what's involved in farming and food production, the more we will value our rural culture.



**Our Future:** What do we want for our future and that of the next generation? We want a healthy and beautiful countryside, producing food that makes us healthier as individuals, in a society which has a healthier attitude towards the natural world, where we value the traditions and the virtues of rural life.



**Community:** The above picture epitomises community. Generations of families at our Summer Country Fair in 2019, learning about modern day sustainable fishing methods. Joe Baker from Number 10 Restaurant then performed a live cookery demonstration with the hand diverd scallops that Josh Dearing had caught. Celebrating the interconnectedness of the food industries is fundamental to sustain our thriving island community and to understand Jersey's place in the global community.



These Cultivate values help to explain why our rural culture is important and explain the vision of our educational **Cultivate Programme**. The Cultivate Programme, which is generously supported by the Howard Davis Farm Trust, aims to promote an awareness of our rural culture to the Island's community, on behalf of the Society and the wider Agri-Food industry.

It was decided that our first event in the Cultivate Programme should revolve around our young people and so we called it Cultivate Young Minds. The **Cultivate Young Minds** experience in April 2019, involved 70 of our Island's teenagers and over 25 stakeholders from a wide range of our rural industries. Policy makers, Teachers and Stakeholders joined together to help cultivate a connection with our local seasonal food and produce and the wonderful communities who produce it. We all learn best when we get to pick things up, smell things, hear things and see things. These are all ways we can raise curious learners and this learning approach underpinned Cultivate Young Minds. All of the Cultivate Young Minds stakeholders provided excellent interactive experiences that ignited a wonderful sense of curiosity from the students. It was clear from speaking to our Cultivate Ambassadors on the day, that if there is a story behind the food we are eating, we can enjoy our food more and eat more healthily and more sustainably. When asked the question, "Would you like to know more about Jersey's farming and horticultural industries?" - 88% said YES. As an Island community, we have a responsibility to our young people, to respond to this and offer opportunities for them to learn more.

Cultivate Young Minds 2020 is taking place on 24th March. The event is growing in participation, with every secondary school now attending and a total of 40 stakeholders adding value to Cultivate Young Minds 2020. Cultivate Young Minds will be open from 5pm until 8pm so that members of the public have an opportunity to discover our Islands local seasonal food and produce and connect with the communities who grow it, catch it, sell it, protect it and cook it.

Special guest speaker at Cultivate Young Minds 2020 is Farmer Tom from LEAF Education's "FarmerTime" initiative. This exciting initiative harnesses the power of digital communications to engage young people to learn about farming and where their food comes from. How does it work? Children regularly chat live to their matched farmer from their classrooms through FaceTime or Skype, discuss ideas and ask questions to gain a 'real-time' understanding of the issues farmers face every day. William Church from the Jersey Royal Company was the first stakeholder in Jersey to sign up to FarmerTime and be matched with a school. Another FarmerTime session took place recently between Beaulieu Secondary School and Becky Houze at Lodge Farm. The students asked some fascinating questions. On behalf of the RJA&HS, we are extremely keen to connect Jersey's agri-food industry to schools by promoting FarmerTime within school lessons, so that our young people can learn more about the story behind the food they are eating from the industry themselves. We urge more local schools to partner with us on this exciting endeavor to bring the environment, farming and food production, live, into the classroom in an engaging and interactive way.



We have developed what we have called our **Cultivate Garden**, which is designed to be both an outside classroom for schools to use and a community space for collaborating with like-minded organisations. It is a calm and natural learning space that aims to foster well-being and a sense of awe and wonder in wildflowers, wildlife and in the growing of fruit and vegetables. By thinking creatively, our Cultivate Garden can offer a range of curriculum-based activities that focus on the Sciences, Humanities, the Arts, and even English and Maths. We are very excited to be able to offer our Cultivate Garden as an outdoor learning facility to schools, from April 2020.



In February 2020 we welcomed our first **Cultivate Project Trident** student. The student had the opportunity to learn about a variety of different work environments within the agri-food industry. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following stakeholders for taking the time to enhance the student about the structure and role of their organisations; Lodge Farm, Bond Street Health, Douet Farm, La Ferme, Jersey Dairy, RJS Horticultural Department, Christine Gill, Jersey Hemp, The Jersey Royal Company, Joe Freire, St Helier Parks & Gardens, Erik Rueb Engineering and Overdale Horticultural Group.





The key message of our Cultivate Young Minds programme is that we need to foster the connection between the farm and the plate, in our young people. By doing so we will inspire them to be curious about the agri-food industry, and understand the vital role farming plays in maintaining Jersey's unique culture, its rural landscape, and food security. They may even be motivated to find a future in the industry at either a local or a global scale. This is why education and collaboration are at the heart of the Cultivate programme.

But this is not something this Society can do on its own. If we are to succeed in this we need a joined up approach, with a sense of partnership and collaboration by all concerned. This starts with Government, which must recognize the essential role that agriculture and horticulture, in the broadest sense, plays in the Island's rural economy. Quite apart from farming, this encompasses areas such as land and woodland management, arboriculture, amenity, sport and leisure facilities as well as private gardens and allotments. For these to thrive we need to inspire young entrants into these sectors and, more importantly, they need better educational and career pathways to enable them to gain skills and qualifications in their chosen field.

We are keen to work with Education, as well as schools on a one-to-one basis, to help achieve these aims. The Society is well placed to work with educational providers to offer that essential link between our young people and the Island's rural and agri-food businesses. We believe Government, Education and Industry should be working together for one common purpose so that our rich and varied island story continues for generations to come; at its soul our precious land resources being put to use by an innovative, enterprising and passionate community.



**Sponsorship:** The Cultivate Programme is generously supported by the Howard Davis Farm Trust. We were also very fortunate to have had a number of organisations sponsor Cultivate Young Minds 2019 and we are delighted that not only are our sponsors continuing their support for Cultivate Young Minds 2020, they are also increasing their financial sponsorship amount. We are extremely grateful for their support and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Jersey Farmer's Union, Islands, Ravenscroft and Standard Bank.

Now more than ever, feels like the perfect time to set out a plan for the future, placing our young people and their voices right at the centre. To plan for this effectively, we need further investment from key industry players who share in our passion of promoting and fostering the development of the agri-food industry in Jersey. Therefore, we would like to invite key partners within the world of business to add value by investing in our Cultivate Programme, so that our young people can be offered high quality learning opportunities.

Though this article has focused on the work we are doing with Jersey's young people, the Cultivate Programme is not exclusively targeted at the Island's youth. We recognise the desire that people of all ages and backgrounds have to get closer to nature, gardening, food self-sufficiency, and environmental stewardship to name just a few. We are keen to discuss with prospective sponsors our ideas for projects to enable our members and the citizens of Jersey to be more actively connected to our rural culture.

**Jess McGovern**  
*Head of Education & Development*

## Tea, cakes & photos

The Society has a strong membership of islanders who have a passion for agriculture and horticulture. We have held two afternoon tea parties for members at which, using their collective memory-banks, we attempted to identify people, places and cattle in the extensive collection of photographs that the Society has accumulated over the years. Much information was gained, and a most enjoyable time was had by those attending.



Ken Vibert, Derrick Frigot, John Le Feuvre, Charles Le Cornu & Lewis Rondel.

# The RJA&HS in Africa 2019, a year of progress and spreading the word

In last year's 2018 annual report, I tried to cover many of the operational dynamics around the Rwanda and Malawi programmes, both of which continue, whilst mentioning at least some of the many people involved in their implementation.

For 2019 I will be focusing on two key events that happened in the year, the first being the World Jersey Cattle Bureau annual meetings, which were held in Rwanda in June and the second a visit to Jersey in November, instigated so as to enable us to train and further expose key individuals in Rwanda to the Jersey cow and the benefits she is capable of bringing to smallholder dairy farming throughout East Africa and beyond.

The WJCB had previously planned to hold their meetings in Kenya, though a short visit into Rwanda as a side tour was to be included. For operational reasons a change was made quite late in the day with the decision taken to host the meetings in Rwanda, around two events that were already built into the 3 year, Phase 2 Jersey Inka Nziza programme extension, which commenced in February 2019.

Hosted by the WJCB, with patronage from Rwanda's MINAGRI, the first of these was a Regional Dairy Workshop, where we brought together personnel from numerous dairy focussed NGO organisations across the region, plus Rwandan livestock experts and technicians, with the visiting international WJCB delegates bringing a further important dimension to proceedings.

Held over the week of June 17th to 21st, with numbers peaking at some 140 delegates at the Workshop on Thursday 20th, the week started with a sobering visit to the Rwanda Genocide Memorial, a visit I did not make until my sixth visit to the country but something I now encourage everyone to experience on their first trip to this fascinating country. By recognizing and recording the events of the 1994 genocide so thoroughly, whilst acting as a resting place for over 250,000 victims of the tragic event, it brings home so clearly to anyone visiting Rwanda not just what the country went through but how it has dealt with processes since.

This was followed by a 2hr drive to Ngoma District to visit Zaza Farm. Managed by the USA based organisation SACPP Ltd ([www.sacpp.org/about-1](http://www.sacpp.org/about-1)), in June they were developing a 30 cow Jersey herd, for both dairy product production and smallholder farmer training. Ngoma is wet marshy land and one of the poorest districts in the country. Send a Cow Rwanda (SACR) now also operate in Ngoma, supporting the development of improved cattle feeding and nutrition, whilst the SACPP Ltd team at Zaza look to be a very logical additional component to our work there.

Tuesday's visit was towards the north of the country and Rulindo District, one of the six districts in which SACR operate the Jersey Inka Nziza programme. The tour group visited SACR beneficiary farmer Jean Damascene Ngendahayo and his family. The Ngendahayo family own a nearly pure Jersey cow and two of her daughters, one of which was, at the time of the visit, a recently born female sired through AI by semen sourced through the project from a Jersey Island bull. Jean Damascene is also looked upon as a banana production entrepreneur, having identified and propagated banana plants that appear to be more drought resistant. There was great interest in our visit, with many local radio stations active in interviewing senior Rwandese, regional and international delegates alike. SACR then laid on a fantastic community event, which allowed many hundreds of people from the surrounding area to come together to show not just how impactful these projects are but how they operate on so many interconnecting levels.

On Wednesday the now full compliment of regional and international delegates visited Songa Research Station, a 390 hectare pastoral farm located south of the capital Kigali, in Nyanza District. It is here that the Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Development Board (RAB) are already trialling different crosses of indigenous and exotic cattle breeds to help identify a more suitable hybrid cow for local dairying conditions. It is also where RAB are rearing the Jersey Island conceived, Rwandan born calves, born from an ongoing embryo transfer programme. Some of the male calves will enter the Masaka AI Centre in Rwanda during early 2020, for semen production. This is an important element in the programme and helps to build resilience, capacity and sustainability into Rwanda's efforts to take greater ownership in re-developing their dairy industry. Later in the week the Rwandan Agriculture Minister, Dr Gerardine Mukashimana, was to announce that it is Rwanda's intention to develop the Songa Research Station as a hub for developing the influence of the Jersey breed and genetics, not just in Rwanda but for the East African region.

Thursday was the day when many of the regional and international visitors were able to present to the collective audience what, how and why the Jersey is being incorporated into their dairy development programmes. With the theme of the workshop being Why Dairy? Why Jersey? There was a total of ten presentations. Four focusing under Why Dairy? on the wider aspects of the importance of dairy in the region, in particular through dairy development programmes, whilst the remaining six presentations focused on the appropriateness of the use of the Jersey breed to facilitate this necessity, whether as a pure breed or in cross-bred form.

The Regional Dairy Workshop also presented an opportunity to officially launch the concept of the African Jersey Forum. Aligned via the WJCB, to both the European and Latin American Jersey Forums, the AJF will create a mechanism through which Jersey breed research and experiences can be shared amongst all those involved in these fields of work, in particular with reference to the specific suitability of the Jersey in tropical farming situations.

With the WJCB international delegates moving on to Kenya on Friday it was an opportunity for RAB to host a regional delegate workshop, specifically to further share and better understand between African countries more of what had been discussed during an exceptionally busy and productive week. Whilst there are countless individuals across many countries to thank for making the June visit to Rwanda such a success and an exceptionally important piece within the evolving Jersey Cow in the Tropics jigsaw, I do need to recognise the assistance of three local RJAHS members; namely Steve Le Feuvre (WJCB President), for entrusting the fledgling Rwanda Jersey Cattle Society to deliver such an event, Derrick Frigot, for his secretarial support skills in the weeks leading up to the event and Philippa Evans-Bevan, for her regional delegate tour guide role.

Later in 2019 the Society hosted four Rwandans in Jersey for a week of training on a number of general cattle and more specific Jersey breed related subjects. Their visit was arranged to coincide with the Jersey International Development Network's (JIDN) presentation at St Helier Town Hall on the wider JOA initiatives around their Dairy for Development Programme.

Whilst RAB representative, Dr Benjamin Nizeyimana, was at the time head of the national cattle database facility we are developing and trialling through the Rwanda project, the other three were, and are, key SACR employees. Mrs Angelique Barongo is country manager for SACR and gave one of three presentations to the 100 or so local people who attended the JIDN meeting. Jersey Inka Nziza programme manager Mr Valens Kanakuze and Mr Eugene Ndayambaje, who is tasked with monitoring the genetic improvement of cattle within the programme, made up the visiting group. In addition, other key players in the JOA funded Africa dairy work attended both the JIDN presentations and a Dairy for Development strategy development meeting, held at the Society headquarters the following day; which concluded with some excellent analysis and potential road-map material.

The other two speakers at the JIDN meeting were myself, who introduced the Society's long-term involvement within Rwanda and, Dr Yinka Opoola of the Centre for Tropical Livestock Genetics and Health, which is based at the Roslin Institute within the Edinburgh University campus. Within the Rwanda project we are developing a very basic Dairy Profit Index, aimed at helping both farmers and policy makers choose appropriate genetics for their needs and Yinka is leading that project element, in conjunction with Dr Felicien Shumbusho, RAB's National Livestock Geneticist. This is a first for Africa and if it proves successful in Rwanda then we have aspirations to roll it out in the other two RJAHS led programmes, in Malawi and Ethiopia.

One final person who needs recognition for his ongoing commitment and support in these RJAHS led projects, is Dai Harvey, the Land O'Lakes Dairy Programmes manager who assists us across all projects on a consultancy basis. A 7th generation Zambian farmer presently based in England; Dai's family have farmed Jerseys in Zambia since 1922.

2020 looks to be an exceptionally busy year, with the Ethiopian project launching too, so there will be plenty to report on in next year's report. On behalf of everyone involved I would like to thank Deputy Carolyn Labey, Simon Boas and all at Jersey Overseas Aid for placing their faith and support in these exciting and life changing programmes.

**David Hambrook**

*Head of Dairy for Development Programme RJA&HS*



AJF - Logo for the African Jersey Forum, launched in June during the Regional Dairy Workshop, held in Rwanda



Angelique Ngendahayo and son with their Jersey cow, the family were visited by the WJCB and RDW tour group in June



AI training at Songa Research Station



Rulindo Community event - Send a Cow Rwanda arranged what can only be described as a fantastic event in Rulindo District, where many hundreds of local villagers and farmers came together to show all they had learnt about sustainable farming from the Jersey Inka Nziza project



Society President, Rob Perchard, being interviewed by Rwandan and international press during the Ngendahayo family visit

# The RJA&HS Migratory Butter School - 1898

Last year, a donation to the Society brought to light a little-known fact – that a Butter-Making School was run in the island for two years at the end of the 1890's. The "Certificate for Butter Making" had been awarded to a Miss A Hubert in 1898 and this led to a little research into the Society's Annual Reports. In 1897 it is recorded that "The year 1897 will be remembered as being one in which your Committee undertook work of a nature not attempted hitherto in the annals of the Department. This refers especially to: The holding of lectures and demonstrations in the newest and most approved methods of butter-making; and the offer of prizes for cows in the butter-test classes"

After a disappointing response from individual Society Presidents, the Society nevertheless made arrangements and ... "a qualified instructress was engaged and on the 29th March the school opened at St Peter's, the local arrangements being undertaken by Mr Le Brocq, the Constable, the local Club ignoring the subject."

The school ran for 10 days at 1 o'clock, with a lecture in the science of dairying, then practical butter-making. Certificates were awarded to 87% of those examined in the first year. The examiner was Mr C. L. H. Le Cornu. Subsequently, Miss Alexandre of St Mary's won 3rd prize at the London Dairy Show and an Association of Certificated Butter Makers was formed.

The Butter School continued in 1898 when it was reported that: "Your Committee, gratified with the success attending the Travelling Butter School during 1897, had no hesitation in continuing this form of instruction in dairying during the year 1898. The School opened at St John's, moving on to St Peter's... Work was suspended for the potato harvest and resumed on 15th August at Trinity, then to St Saviour's, St Martin's and St Brelade's. 43 out of 49 obtained the Certificate of Proficiency. The instructress was Miss A R Jenkins.

However, it did not continue as it seems there was a lack of continued interest. In 1899 there is no mention of the School and in 1900 "It is to be much regretted that no entries were received for the Butter-making Competition for which liberal prizes were offered, the more so as there are a large number of students of the Butter School....Your Committee are reluctant to believe that the keen interest manifested in the modern method of Butter-making only two years ago, has already disappeared and hope that, should prizes be again offered in 1901, a large number of entries will be received." And that was the last of the Butter-making School. In 1901 and 1902 there is no mention of it.

Our thanks to Jane Dervin and Frank Le Blancq, whose great-uncle Arthur Elie Le Blancq was married to Annie Elizabeth Hubert (of St Mary) in 1899, when Annie was 21. Frank tells us that they farmed at Le Coin, La Rue du Coin, St Ouen and died, a week apart, in July 1952.

Christine Gill



Annie Hubert & Arthur Le Blancq



Butter School Certificate

# Summer Fair

## 8th & 9th June 2019

Around 3000 people headed to the Royal Jersey Showground for this year's Summer Country Fair with every visitor through the gates receiving a voucher for a free ice cream from Jersey Dairy. With more settled weather after a deluge of rain on the Friday before the show, there was fun and entertainment for all the family with cattle, flowers, a dog show and agility, caged birds, the new Cultivate Yurt plus lots of displays.

## Spring Cattle Show

Judge for the Spring Cattle Show this year, was Mr Matthew Senecal (Arethusa Farm, Connecticut, USA). Due to overseas guests visiting over the weekend the classes were reversed, youngstock classes on Saturday with the in-milk classes on Sunday.

The society welcomed ten cattle exhibitors over the 2 days as well as a fantastic number of visitors to the show. The cattle ring took centre stage at the showground, with the cattle lines being held in the marquee alongside the West Hall.

Heifer classes	Animal	Sire	Exhibitor
Under 12months	Cottage Plan 58 Linen	Cottage Ibens Exciting Plan	Miss Elinor Huelin
12 - under 18 Months	Westlands Rodme Primrose	VJ Rodme DJHB	P F Le Maistre
18 - under 27 Months	Prides Colton Real Sybil	Chilli Action Colton ET	P M Houze
Jnr Member Champion	Cottage Plan 58 Linen	Cottage Ibens Exciting Plan	Miss Elinor Huelin
Heifer Champion	Prides Colton Real Sybil	Chilli Action Colton ET	P M Houze
Res Heifer Champion	Cottage Plan 58 Linen	Cottage Ibens Exciting Plan	Miss Elinor Huelin
Exhibitor Bred Champion	Prides Colton Real Sybil	Chilli Action Colton ET	P M Houze

The heifer classes kicked off the show, with a locally sired daughter, *Cottage Plan 58 Linen*, taking the under 12 months class and also the overall Junior Member championship prize. *Westlands Rodme Primrose* exhibited by Phillip Le Maistre took the 12 to 18 month trophy. It was however the Paul Houze owned *Prides Colton Real Sybil*, winner of the 18 to 27mth class that took the heifer championship award and sash.

Cow classes	Animal	Sire	Exhibitor
Heifers in Milk	Chalet Bangle Babe	Chalet Tequila Talisman	Trinity Manor Farm Ltd
3yr Old Cows	Clover Stormy Pixie	Chasin-Rainbows Act Riley ET	Miss Isabelle Hefford-McCutcheon
Young Cows	Prides True Action Sybil	Forest Glen Avery Action ET	P F Le Maistre
Mature Cows	Trinity Sultan Lottie 2 ET	SHF Centurion Sultan	Imagine Jerseys
Grand Champion	Chalet Bangle Babe	Chalet Tequila Talisman	Trinity Manor Farm Ltd
Res Grand Champion	Elite Joel Noblesse	Guimo Joel CICC ET	J F Le Feuvre
Champion Best Udder	Chalet Bangle Babe	Chalet Tequila Talisman	Trinity Manor Farm Ltd
Exhibitor Bred Champion	Elite Joel Noblesse	Guimo Joel CICC ET	J F Le Feuvre
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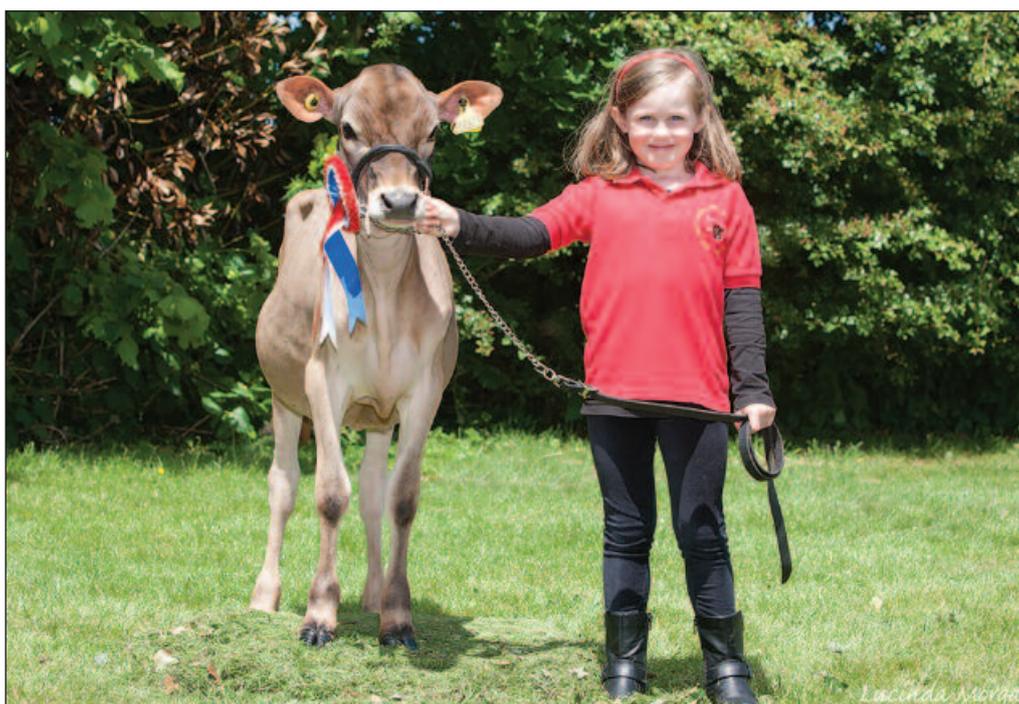
Starting the second day were 14 entries forward for the Heifer in Milk class. Competing for the H G Shepard Memorial Trophy, the winner, bred by Chalet Jerseys was an entry from Trinity Manor Farm Ltd, *Chalet Bangle Babe* (Sire: *Chalet Tequila Talisman*). The winner of the 2nd class of the morning, for 3Yr old cows in milk, was led & exhibited by one of our most successful junior members, Miss Izzy Hefford-McCutcheon with *Clover Stormy Pixie*. Sired by USA sire *Chasin-Rainbows Act Riley ET*, this entry also took home the Junior Member In-Milk Championship trophy.

13 entries were brought forward for the Young Cows (4-6yrs) class, which was won by an entry from Phillip Le Maistre, *Prides True Action Sybil* (Sire: *Forest Glen Avery Action ET*). The final class in four main milking cow competitions went to Imagine Jerseys with their Mature Cow class entry *Trinity Sultan Lottie 2 ET* (Sire: *SHF Centurion Sultan*)

The Herd Group class of three homebred animals was won by J F Le Feuvre with the Perchard's La Ferme Ltd group in reserve.

With the Junior and Senior In-Milk Champions and Reserves led out for the Grand Championship classes, Matt Senecal found his Grand Champion in the young in-milk heifer *Chalet Bangle Babe*, who was also awarded Champion Best Udder. *Elite Joel Noblesse* which took reserve overall championship place was awarded Exhibitor Bred Champion, having placed 2nd Heifer-in-Milk.

**Jane Harvey**  
Agricultural Department



Cottage Plan 58 Linen & Elinor Huelin - Reserve Heifer Champion



Prides Colton Real Sybil - Champion Heifer



Chalet Bangle Babe - Grand Champion



Elite Joel Noblesse - Reserve Grand Champion



Trinity Sultan Lottie - 1st Mature Cows



Clovers Stormy Pixie - 1st 3 year old cows and Junior Member Champion



Sarah Jarvis and Martin Shipley (Trinity Manor Farms) with Matt Senecal with the Champion Cow



Steve Le Feuvre & Rob Stevenson with Lord Vestey, Chairman of the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth



Show ring banter



Izzy Hefford McCutcheon with Jim Purkiss from show sponsor, Islands



Paying close attention!



Strong classes at the Spring Cattle Show

## Honorary Life Members



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**  
 1999 **Francis Le Ruez**  
 2001 **Jack Rondel**  
 2005 **Ernest Le Conte**  
 2008 **John Le Feuvre**  
 2010 **Anne Perchard** MBE  
 2011 **John Hidrio**

2012 **Muriel Le Gresley**  
 2013 **Derrick Frigot** MBE  
 2014 **Max de la Haye**  
 2015 **Charles Le Cornu**  
 2017 **Collette Bisson**  
 2018 **Lewis Rondel**  
 2019 **Pam Laurens**



Pam Laurens receives Honorary Life Membership from Rob Perchard at the Summer Flower Show

## Early Summer Flower Show

The Early Summer Flower Show took place at this year's Summer Country Fair and it was a busy and very successful weekend for all who entered the Horticultural Show, with entries up by over 100 on last year.'



Much a do at the Fair

Stephen Le Feuvre was delighted to win Best in Show with his magnificent collection of Cacti, this being the latest in a succession of wins for him having four Best in Show trophies since 2016 and two Reserve awards. Steve had a very busy weekend at the Fair as he was also showing cattle as well as his plants.



Stephen Le Feuvre, Group of Cacti Best in Show

A vase of Arum Lilies won the Reserve accolade for Carole Mourant and was also awarded the Best in Section rosette in the Cut Flowers. Carole's wins did not stop there as she also secured three further wins, the first being the Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture certificate, the second the Pelargonium & Geranium Society Silver Certificate and lastly the British Fuchsia Society Crested Spoon for the most points in the Fuchsia classes – what a fantastic day for her.

Graham Queree also had an amazing weekend exhibiting his Roses and Pelargoniums which awarded him the AFA Matthews Trophy and the Rose Society UK Bronze Medal for his stunning Bowl of pink 'Sexy Remy' Floribunda Roses as well as the Perpetual Rose Cup for the most points in all the Rose classes. Graham also took the Pelargonium & Geranium Society Gold Certificate for his Group of Pelargoniums.



Carole Mourant, Vase of Arum Lilies Reserve Best in Show

First time entrant Alan Rennard had a great show which gave him the Best in Section in the Pot Plants for his striking purple and white 'Night Sky' Petunias and his 'Countryman' Rose won the Most Fragrant Rose class which was voted for by the public over the weekend – hopefully we will see more of him and his exhibits in the future.



Graham Queree, Bowl of Pink Floribunda Roses

Other winners of trophies were Richard & Louise Noel who won the Parker Rosarian's trophy for the Best Box of Miniature Roses, New Member Yvette Watts won the HE Le Ruez Memorial Sweet Pea Cup and Tom Robinson won the Lawrence Goguelin Memorial Trophy for his Hanging Basket of Non-Flowering Ornamental Foliage.



Alan Rennard, Night Sky Petunias

There were good entries in the Fruit & Vegetable classes and Steve Falle's Trug of lovely Vegetables secured him the win of the Best in Section Rosette in the Fruit & Vegetable classes.

Retired Secretary Pam Laurens put her artistic talents to work in the Floral Arranging classes taking the Amateur Best in Section Award for her beautiful display of flowers and greenery from her garden. Regular entrant Ivy Le Troquer with her colourful arrangement of fruit, flowers and foliage themed "Aurora Borealis" gave her the Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture certificate.

of Merit in Floral Arranging for his "My Back Garden" creation and he also won the De La Mare Perpetual Challenge Cup for 1st prize in the flower arrangement class themed "Royal Baby Sussex" – we look forward to seeing more of Joel at our Shows.



Joel Le Mottee winning the De La Mare Perpetual Challenge Cup for Flower Arranging

There were just under 80 entries in the Adult and Children's cake classes with the Cup Cakes and Flap Jacks classes aged 7 to 11 years old proving very popular with 12 and 10 entries respectively. The judges chose their Best in Section in the Juniors in 5-year-old Ashleigh Eder's yummy looking 3 Cup Cakes and Emma's Preisig's delicious Chelsea Buns received top spot of Best in Section in the Adult classes.



Steve Falle, Trug of Vegetables

The Horticultural Committee were delighted to see a good number of children taking part with over 80 entries from individuals as well as d'Auvergne and St Mary's Schools and also children from Julia Renault's Art Club. The Class for a painting themed "Jersey Landmarks for 5 to 7 year olds proved extremely popular with the two schools with 20 entries in – the judges were unable to decide on a winner so they awarded two 1st prizes to two children from d'Auvergne. New Junior competitor Joel Le Motte had a fantastic day winning the RHS Junior Award



Emma Preisig with her winning Chelsea Buns

The Bailiff Sir William Bailhache very kindly presented all the winners from the show with their trophies and prizes on Sunday afternoon with the traditional Cake Auction closing the Show raising £163 for a very worthy charity Channel Islands Air Search.

Thankfully the weather was kind to us over the weekend being dry but windy. The Show was well attended both days, the enticement of free ice-cream to all people through the gates proving popular. There was lots of entertainment provided both days from the Morris Men, the Jersey Lillies plus the Island Band

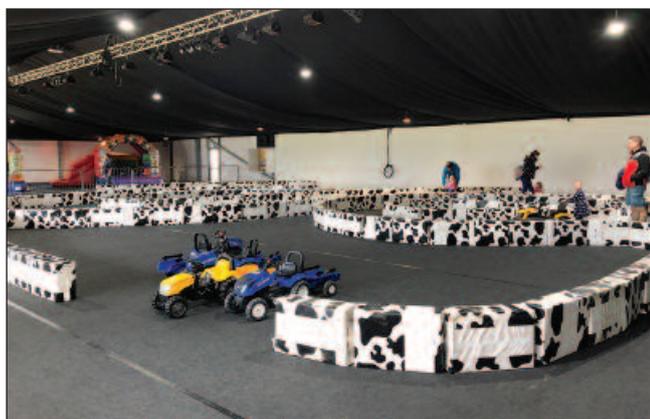
providing great music. Lots of displays from Military Vehicles, Tractors, Land Rovers to Mini's plus the Falconry Club. Agility for Jersey put on a fantastic display on Saturday afternoon which proved very popular with the public. Also being held over the weekend was the Cattle show both days outside plus the Kennel Club Dog Show on Saturday, the Companion Dog Show on Sunday and the Caged Birds Show in the members Room.

The children had lots to entertain them with varying bouncy castles, carousels, face painting plus the hay bales to climb and lots to see and do in the Cultivate Yurt including rabbits and other small furry animals. The new venture of mini tractor rides in the West Hall through a track proved to be a massive hit with lots of children testing their driving skills.

As well as ice-cream, there were also lots of stalls offering delicious tasty food, all of which helped to make the Fair a fantastic weekend for all the family.



Dog Agility Display



Mini Tractor Rides for the Children



Children enjoying the straw bales

## Awards

Award	Awarded For	Winner
OVERALL BEST IN SHOW THE 3rd BLYTHWOOD BOWL	Best in Show	Stephen Le Feuvre Group of Cacti
RESERVE OVERALL BEST IN SHOW	2nd Best in Show	Carole Mourant Vases of Lillies
BRITISH FUCHSIA SOCIETY BLUE ROSETTE	Best fuchsia Exhibit classes 51 - 57	Colin De La Haye 3 Fuchsias
THE ROSE SOCIETY UK BRONZE MEDAL	Best Exhibit in the Rose classes 70 - 100 & 38 - 40	Graham Queree Bowl of Floribunda
THE A F A MATHEWS TROPHY donated by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Best Bowl of Hybrid Tea or Floribundas classes 78, 79, 85 & 86	Graham Queree Bowl of Floribunds
THE PELARGONIUM & GERANIUM SOCIETY Gold Certificate:	For the Best Exhibit in the Pelargonium classes 10 - 25	Graham Queree Group of Pelargoniums
THE PELARGONIUM & GERANIUM SOCIETY Silver Certificate:	For the Second Best Exhibit in the Pelargonium Classes 10 - 25	Carole Mourant Angel Pelargonium
PARKER ROSARIAN'S TROPHY	for the Best Box of 6 roses (hybrid tea or miniature) classes 80 & 95	Richard & Louise Noel Box of Miniature Roses
THE RHS JUNIOR COMPETITORS AWARD OF MERIT CERTIFICATE	Merit in the Junior Flower Arranging	Joel Le Mottee "My Back Garden" Aged 11-14
DIPLOMA FOR EXCELLENCE IN HORTICULTURE (Worshipful Company of Gardeners)	Excellence in Horticulture	Carole Mourant 1 Pot Ivy-Leaved Pelargonium
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT IN FLORAL ART (Worshipful Company of Gardeners)	Merit in Floral Art	Ivy Le Troquer "Aurora Borealis"
BEST IN SECTION	Best in the Cut Flowers classes	Carole Mourant Vase of Lillies
BEST IN SECTION	Best in the Pot Plants classes (excluding cacti & succulents)	Alan Rennard 1 Plant - Any other kind of flowering plant
BEST IN SECTION	Best in the Cacti & Succulent classes	Stephen Le Feuvre Group of Cacti
BEST IN SECTION	Best in the Fruit & Vegetable	Steve Falle Trug of Vegetables
BEST IN SECTION	Best in the Amateur Floral Arranging classes	Pam Laurens Flowers & Greenery from your garden or allotment
BEST IN SECTION	Best in the Adult Cake classes	Emma Preisig 6 Chelsea Buns
BEST IN SECTION	Best in the Junior Cake classes	Ashleigh Eder 3 Cup Cakes decorated for Wimbledon

## Points Prizes

Award	Awarded For	Winner
THE LAWRENCE GOGUELIN MEMORIAL TROPHY Donated by Mrs Joyce Goguelin & Family	The winner of Class 48: Hanging Basket of Non-Flowering Ornamental Foliage	Tom Robinson
BRITISH FUCHSIA SOCIETY CRESTED SPOON	Most points in the Fuchsia classes 51 - 57 & 114	Carole Mourant 5 Points
THE PERPETUAL ROSE CUP Given by the late Miss H de la Taste in memory of her sister	Most points in the Rose classes 70 - 100 & 38 - 40	Graham Queree 40 Points
THE H.E. LE RUEZ MEMORIAL SWEET PEA CUP Donated by his brothers and sisters and their families	Most points in the Sweet Pea classes 101 - 113	Yvette Watts 8 Points
THE DE LA MARE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP	First Prize Winner in class 232 - flower arrangement for children 10-12 years at date of show	Joel Le Mottee
MOST FRAGRANT ROSE	Most Votes in Class 99	Alan Rennard

**Rachelle Robinson**  
Horticultural Secretary

# Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth



ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

On 10th June 2019, following our Summer Fair, the Society hosted the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth (RASC) for their Annual General Meeting. The meeting was attended by HRH The Princess Royal in her capacity as RASC President and, as part of the agenda, received a presentation by the RJA&HS on the Dairy for Development programmes running in Rwanda and Malawi.



RASC AGM (left to right) James Godfrey (RJA&HS Chief Executive), Rob Perchard (RJA&HS President), Lord Vestey (RASC Chairman), HRH The Princess Royal (RASC President), Michael Lambert (RASC Hon Secretary), Allan Murray (RASC Hon Treasurer)

The RASC was founded in 1957 and provides an opportunity for Societies across the Commonwealth to engage with leading industry members to support the advancement of the sector. The RASC Conference, held every two years, brings together delegates from almost fifty show societies across twenty one countries. Through international networking it also encourages new talent through its Next Generation programme which was launched in 2004.

The RJA&HS has been a member of the RASC for a number of years and benefits from sharing experience with the wide range of contacts through the organisation.

A number of the RASC Trustees had arrived in Jersey for the Society Summer Fair and Lord Vestey thanked the RJA&HS for their hospitality. He added that members had particularly enjoyed their visit to the Summer Fair and the impressive display of Jersey cattle.



Greg Smith, Michael Lambert, Sir William Bailhache, Lord Vestey enjoying the cattle show

# Wednesday Club

Held on a series of Wednesdays during the summer, three farms invited the local farming community to enjoy an evening stroll around their herds followed by a meal at a pub local to the farm for continuing discussions on cattle breeding. The three visits happened in late July to mid-August. We would like to thank, the Perchard family at La Ferme, Vicky Huelin of Cottage Farm and the Le Maistre family of Westlands Farm for acting as our 2019 hosts.



Jess McGovern, Delice Twahirwe (visiting from Rwanda) & Becky Houze at Cottage Farm



Mark Moore, Lawrence Agnes, Tom Perchard & Phil Le Maistre at Westlands Farm



Tom Perchard, Andrew Le Gallais & Charlie Le Boutillier at La Ferme

# Cattle and Capital

I began researching the Jersey breed of cattle for a project with the Morning Boat, an organization that commissions artists to create work in response to the agricultural history of the island. I'm a visual artist from Ireland and I often make sculpture with unconventional materials. Previously I made a body of work called Sire that considered the use of genomics in modern cattle breeding. For this I made a series of sculptures by weaving semen straws into shapes such as proteins and graphs. These sculptures were then put on the backs of pedigree bulls and photographed in poses reminiscent of late 18th and early 19th century livestock portraiture.



Cattle and Capital, Saint Helier Financial District

We humans once measured our wealth in per head of cattle. Evidence of this can be found in the shared origin of the words 'cattle' and 'capital'. The old French 'chattel' refers to personal property or wealth; this in turn traces back through to the medieval Latin 'capitale' and to an earlier Latin 'capitalis' – both of which came from 'caput', meaning 'head'.

On the island of Jersey this ancient connection lurks closer to the surface than other places. While using sterling currency, Jersey has its own version of paper notes with the head of a Jersey cow as the watermark.

While visiting the island in the summer of 2018 I learned about its distinct situation, such as being subject to the British monarchy while retaining complete financial and political autonomy. Jerseys' reputation as a tax haven has remained since the 1920s. Tall glassy buildings of the financial district are found near the docks in the capital Saint Helier. Here, they offer a wealth of financial services to global corporations looking to retain as much capital as possible.

When researching the Jersey cattle breed I was very interested to learn they had developed in genetic isolation for over two hundred years. While this greatly supported the establishment of the breed as distinct from others found in landscapes across the seas, this isolation was not initially driven by a desire to create the Jersey herd book. Rather it was largely the result of a 1789 legislation prohibiting the import of any live cattle onto the island in an effort to close down a profitable tax loophole exploited by cattle dealers circumventing the tariff on French cattle brought onto English soil.

Emerging on this 45 square mile island of its namesake, the Jersey breed has become the second most prevalent dairy cow in the world. Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries the best of the native Jersey breed left the island, destined for America to establish dairy herds and sustain the burgeoning populations in emerging cities. Famous Jersey cows and bulls instigated

bidding wars and in 1919 *Sybil's Gamboge* was sold at auction for \$65,000, a record amount paid for a bull at that time. Afterwards *Sybil's Gamboge* was paraded down Wall Street, to prove the investment value of a dairy animal (Derrick Frigot, *The Jersey Herd Book*, page 65). The term 'bull market' is also notable, referring to an upward rise in market trends. This phrase originates in the 17th century and is thought to allude to a bull attacking in an upward motion with his horns.

After much debate, in 2008 new legislation was passed to allow the import of bovine semen onto the island for the purposes of artificial insemination. This was agreed necessary to improve the native Jersey herd and to cross breed with Aberdeen Angus for beef production. This recent change to the genetic pool for the native Jersey herd was a particular focus for me, while also thinking about the deeper relationship between human society, cattle and capital.

The RJA&HS and Robert Perchard from the Ansom Jersey herd very kindly agreed to support the realization of my work. During a conversation with Rob he asked if I could think about the female side of Jersey cattle, as they are the most maternal and great producers of the world famous milk. I created two sculptures, one to be worn by me, and the other to be worn by a Jersey cow. I again used semen straws, the vessels through which new DNA would be transported onto the island and into the next generations of Jersey cattle.

With the semen straws I employ the obsolete craft of straw binding once used to make corn dollies. The corn dolly has its origins in pagan ritual and was considered a vessel to where the spirit of the harvest resorted and resided through the winter months after the crop was reaped. In spring it would be returned to the earth when the figure was buried under the first sown seed. The doll became a symbol of fertility, both of the land and the living creatures that feed off it.

The human sculpture is made from woven artificial insemination straws and a 19th century milk yoke. It makes visual reference to seven bell curves in a graph, referencing genetic gain achieved over seven generations as a cow or bull must be at least seventh generation pure-breed in order to enter the Jersey herd book. The cow sculpture is also made from AI straws and is based on the shape of Bovine ATP synthase, an enzyme responsible for energy exchange between cells. This enzyme is programmed by mitochondrial DNA. Mitochondria are passed almost exclusively from mother to offspring through the egg cell.

In the summer of 2019 I returned to Jersey to realize the project. While wearing the sculpture on my shoulders I led Jersey cow *Ansom Tequila Rose* through the financial district of Saint Helier. This created a strange spectacle for those working in financial services during a mid week lunch break. My intentions were to encourage a docile disruption and reconnection between what they do and the animal of the islands namesake. The second part of the project took place during the RJA&HS summer fair, where I led *Ansom Tequila Rose* around the competition ring while wearing the milk-yolk sculpture, and again while she wore the enzyme sculpture.

Human and bovine bodies are the bearers of these ceremonial-inspired sculptures. Together they coalesce into a strange, enchanting and challenging sight that forces a fresh look at the relationship between our species and theirs.

Special thanks to Robert and Jo-Ann Perchard, the Ansom Jersey Herd, Salomé Imbert, Katherine Coleman, The Morning Boat, Arthouse Jersey and RJA&HS.

**Maria McKinney**

# Nursery & Primary Schools Garden Competition

## 2nd & 3rd July 2019

The Annual Nursery & Primary School Garden competition was once again well attended this year with 9 Schools entering which was again very kindly sponsored by Le Quesne's Garden Centre.

With more schools taking on the healthy eating ethos and teaching their children to grow from seed to plate, our Judges Kevin Roberts and Colin De La Haye had the hard but rewarding job of scrutinising each garden and were extremely impressed with the high standard of growing. It is encouraging to see so many children excited and enthusiastic about growing and looking after their crops and the dishes they make with their produce.

The highest score of the competition went to Les Landes School with 93 points winning the Vegetable Garden class and the Les Greffes Landscapes Shield for their achievement. They also won the Belles Fleurs Shield for the best Wildlife or Environmentally Friendly Garden is 92 points.

A Special Award was also given this year by the Judges to a delighted Dillan Stotesbury of Les Landes School for his commitment to the quality of produce grown in boxes at the School.

A new trophy was presented this year by Graham & Phyllis De Gruchy for the Overall Garden Using Recycling Materials and the judges awarded this to Mont A L'Abbe School which included everything from wellington boots and bottles used as planters to fabric turned into bunting as a colourful enhancement to their garden. They also won the Primary School Best Patio or Courtyard Type Garden class.

Other winners were St John's School who won the Jacobarca Shield for the Nursery School Best Patio or Courtyard Type Garden and regular participants St Michaels Nursery School won three trophies; the Jacobarca Prize, RJA&HS Horticultural Department Prize and the Les Greffes Landscapes Prize.

### Results

Award	Awarded for	Awarded to	Points
Jacobarca Shield	For the highest points in the Patio or Courtyard type garden (classes 1 and 4)	St John's School	91
Jacobarca Prize	For the second highest points in the Patio or Courtyard type garden (classes 1 and 4)	St Michaels School	89
Belles Fleurs Shield	For the highest points in the wildlife or environmentally friendly garden (classes 2 and 5)	Les Landes School	92
RJA&HS Horticultural Department Prize	For the second highest points in the wildlife or environmentally friendly garden (classes 2 and 5)	St Michaels School	86
Les Greffes Landscapes Shield	For the highest points in the Vegetable Garden (classes 3 and 6)	Les Landes School	93
Les Greffes Landscapes Prize	For the second highest points in the Vegetable Garden (classes 3 and 6)	St Michaels School	90.5
Graham & Phyllis De Gruchy Trophy	Judges Award for the Overall Garden Using Recycling Materials	Mont A L'Abbe School	

### Judges Discretionary Awards

Award for	Award to
Judges Award for great produce in your boxes	Les Landes School
Judges Award for your vegetable garden	St Michael's School
Special Judges Awards for your commitment to Le Landes School	Dillon Stotesbury



St Johns Primary School



Mont A L'Abbe School



St Michaels Nursery School



Lovely Onion grown by St Michael's Nursery School Pupil



Amazing Vegetable Boxes at Les Landes Primary School

# All Island Garden Competition

17th, 18th & 19th July 2019

A record number of 49 entries were received for this year's Garden Competition which was once again very kindly sponsored by Ransoms Garden Centre. The number of entries gave Rachelle the enormous task of trying to fit them all in to be judged over three days and it was decided that a fourth judge was needed. The four judges were split into two's each day with the judging of all the gardens and allotments taking place over three lovely sunny days on the 16th, 17th & 18th July around the Island.



The Judges - Martin, Paulette, Alan & Tom

The biggest class of the competition was the "New Competitors" class which was split into gardens only, with 10 entrants and allotments only, with 2 entrants. Phil Marshall's picturesque and beautifully presented garden tucked away in St Clement won the gardens only class with 92 points. The Parish Hall class also proved very popular this year with 7 of the 12 Parish Halls entering their amazing displays. St Saviour's Parish Hall took top spot with 98 points impressing the judges with a 'celebration of summer'.

Congratulations to Helen Barnes who won the Patio Garden class and with 98.5 points out of 100, she was absolutely delighted to take the top prize of Overall Winner winning the Andre Ruellen Memorial Rose Bowl. The judges were blown away with the beautiful innovative small area she had created over the last few years stating that 'it was just a slabbed area for the bins with a dead tree in it when she took the project on'.



Winner of the Best Patio Garden & Overall Winner - Helen Barnes

The Judges Award for Garden Design was awarded to Jersey Hospice Care for the overall design of their gardens that had a wonderful peaceful feel to it and very sympathetic to the location. The gardens are primarily looked after by volunteers and they also won the Best Garden attached to a Care or Residential Home class. The Jersey Bee Keepers Association Shield for the "Best Pollinator Friendly Garden" was won this year by Pat Jackson with her wonderful 'plant collectors' garden with lots of pollinators set in rural Grouville.



Jersey Hospice Care - Judges Award for Garden Design & Best Garden attached to a Care or Residential Home

Thank you to all the competitors for entering their amazing gardens this year with some absolutely stunning creations, the Horticultural Department were delighted with the large number of entries and new competitors this year.



Pat Jackson - Best Pollinator Friendly Garden & 2nd Best New Competitor.

Also thank you very much to our four Judges Martin Bourke, Alan Derrien, Paulette De La Haye and Tom Robinson for giving their time, it was a wonderful three days of judging and all were extremely impressed by all the gardens and plots they saw.



Steve Jacobs - Winner of the New Competitor Allotment Class

## Results - 2019 All-Island Garden Competition

### Class 1 - Small Garden (less than 100 sq metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Bryan Swain	95	1st
Sue Ingram	90	2nd
Donna Nicolas	81.5	3rd

La Chasserie Cup awarded to Winner of Class 1: Bryan Swain

### Class 2 - Patio Garden excluding a lawn (less than 100 sq metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Helen Barnes	98.5	1st
Artur Bobak	92	2nd
Freda Trickett	79.5	3rd
Laura Cardinal	79	4th

Pewter Tankard awarded to Winner of Class 2: Helen Barnes

### Class 3 - Courtyard Garden excluding a lawn (100-250 sq metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Derek Vivian	96	1st
Theresa Allo	90.5	2nd

J. Lindsey Perpetual Shield awarded to Winner of Class 3: Derek Vivian

### Class 4a - Medium Garden (100 - 250 sq metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
John & Barbara Hidrio	97.5	1st
Ian Le Marquand	89	2nd
JHJ Cunningham	58	3rd

Vautier Challenge Cup (Rose Bowl) awarded to Winner of Class 4a: John & Barbara Hidrio

### Class 4b - Large Garden (250 - 500 sq metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Fay & Douglas Huelin	94	1st
Janine Ross	86	2nd

Barry Sylvester Memorial Trophy awarded to Winner of Class 4b: Fay & Douglas Huelin

### Class 5 - Best Kept Allotment - Small (less than 100 sq metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Karen Walters	87	1st

Graham Daghorn Perpetual Shield awarded to Winner of Class 5: Karen Walters

### Class 6 - Best Kept Allotment - Medium (between 100 - 250 sq metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Martin Preisig	95	1st
Neil Howell	93	2nd
Steve Jacobs	92.5	3rd
Margaret Lee	87.5	4th
Janet Seymour	84.5	5th
Nao Marques De Lemos	25	6th

Selwyn Hamon Trophy awarded to Winner of Class 6: Martin Preisig

### Class 7 - Best Kept Allotment Large (more than 250 sq metres)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Kevin Roberts	94.5	1st
Graham de Gruchy	69.5	2nd

JFTU Town & Country Trophy awarded to Winner of Class 7: Kevin Roberts

Albert Bartlett & Sons Ltd Trophy awarded to the Overall Winner of Classes 5, 6 & 7: Martin Preisig

### Class 8 - Best Kept Vegetable Garden at Home (any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Colleen Nicholson & Richard De La Haye	87	1st

Prior Cup awarded to Winner of Class 8: Colleen Nicholson & Richard de la Haye

Quenault Trophy awarded for the Overall Winner of Classes 4a, 4b & 9: John & Barbara Hidrio

Alternate Challenge Cup awarded for the highest second place in Classes 1, 4a, 4b & 9: Bryan Swain

### Class 10 - Informal Garden (any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Julie Howard	92.5	1st
Elizabeth Perchard	86.5	2nd
Centre Point Trust Nursery	63	3rd

Channel Island Decks Trophy awarded to Winner of Class 10: Julie Howard

### Class 11 - Gardens of any size (professional assistance allowed)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Darren & Emma McCue	80.5	1st

E W Machon Challenge Cup awarded to Winner of Class 11: Darren & Emma McCue

### Class 12 - Farm Gardens attached to a bona fide farm (any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Max & Dot De La Haye	90	1st
Colleen Nicholson & Richard De La Haye	89	2nd

Second La Chasserie Shield awarded to Winner of Class 12: Max & Dot De La Haye

Channel Industries Ltd Trophy awarded to next highest points in Class 12: Colleen Nicholson & Richard De La Haye

### Class 13a - New Competitors (gardens only - any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Phil Marshall	92	1st
Pat Jackson	90.5	2nd
Jean & Dave Le Lievre	90	3rd
Colleen Nicholson & Richard De La Haye	89	=4th
Ian Le Marquand	89	=4th
Donna Nicolas	81.5	6th
Jane Harvey	80	7th
Darren & Emma McCue	79.5	8th
Edward DeLoynes	65.5	9th
Claire & Kirsten du Heaume	64	10th

Coronation Challenge Cup awarded to the Winner of Class 13: Phil Marshall

### Class 13b - New Competitors (allotments only - any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Steve Jacobs	92.5	1st
Karen Walters	86.5	2nd

New Competitor's Rose Bowl awarded to the Winner of Class 13b: Steve Jacobs

## Class 14 - Family Garden, a garden to celebrate Family Life, not manicured

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Judy Beaumont/Pomme D'Or Residents	83.5	1st
Clare & William Power	74.5	2nd
Edward DeLoynes	69	3rd
Claire & Kirsten Du Heaume	65	4th

Ransoms Garden Centre Trophy awarded to the Winner of Class 14: Judy Beaumont & other Pomme D'Or Residents

## Class 15 - Gardens attached to a Hotel, Guest House, Restaurant, Pub or Tourist Attraction (any size - professional assistance allowed)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Hotel De France	94	1st
Westhill Country hotel	75.5	2nd

John Le Sueur Rose Bowl awarded to the Winner of Class 15: Hotel De France

## Class 17 - The Best Floral Parish Hall on the Island

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
St Saviour's Parish Hall	98	1st
St John's Parish Hall	97.5	2nd
Grouville Parish Hall	96.5	3rd
St Martin's Parish Hall	93	4th
St Helier Parish Hall	91.5	5th
St Clement's Parish Hall	70.5	6th
Trinity Parish Hall	53	7th

A & L Ahier Shield awarded to Winner of Class 17: St Saviour's Parish Hall

## Class 18 - Gardens attached to a Care Home or Residential Home (any size)

Name	Score (out of 100)	Placing
Jersey Hospice Care	95	1st
Overdale Therapeutic Garden	77.5	2nd
Camelot Residential Home	68.5	3rd

The Grainger Challenge Cup awarded to Winner of Class 18: Jersey Hospice Care

## Overall Awards

Andre Ruellan Memorial Rose Bowl awarded to the Overall Winner of the Competition with the most points: Helen Barnes

Judges Award for Garden Design awarded to: Jersey Hospice Care

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

## Presentation Evening at Ransoms Garden Centre - 19th August

The Prize Giving Presentation Evening was held once again at Ransoms Garden Centre in August who put on a fantastic event with very tasty nibbles and drinks. During the evening, the trophies were awarded to the winners, together with Ransom Garden Centre vouchers to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entrants and

a 10% voucher and Certificates for every entry. The Horticultural Department are extremely grateful to Ransoms for their very generous support of our Garden Competition.



President Robert Perchard with Horticultural Chairman Martin Preisig



Centre Point Trust Nursery - Informal Garden



Best Parish Hall Winners - St Saviour's

Congratulations to all winners and thank to all the garden owners and gardeners for entering and for sharing your beautiful gardens with us. We look forward to seeing you at the 2020 competition.

**Rachelle Robinson**  
Horticultural Secretary

# F J Ahier Country Garden Plot Competition

## 20th July 2019

The annual judging of the plots at the FJ Ahier Country Gardens took place on Saturday 20th July with a total of ten plots entered. Blessed with a beautiful sunny day, the judges Graham de Gruchy and Steve Falle were extremely impressed with the standard of the plots entered and commented on how lovely the whole site looked.

Kevin Roberts from Plots 51 & 52 was awarded the Team St Lawrence Shield for the highest score of the day with 92 points, also winning the Large Plot class and beating our Horticultural Chairman Martin Preisig by 1 point!



Kevin Roberts - Plots 51 & 52

The other class winners were Richard Prouten of Plot 20 who won the Small Class with 86 points and Steve Jacobs from Plot 55 won the Best Newcomer class and the Best Raised Beds class with 87 and 87.5 points respectively.



Richard Prouten - Plot 20

Following the judging was an enjoyable buffet lunch for everyone plus the presentation of the trophy, certificates and prizes kindly donated by Ernie's once again this year to all the competitors by our Chairman Martin Preisig.

**OVERALL WINNER OF THE TEAM ST LAWRENCE SHIELD:  
KEVIN ROBERTS, PLOTS 51 & 52 - 92 POINTS**

## Results

Small Plot Class			
Plot No.	Name	Points	Placing
20	Richard Prouten	86	1st
8	Trevor Bertram	85.5	2nd
22 & 23	Tom Robinson	83	3rd
26 & 27	Dot Perks	82.5	4th
17	Jeanette Collas	79.5	5th

Large Plot Class			
Plot No.	Name	Points	Placing
51 & 52	Kevin Roberts	92	1st
41	Martin Preisig	91	2nd
54	Margaret Lee	89	3rd
55	Steve Jacobs	86.5	4th
59	Geoff Mounsey	76	5th

Best Newcomer Class			
Plot No.	Name	Points	Placing
55	Steve Jacobs	87	1st

Raised Beds			
Plot No.	Name	Points	Placing
55	Steve Jacobs	87.5	1st
22 & 23	Tom Robinson	82.5	2nd
17	Jeanette Collas	80	3rd

## F J Ahier Country Gardens - Britain in Bloom

Having won a Gold Award and Best Allotment last year, work was carried out prior to the judging to bring the site to looking its best for the judging which took place in the afternoon after the Plot Competition. We were extremely delighted to be awarded Gold again and also winners of the Allotment or Community Garden for a second year in a row.

Thank you very much to all that helped with the final push to get the plots looking fantastic ahead of judging and were a real credit to those who had put in all the hard work. The comments from the judges were:

- A well organised allotment association
- Wildflower areas at entrance and bottom of site.
- The Bug hotel.
- Definitely a very nice touch to encourage young and old to work together
- Addition of bird boxes displayed in trees
- Provision of information in regular newsletters to help everyone.

The judges unanimously agreed that the Allotments were of a very high standard and displayed good community spirit and is moving forward to help and encourage new members of all ages.



Britain in Bloom Trophies

# 10 Year Anniversary Day - F J Ahier Country Gardens - 1st September

The tenth anniversary of the establishment of the FJ Ahier Country Gardens was celebrated on Sunday 1st September with a sunflower, scarecrow and mini produce competition, afternoon tea plus a visit from the Lieutenant-Governor Air Chief Marshall Sir Stephen & Lady Dalton.



Robert Perchard, Rachelle Robinson, Kevin Roberts, Sir Stephen & Lady Dalton, Martin Preisig

The gardens were formed in 1955 when Francis John Ahier left a bequest to the Horticultural Department and specified in his will that he wished the land to remain in horticulture and not become a building site. During 2008 when the Society celebrated its 175th anniversary, the idea of setting up allotments was mooted. Following a meeting held on 2 July 2008, a waiting list to gauge interest was started and following prolonged discussions with Planning, the Committee decided to go ahead and the site was ready for use by the end of June 2009. Everyone was enthusiastic and started planting and sowing straight away and by October were picking their own produce. The then Lieutenant-Governor Sir Andrew & Lady Ridgway officially opened and named the gardens on 5th September 2009.

The weekend had a large gathering to celebrate which included 66 entries in the mini produce competition which was kindly judged by Graeme Le Marquand who praised the quality of the fruit, vegetables, flowers and preserves. Graeme also gave a talk after with tips on preparing vegetables for exhibition.



Measuring the Sunflowers

The overall award, a new trophy donated by the family of the late John Brennan, a former plot holder, was won by a basket of mixed vegetables entered by Kevin Roberts. The sunflowers were measured by Graeme Le Marquand and Horticultural Chairman Martin Preisig with the winning specimen grown by Tony & Carla Maia standing at 8ft 10in and Kevin Roberts had the bloom with the widest head of just over 15in. Two scarecrows came under scrutiny with first place going to the Martin's family and second place to the Mounsey family.



Winning Scarecrow - The Martin's family

## Results

Tallest Sun Flower			
Placing	Name	Plot	Height
1st	Tony & Carla Maia	53	106 inches / 270 cm
2nd	Jeane Gruchy	2	96 inches / 244 cm
=3rd	Filipe Ribeiro	28 & 29	85 inches / 216 cm
=3rd	Martin Preisig	41	85 inches / 216 cm
5th	Maria Martins	49	79 inches / 201 cm

Widest Sun Flower			
Placing	Name	Plot	Width
1st	Kevin Roberts	52	40 cm
2nd	Tony & Carla Maia	53	36 cm
3rd	Jeane Gruchy	2	35 cm
4th	Maria Martins	49	26 cm

Best Scarecrow		
Place	Name	Plot
1st	Maria Martins & Family	49
2nd	Geoff Mounsey & Family	59

Overall Produce Winner + the John Brennan Memorial Trophy  
Kevin Roberts with a Basket of Produce

**Rachelle Robinson**  
Horticultural Secretary

# Agriculture in Jersey during the Occupation



Andrew Gilson first came to the RJA&HS in 2014, following his retirement as Head of History at Victoria College, with an idea of writing up the class notes he had developed for A-Level modules on agriculture in Jersey during the Occupation years. James Godfrey, Society CEO, felt that this was an important part of the Island's history and in particular that of the farming community, and encouraged Mr Gilson to document the subject which thus far has not been done in any substantive way. The project has grown over the years and is now well advanced with the publication of what will become the seminal work on the subject planned for later in 2020. In the course of his research Andrew has examined over 5,000 pages of primary historical documentation, many of which seen for the first time, and in addition archives from Austria and Germany have provided new insights into this period. He has kindly agreed that we can publish the short excerpt below, which will surely 'whet the appetite' for the final publication.

On the 27th June 1940 a heifer calf was born at Seaview Farm, in the Parish of Trinity on the Isle of Jersey. The farmer and owner of the calf was Jean Marie Le Flem. The next day the German Luftwaffe bombed several areas along the coast of the Island culminating in the destruction of potato lorries loaded with barrels for export and the death of innocent civilians.

Jean Marie subsequently named his calf "Jersey Air Raid". Why he named it as such remains a mystery. Jean Marie had a wicked sense of humour however, and we may surmise it was some way of commemorating the opening event of the German Occupation.

Jean Marie, as all farmers, had to immediately adapt to the Occupation in order to survive the changed agricultural circumstances. Seaview Farm was forty-five vergées. The stock comprised of five Jersey cows, four pigs and one horse called "Tuppence". The farm labour force consisted of Jean Marie, his wife Judy, and their two sons, John Arthur, fifteen years of age and his younger brother by thirteen months, Dennis Edward.

Forty days into the Occupation the German authorities, in the form of Field Command 515, were clearly in charge of Jersey agriculture. The evidence demonstrates Field Command 515 devised and issued the new cropping plan for the Island. Orders relating to agriculture were cascaded down through to the Superior Council, Touzel Brée and the States of Jersey Department of Agriculture who in turn sent clear and unequivocal instructions to the Royal Jersey Agricultural & Horticultural Society and the Jersey Farmers' Union. The two farming organisations, through a joint Council, made clear to farmers what was expected. Orders relating to agricultural issues were then placed into the hands of joint sub-committees from the RJA&HS and JFU, who in turn sent out Agricultural Parish Inspectors to check and enforce the agricultural policies that were to be followed. Prices for agricultural outputs were strictly regulated.

The one common farming problem was 'labour' during the Occupation. There was a shortage of agricultural labourers which seems almost perverse as there were some fifteen hundred men unemployed. This was to lead to real tension and acrimony between the States of Jersey Department of Labour, run by Edward Le Quesne, and the RJA&HS and JFU.

Jean Marie and the two boys worked the farm without other labour. There was no tractor, only their horse "Tuppence" who remained with them throughout the Occupation. As Dennis put it, "the horse did a fantastic amount of work", and as one Grouville farmer put it succinctly "the horse saved Jersey during the Occupation".

The two boys had to milk the cows by 06.30 am, after which they cleared out manure and Dennis would feed and groom "Tuppence" – all before breakfast. The herd was milked again at 5.00 pm and the pots kept in a granite trough of water to keep cool. Finally, the two boys would have to push four pots of milk on a hand cart to

the top of Mont Cochon hill for collection. All work was manual using sickles and scythes. Wheat and Oats were tied, bundled and stacked. When threshing took place a group of four or five fellow farmers would arrive to help.

By 1943 the entire agricultural process began to experience major problems as inputs became scarce and the Germans were making increasing demands for extra produce. Jean Marie, as almost every farmer, grew tobacco under licence. The crop was planted in May and harvested in August. Each plant was taken out of the soil and each leaf was stripped individually before being dried and cured in the loft.

At the end of 1943 a new problem was presented to Jersey farmers, that of crop security. Both boys 'slept' every night, fully clothed, armed with pick axe handles and two dogs with which they would chase people attempting to steal crops.

By 1944 the family was presented with another issue, that of trying to help desperate townspeople with obtaining some produce. Dennis found himself in a potentially dangerous situation when he was caught by the Germans ferreting without a licence. Along with his ferret "Joey" he was taken to College House and spoken to by a German Officer. Dennis had to pay a 30 RM fine and hand over "Joey" to the German who immediately received a vicious bite from the animal!

By the end of the Occupation the family were helping a number of Russian forced workers survive. In particular Dennis put himself in a life-threatening position by getting himself caught when he gave his ID card to a young Russian boy called Peter Bokentof who was subsequently found with the ID card. Dennis was summoned up to College House with his father and threatened with deportation.

The Occupation ended in May 1945. Sadly, the workload and worry of looking after his family took its toll on Jean Marie and he passed away in November 1945. What happened to the calf, "Jersey Air Raid"? It was sold to another farmer, Mr F Le Poignand in late 1945 and lived until 1952. Unfortunately, we do not know the fate of Dennis' ferret "Joey"!

## Andy Gilson



Horse power "Saved Jersey during the occupation".

51878 JERSEY AIR RAID, H.C. Golden Blonde Baron, 7386.\* O.K.'s Fanny, 49203.  
June 27, 1940. Fawn. J. Le Flem (H.)  
Dead (Rebooted 241 3 152)

HdBk Vol XLII - Jersey Air Raid

# The Islands On Farm Challenge

## 5th to 7th August 2019

For the sixth year of competition, the Islands sponsored On Farm Challenge took place during August with Mr Mark Davis, a Jersey Cattle Society Board Director and senior livestock auctioneer at Kivells, officiating.

Using the same 4 age groups as seen at our shows plus an additional class for cows over 10 years of age, ten of the Island's 17 herds entered animals over the five classes. Herds that entered, not individual owners, were permitted to enter up to 3 per class but could present no more than 10 animals in total on the day. The progeny of 36 different bulls were amongst the total 59 animals presented for inspection, with entries similar in number to 2018. The quality of entries, from across all herds, continues to be excellent.

With 133 points secured from a possible 150 available, the eventual competition winner, *Prides True Action Sybil*, continued her winning form from the June show. This 6yr old cow, bred by Paul Houze, but now part of the Le Maistre family's Westlands based herd was at her prime and a worthy winner. However, she was pushed very hard by the John James Le Feuvre bred and owned 3Yr Old cow *Designs Day Dream 137*. Mark unfortunately was unable to make the presentation evening due to work commitments, but pre-recorded video commentary and a live Skype video call enabled him to personally round-off another very successful On Farm Challenge.

Class	Animal	Points	Sire	Exhibitor
Heifer in milk under 30mths	Ansom Chrome Cyber	127	River Valley CECE Chrome ET	La Ferme Ltd
3 Yr Old Cows	Designs Day Dream 137	130	Vermalar Bruce CICC ET	J J Le Feuvre
4-6 Yr Old Cow	Prides True Action Sybil	133	Forest Glen Avery Action ET	P F Le Maistre
Mature Cow (6-10yrs)	Capable Oxford Gigi	128	Jas Hot ET	J F Le Feuvre
Cow over 10 Yrs	Noble Natalies Amethyst	120	Cottage Royal Noblesse	Miss T Le Brocq
Champion	Prides True Action Sybil	133	Forest Glen Avery Action ET	P F Le Maistre
Reserve Champion	Designs Day Dream 137	130	Vermalar Bruce CICC ET	J J Le Feuvre

**The Society is very grateful to Islands for their ongoing support of this competition.**

**Jane Harvey**  
Agricultural Department



Mark Davis judging at Brookfield Farm, Blanc Pignon



Mark Davis judging at La Ferme



Phil Le Maistre receives the trophy for the Islands On Farm Challenge Champion Cow from Rob Perchard



Vicky Huelin accepts the trophy for the best cow over 10 years of age

# Jersey Dairy and LEAF

In 2018, Sangan Island Conservation Ltd started working with Jersey Dairy to help the farms work towards compliance with the new Linking Environment and Farming (LEAF). These standards are being introduced to Jersey as a requirement for all agricultural businesses. LEAF revolves around the principle of Integrated Farm Management (IFM), focusing on 9 main topics which overlap and complement each other; such as soil management, animal husbandry, community engagement and nature and landscape. The latter forms a key component of the LEAF standard and the overarching objective of driving environmentally sensitive farming promoting biodiversity.

Our work with the farms was to aid in undertaking the nature and landscape audits and formulating enhancement plans based on the audits, as required in the LEAF standards. In Jersey, we are very fortunate to have a lot of local naturalists who go out and record the wildlife on the island, and we were able to access this data through the Jersey Biodiversity Centre. These records showed that over the 12 farms we were working with, over 2500 individual species had been recorded to date. This data demonstrates the fantastic range of biodiversity that can be found, not only on our island but within the farm landscape.

A key element of the enhancement plans and one that I feel can let a farm define itself, is to choose 4 key species or groups to focus conservation efforts on. This is a fantastic and simple way to give focus to the work that is undertaken on the farm and helps with monitoring as you are only focused on a few key species rather than all the wildlife on the farm at any one time. Many of the farms have followed common themes for 1 or 2 of their choices, such as seed-eating farmland birds and pollinators. As all the farms have chosen these same groups it opens the possibility of cross-island coordinated management efforts from all the participating farms. In an island as small as Jersey where a bird can move from the east to the west coast in a few hours, these coordinated efforts can provide a greater benefit to the targeted wildlife than one farm working alone. For the other 2 species/group choices, we challenged the farms to think of what they would like to see on their farm or would like to help protect. This has led to an array of target species from swallows and bats, to orchids and glow-worms, allowing individual farms to be species champions.

The farms we have been working with are not just focusing on the key species, but also ensuring some general conservation work is in place. Such as hedgerow repair and improvement something we are keen to keep working on to ensure or hedge lines provide the greatest benefit to the farmland wildlife. New wildlife boxes are being installed on farms for both birds and bats. These simple actions can provide great benefits to wildlife by enhancing and increasing nesting opportunities around the farms.

One of the reasons that we support the LEAF standard is that it is not meant to be a tick box 'stick-on-the-shelf-until-next-year' document. Instead, it is a progressive standard that needs to be worked on and incorporated into the daily running of the farm. Since the farms have successfully passed the first audit, we have continued to work with the farmers to promote wildlife awareness on the farms. A recent training morning for farmers using the iRecord app (biological recording app) was well attended and we are seeing more farm records being entered to the local database. The most recent activity we have undertaken was to organise the first Jersey Farmland Bird Count which was an opportunity to count all the birds seen from one location of the farm in half an hour. This coordinated count took place on 11 farms and resulted in 2000 individual birds being recorded of 47 different species.



A hedgerow on a dairy farm, well maintained and of great benefit to wildlife



Bats are one of the focus species



Swallows and House Martins benefit from the abundant insect population

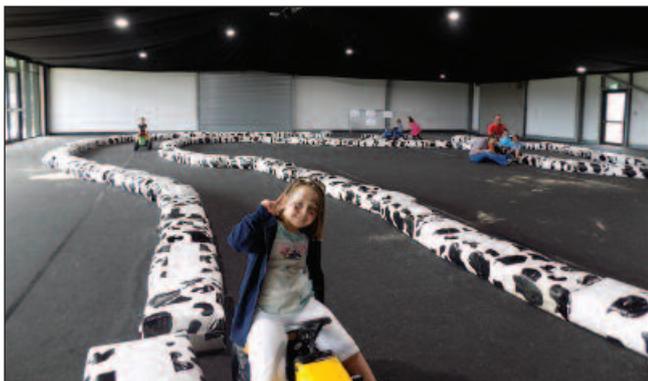
Farming is constantly under pressure from the media and the public because of the damage it causes to wildlife. Although some management practices are damaging, farmland landscape provides a rich and diverse mosaic of habitats that benefit an equally rich and diverse range of species. Managed well, farms can be nature reserves in their own right. As the population and developments increase the safety that farms provide to our local wildlife is going to become more and more important.

**Piers Sangan** BSc (Hons) MCMA  
*Director and Ecologist*  
*Sangan Island Conservation Ltd*

# Summer Flower & Produce Show

18th & 19th August 2019

The Summer Flower & Produce Show proved to be very popular again this year with over 900 people visiting. With attractions ranging from the Horticultural Show, The Poultry & Ornithological Society Show, a display of cars by the Jersey Classic Vehicle Club to the Fun Carrot Competition, a Dog Show plus lots of entertainment for the children including bouncy castles, carousels, face painting and for the first time mini tractor rides around a track in the West Hall which proved extremely popular with lots of children testing their driving skills.



Kids Mini Tractor Rides

With over 200 more entries and 20 more competitors than last year, the Exhibition Hall looked amazing with an array of wonderful flowers, plants, fruit and vegetables expertly grown by the exhibitors. An impressive Basket of Vegetables grown by prisoners at La Moye was selected by the Cut Flower, Pot Plant, Fruit & Vegetable judges as the Overall Best in Show, also winning the Best in Section in the Vegetable classes. Trevor Marie, a staff member of the Prison Service said that they were delighted to win these prizes as the prisoners had put in so much care and work in producing them.



Trevor Marie from the States of Jersey Prison Service, Best in Show

Reserve Best in Show went to a Collection of Cacti exhibited by Stephen Le Feuvre who has maintained top placings for his amazing display of Cacti for the past three years.

Steve Vibert, who won Best in Show last August, won The Dahlia Cup for his beautiful colourful display of Dahlias as well as the National Dahlia Society Silver Medal for the Best Dahlia Exhibit. Entries in the Rose classes were good this year and experienced Rose grower Graham Queree had a very good Show winning The Rosarian Society Rose Bowl for the Best Rose Exhibit for his stunning Vase of Floribunda Roses and also the Stephen Perpetual Rose Trophy for the Best Specimen Rose.



Stephen Le Feuvre, Reserve Best in Show

The Fruit & Vegetable classes were judged by visiting Judge Norman Dickinson from East Sussex, who is Chairman of the Southern Branch of the National Vegetable Society and he chose David Pope's fantastic bunch of white grapes as the winner of the Excellence in Horticultural Diploma Certificate and these were also awarded the Best in Section in the Fruit Classes rosette.



Graham Queree, Vase of Floribunda Roses

The Horticultural Department was delighted to have another Judge from the UK being John Penney from Hampshire, a member of the Guild of Horticultural Judges and he chose John & Barbara Hidrio's Hanging Basket of Non-Flowering Ornamental Foliage as Best in Section in the Pot Plants. John & Barbara were also delighted to win the Pelargonium and Geranium Society Gold Certificate for their 3 Pots of wonderful Pelargoniums. The Silver Certificate was won by Graham Queree also for 3 Pots of Pelargoniums.

A special class in memory of the Late Winter De Gruchy, which is open to all Plot Holders of the FJ Ahier Country Gardens, for a collection of produce that has been grown on their plot was won by a delighted Kevin Roberts beating Chairman Martin Preisig into second place by 1 point. Kevin won the award last August too and puts in a lot of effort and work into his two plots to make such a fantastic display of produce.

Phyllis Gouedart was absolutely delighted to win the Merit in Floral Art Certificate for her beautiful Decorated Hat themed "Ladies Day at the Races" which also won her the Best in Section for Amateur Floral Arranging rosette too. In the Children's section, a decorated hat themed "Celebrating Summer" won the Merit in the Junior Floral Art Certificate by 11-year-old Chloe North. The winner of the Best in Section in the Children's Floral Arranging classes went to 10-year-old Alex Livesey for his "Best Loved Pet" Fruit & Vegetable creation.



Phyllis Gouedart, Ladies Day at the Races Decorated Hat

The ever-popular Cake classes had over 70 entries giving the two judges a hard time choosing their winners with the best entry in the adult cake classes going to Emma Preisig's delicious Afternoon Tea selection with the best entry in the children's classes being won by William Highfield's 3 Decorated Cup Cakes.



Selection of Entries in the Children's Art & Cake classes

The prize giving of all the trophies and prizes was done on Sunday afternoon and were kindly presented by the Connetable of Trinity Philip Le Sueur. The Cake Auction followed the prize giving and after some exciting bidding, the total raised was £235 for Christians Together in Jersey Housing Trust.

For a second year, the Classic Car Club came to the Show on Sunday to display all their wonderful cars and bikes and even a tractor. Once again, a concours d' elegance was held which was kindly judged by Society Members John & Barbara Hidrio who having looked at and inspected each exhibit closely, found their winner in Tim & Pam Pallot's 1961 Wolsey 1500 which was in the most fantastic condition.



Tim & Pam Pallot's Wolsey

Also, for a second year, the Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society held the Fun Carrot Competition. A workshop was held in May where a container, compost and carrot seeds kindly donated by Marshalls were provided to competitors. The competition was held at the Summer Flower & Produce Show and was also judged by visiting judge Norman Dickinson. With 42 entrants including about 30 children, the overall winner was Trevor Marie, second place went to Dennis Le Breton and Sue Heppolette was third who all received Vouchers from Marshalls. There was also a special class for the funniest shaped carrot, sponsored by Select Seeds, which attracted over 20 entries – the class was judged by Cathy Le Feuvre who found her winner in five-year-old Millicent Renouf.



Millicent Renouf with Cathy Le Feuvre

## Results

Award	Awarded For	Winner
THE H.G. SHEPARD MEMORIAL TROPHY	To be awarded for the most meritorious exhibit in the Summer Show (Excluding flower arrangements and cakes)	States of Jersey Prison Service Large Vegetable Basket
RESERVE OVERALL WINNER	Second best exhibit in the Show (Excluding flower arrangements & cakes)	Stephen Le Feuvre Group of Cacti
THE DAHLIA CUP	To be awarded at the discretion of the judges to the best Dahlia entry	Steve Vibert Group of Dahlias
National Dahlia Society Silver Medal	Awarded for the Best Dahlia Exhibit	Steve Vibert Group of Dahlias
National Dahlia Society Bronze Medal	Awarded for the Second- Best Dahlia Exhibit	Max & Dot De La Haye Group of Dahlias
ROSARIAN SOCIETY ROSE BOWL	Best Rose exhibit at this show	Graham Queree Vase of Floribunda Roses
BRITISH FUCHSIA SOCIETY BLUE ROSETTE	Best Fuchsia exhibit at this show	Richard & Louise Noel Fuchsia Normal Bush
THE PELARGONIUM & GERANIUM SOCIETY Gold Certificate	Best exhibit in the Pelargonium classes	John & Barbara Hidrio 3 Pots of Pelargoniums
THE PELARGONIUM & GERANIUM SOCIETY Silver Certificate	Second best exhibit in the Pelargonium classes	Graham Queree 3 Pots of Pelargoniums
THE RHS JUNIOR COMPETITORS Award of Merit Certificate	Merit in Junior Floral Art	Chloe North Decorated Hat "Celebrating Summer" Aged 11 – 14 years
THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF GARDENERS Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture	Excellence in Horticulture	David Pope Bunch of White Grapes
THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF GARDENERS Certificate of Merit in Floral Art	Merit in Floral Art	Phyllis Gouedart Decorated Hat "Ladies Day at the Races"

Award	Awarded For	Winner
Best in Section	Cut Flower Classes	Steve Vibert Group of Dahlias
Best in Section	Pot Plant Classes	John & Barbara Hidrio Hanging Basket
Best in Section	Cacti & Succulent Classes	Stephen Le Feuvre Group of Cacti
Best in Section	Fruit Classes	David Pope Bunch of White Grapes
Best in Section	Vegetable Classes	States of Jersey Prison Service Large Vegetable Basket
Best in Section	Floral Arranging (Amateur)	Phyllis Gouedart Decorated Hat "Ladies Day at the Races"
Best in Section	Floral Arranging (Juniors)	Alex Livesey Fruit & Vegetable "Loved Pet" (aged 7 – 11 years)
Best in Section	Adult Cake Classes	Emma Preisig Afternoon Tea
Best in Section	Children's Cake Classes	William Highfield 3 Decorated Cup Cakes (aged 7 – 11 years)

## Point Prizes

Award	Awarded For	Winner
THE WINTER DE GRUCHY MEMORIAL PERPETUAL TROPHY	Winner of class 277	Kevin Roberts Plots 51 & 52
THE BRITISH FUCHSIA SOCIETY CRESTED SPOON	Most points in the Fuchsia Classes 6 – 14, 170	Richard & Louise Noel 11 points
THE JANET LE QUESNE MEMORIAL TROPHY	Winner of Class 342	Carole Mourant
ROSARIAN'S MINER'S LAMP	Best miniature rose in a picture frame Winner of class 141	Richard & Louise Noel
STEPHENS PERPETUAL ROSE TROPHY	Best Specimen Rose Winner of class 133	Graham Queree
THE BANKSIAN MEDAL Kindly offered by the Royal Horticultural Society	Classes 1 - 278 - Winner of the largest total amount of prize money in the whole of the horticultural classes, except artistic, at the August show. Two years previous winners being ineligible to compete. Should two competitors be equal, the first in alphabetical order will receive the medal unless he or she had previously won a Banksian Medal and the other not Winner 2017: Steve Vibert Winner 2018: Carole Mourant	Stephen Le Feuvre

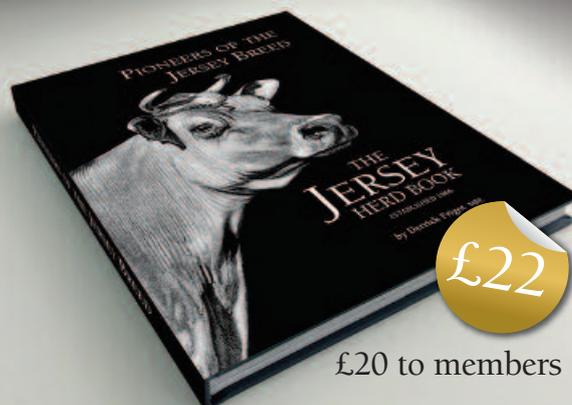
**Rachelle Robinson**

*Horticultural Secretary*

## PIONEERS OF THE JERSEY BREED

The RJA&HS formed the Jersey Herd Book in 1866, and to celebrate 150 years in 2016 we have published 'Pioneers of the Jersey Breed'.

An account of how the breed was established in its Island home, the people who did it and their influential cows. Over 200 pages packed with information and images, many of them seen for the first time. This book is an essential read for any Jersey enthusiast.



£22

£20 to members

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# Life at the Showground

The Showground was thriving in 2019 with a busy calendar of events throughout the year. The West Hall becoming fully operational provides the capacity to host multiple events through the week and weekends. Every year the Showground and the various contactors we work with continue to amaze me and show us how adaptable and versatile the Showground can be.

In January we hosted the Channel Island Sports Personality awards for the first time, we had a conference for over 650 teachers in February and a Thai boxing event in March. In November we were able to accommodate the caged birds in the members room, dog show in the West Hall and a white-collar boxing event in the Main Hall all on one day.

The Showground certainly had a disco feeling to it in 2019 with Weekender festival bringing Boney M, and Durrell bringing over Sister Sledge for their Wilderness Ball.

Another big challenge for the RJA&HS this year was the temporary closure of Fort Regent. Fortunately, we had availability over a few weekends throughout the year and we were able to provide an alternative venue for Jersey Sings and Rockit music.

Jersey Sings was held over two days in June, when we welcomed over 2,000 children and parents to the Showground. The children sang with a live band and vocalists under a marquee with the audience outside.

Event Organiser, Rickit, brought The Human League to the Showground, again we saw over 1,000 people on site rocking away in the Main Hall.

Our chosen charity for 2019 was Headway Jersey, with Bryce and his team bringing a fun healthy show to the Showground with lots of exercise classes and healthy eating stalls. I'm led to believe it was a successful day with lots of money made for the charity.

**Dave Cottrell**  
*Events & Facilities' Manager*



Jersey Weekender music festival at the Royal Jersey Showground

# Horticulture at La Moye

Growing vegetables, including giant specimens, has definitely caught on at HMP La Moye where a keen group of prisoners are really getting to know their onions!

HMP La Moye has been a member and exhibitor at RJA&HS shows over many years. In recent times they have redoubled their efforts and this enthusiasm has been rewarded with several notable successes. This goes as far as setting three new Island records at last year's Autumn Show. These were for the heaviest carrot and parsnip and the longest parsnip, which measured an amazing 8 feet in length. To cap off a great performance, they also won the trophy for the best vegetable entry in show with a trio of leeks. This followed on from HMP being awarded Best in Show in August for a large basket of vegetables.

So when members of the Society's Horticulture Committee were invited to pay a visit to HMP La Moye to see the work being done with prisoners at the horticultural unit it was an offer not to be turned down. We had a tour of the unit and met with Lesley Harrison, Head of Reducing Reoffending at the States Prison Service, as well as colleagues who work in the unit. Without exception the group were highly impressed both with the facilities and the way they are operated. The unit has staff assigned both to teaching horticultural theory to NVQ level and also helping prisoners to develop practical skills in cultivation, growing and plant care.

The site is well equipped with greenhouses and a multispan polytunnel as well as outdoor plots and benefits from being located on the fine sandy loam soils of the La Moye area, which is excellent for vegetable growing. The greenhouses are ideal for seedlings and all-year-round salad crops while the polytunnel has an assortment of long pipes, barrels and raised beds for growing the specimens intended for the showbench (photo). There is also a teaching facility, offering prisoners the opportunity to learn and gain horticultural qualifications.

Prisoner involvement in horticulture, which includes growing flowering plants as well as herbs and vegetables, is seen as an important part of prisoner rehabilitation. It provides prisoners with both education and vocational training, enabling them to learn transferable skills to increase their potential for employment after their release. Moreover, the opportunity to be part of a project with a defined goal, growing vegetables and competing in the Society's shows, can help build confidence, resilience and self-esteem. And on top of this, the facility is producing fresh and wholesome food for the prison's kitchen.

It was clear from our visit that there is a definite distinction between the vegetables that are grown for the RJA&HS shows and those crops that are grown commercially. For example HMP operates in partnership with CI Co-operative in their poinsettia project, generating income to offset the cost of keeping prisoners at HMP La Moye, but such commercially grown items are never entered as show exhibits.

The unit has benefitted from the advice and mentorship of Graeme Le Marquand, Jersey NVS chairman, who is a regular visitor and is pleased to share his wealth of experience and gives practical help and demonstrations. However this advice is not reserved exclusively for HMP La Moye as Graeme is only too happy to offer help and guidance to anybody interested in growing and exhibiting vegetables.

It was explained to us why all the show entries from the prison display the name of the exhibitor as "HMP La Moye" rather than any other personalised form of identification, this being for very good reasons such as prisoner confidentiality and data protection. However, this does not mean that individual prisoners do not take personal interest in growing each specimen – quite the reverse. And, indeed, they are very keen to hear how their exhibits have done in the show, and to share in any successes.

The visit was a real eye-opener and it certainly brought home to us what valuable work the horticultural unit is doing to help rehabilitate prisoners, and how important it is for HMP La Moye to be able to take part in RJA&HS shows. Any possible misgivings or mutterings one had heard about the prison being highly resourced compared with other exhibitors were quickly dispelled when this was balanced against the clear positive benefits that result from prisoners taking responsibility for growing and showing their specimens, and drawing pride from their efforts. As we headed home after our visit we reflected on a sobering but uplifting experience; having seen, once again at first hand, how horticulture can be a source for good.



Large Veg planter with Tubes for long rooted veg behind

**R J Perchard**  
RJA&HS President

# Autumn Fair

## 5th & 6th October 2019

### Autumn Cattle Show

With mixed weather forecast the Society was pleased to be able to transfer the event into the new West Hall. Mr Barry Daw (Bluegrass Herd, UK) officiated at the Society's Autumn Cattle Show and the first group of animals to enter the show ring on the Saturday were the entries forward for the Heifer in Milk class, for animals under 30mths of age at the date of exhibition. Class winner in this age category, exhibited by Paul and Pam Bell of Trinity Manor Farm Ltd was *Chalet Saddam Biscuit*, bred by Ricky Leith, a daughter of locally bred bull *Chalet Tequila Saddam*.

Competing in the 3 Year Old Cow class for Miss Isabelle Hefford McCutcheon and winner of the J H N Roberts Memorial Cup for inspection was, *Clover Stormy Pixie* (Sire: *Chasin Rainbows Act Riley ET*) which went on to be awarded Junior Member In Milk Champion.

The Young Cow class, for animals between 4 and 6 years of age at date of exhibition, was won by *Ansom Joel Majestic*.

As often the case the Senior Class saw fewer entries forward but the quality throughout those exhibited was exceptionally high, another Trinity Manor Farm Ltd entry was selected to stand at the head of the line, this time *Trinity Perfecter Skippy*, sired by the UK sire *Shellen Perfecter*. With Barry Daw bringing in his young cow class winner *Ansom Joel Majestic* ahead of the senior cow for the Senior In-Milk Champion.

The Home Bred Group class was won by a rather delighted Andrew Le Gallais at Cowley Farm and the progeny group class, comprising three daughters of a bull, was awarded to *DJ May*. These three daughters were also from the Cowley Farm herd.

From the four class winners, all were led out for the Grand Championship classes, Barry Daw found his Supreme Champion in the young three year old that had caught his eye right from the start of the show, *Clover Stormy Pixie*, which also took Champion Best Udder. *Ansom Tequila Rose* finishing in reserve place picked up the Exhibitors Bred Champion award, the Vernon Crookes Challenge Cup

Judging of the heifer classes took place the following day when Barry Daw set out his classes with one of the Junior members, Miss Eden Hicks, leading the main Heifers under 12 month class, with her home bred *Jars of Clay Barnabas* sired calf. This heifer went on to be awarded Junior Member Heifer Champion.

Another USA bred Jersey bull, *Dutch Hollow Oliver P ET*, sired the winner of the 12-18mth *Ansom Dholiver Cactus*. 8 heifers came forward for the 18-27mth class, which was won by Miss Izzy Hefford McCutcheon with *Clover Izzys Chrome Zukam*.

But it was the under 12 month heifer, *Ansom Barnabas Carol* which was the Judge's selection for overall Heifer Champion and *Westlands Alwin Blandish*, reserve in the same under 12 month class, was awarded the Jack Le Sueur Exhibitor bred trophy.

**Jane Harvey**  
Agricultural Department

Cow classes	Animal	Sire	Exhibitor
Heifers in Milk	Chalet Saddam Biscuit	Chalet Tequila Saddam	Trinity Manor Farm Ltd
3yr Old Cows	Clover Stormy Pixie	Chasin-Rainbows Act Riley ET	Miss Isabelle Hefford McCutcheon
Young Cows	Ansom Joel Majestic	La Ferme Ltd	Guimo Joel CICC ET
Mature Cows	Trinity Perfecter Skippy	Shellen Perfecter	Trinity Manor Farm Ltd
Grand Champion	Clover Stormy Pixie	Chasin-Rainbows Act Riley ET	Miss Isabelle Hefford McCutcheon
Res Grand Champion	Ansom Tequila Rosa	Tower Vue Prime Tequila	La Ferme Ltd
Champion Best Udder	Clover Stormy Pixie	Chasin-Rainbows Act Riley ET	Miss Isabelle Hefford McCutcheon
Exhibitor Bred Champion	Ansom Tequila Rosa	Tower Vue Prime Tequila	La Ferme Ltd
Jnr Member Champion	Clover Stormy Pixie	Chasin-Rainbows Act Riley ET	Miss Isabelle Hefford McCutcheon

Heifer classes	Animal	Sire	Exhibitor
Under 12months	Ansom Barnabas Carol	Jars of Clay Barnabas	Miss Eden Hicks
12- under 18 Months	Ansom Dholiver Cactus	Dutch Hollow Oliver P	La Ferme Ltd
18- under 27 Months	Clover Izzys Chrome Zukam	River Valley Cece Chrome ET	Miss Isabelle Hefford McCutcheon
Jnr Member Champion	Ansom Barnabas Carol	Jars of Clay Barnabas	Miss Eden Hicks
Heifer Champion	Ansom Barnabas Carol	Jars of Clay Barnabas	Miss Eden Hicks
Res Heifer Champion	Westlands Alwin Blandish	Prides Oliver P Alwin	P F Le Maistre
Exhibitor Bred Champion	Westlands Alwin Blandish	Prides Oliver P Alwin	P F Le Maistre



Ansom Barnabas Carol, Heifer Champion, with Eden Hicks



Ansom Joel Majestic winner of the Young Cow Class, Barry Daw and Rob Perchard



Ansom Tequila Rosa - Reserve Senior Champion



Clovers Stormy Pixie, & Izzy Hefford McCutcheon - Grand Champion



Westlands Alwin Blandish - Reserve Heifer Champion



Hard work this showing business!



Izzy Hefford-McCutcheon receives the Carol Ann de Gruchy Points Trophy from Enid de Gruchy



Hon. Life Member, Lewis Rondel, presents Eden Hicks (leading Ansom Barnabas Carol, Heifer Champion), with the J G Rondel Trophy



Cattle Show Junior Members



Judge, Barry Daw, with some of the cattle exhibitors



Cowley Farm, winners of the Home Bred Group

## Autumn Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Show

The Autumn Fair this year proved to be one of the most successful to date attracting over 2000 visitors including the Lieutenant Governor & Lady Dalton plus the Bailiff Sir William & Lady Bailhache which was the last event he was attending before he retired as Bailiff.



Lieutenant Governor & Lady Dalton with Robert Perchard and Martin Preisig

The Fair featured a Cattle Show, the Horticultural Show, a Poultry Show, Rural Magazine, a Dog Agility Display, Ajax the Shire Horse, Cultivate Young Minds plus a variety of stalls and stands with lots for people to see and do.

The Horticultural Show attracted over 100 more entries than last year as well as 30 new exhibitors in classes for monster vegetables, home-grown produce including fruit, vegetables, stunning flowers and plants plus Floral Art and home-baked cakes and preserves.

A delighted Max & Dot De La Haye took the top prize of Best in Show again for the second year in a row with their stunning colourful display of a Group of Dahlias. The time and effort that goes into growing and showing them is second to none and great teamwork by both Max & Dot comes together so spectators can enjoy the display.



Max & Dot De La Haye, Best in Show

Reserve Best in Show went to Stephen Le Feuvre's fantastic display of a Group of Cacti, Stephen has been displaying his Cacti and Succulents for a number of years now and his tender loving care of growing and showing them has been very successful and given him numerous awards and trophies.

With 65 classes of different Apples and Pears on show, Vincent Obbard had a successful Show winning the Best Exhibit in the Pear classes for his 5 Pitmaston Duchess Pears and regular exhibitor Brian Phillips winning two points trophies for all his amazing entries. Neil & Carole Mourant also had a successful show winning the points trophy for the most points in the Apple classes and their Collection of Cider Apples won the Fruit Best in Section rosette.



Neil & Carole Mourant, Collection of Cider Apples

With lots of awesome vegetables entered into the Show, The States of Jersey Prison Service, having entered 37 classes, had an extremely successful day with all the vegetables exhibited by them enthusiastically grown by the inmates. 3 stunning leeks was awarded the Best Exhibit of the Fruit & Vegetable classes and also the Best in Section rosette and their Large Basket of an array of Vegetables won the Most Meritorious Exhibit in the Vegetable classes. Tom Robinson had an amazing show in his second year of showing vegetables and won three points trophies for his efforts including the Cup for the most points in the Basket classes in all shows.

The Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society were once again delighted to win the award for the most amazing collection of vegetables in a beautifully restored cart and they also won The Worshipful Company of Gardens Diploma for their Collection of Vegetables with Graeme Le Marquand saying 'he was absolutely delighted with the result having put in lots of hard work to put the displays together.'

There were also lots of entries in the Pot Plant and Cut Flower classes providing the public with beautiful colourful displays of different plants and flowers. Pot Plant entries were up on last year and Pam Queree was delighted to win the Best in Section for Pot Plants again this year for her stunning 3 Large Coleus. Entries in the Cut Flower classes were sadly down this year with the weather not helping but there were some very good entries of Chrysanthemums, Dahlias, Roses and many more. The Jersey Festival Rose Show Bowl was won by a very happy Graham Queree for his 3



The Jersey Association of The National Vegetable Society Display of Vegetables

beautiful Red, Pink and White Floribunda Roses. Colin De La Haye won the British Fuchsia Society Blue rosette for his Normal Bush Fuchsia with Richard & Louise Noel winning the trophy for the highest points in all the Fuchsia classes this year. John & Barbara Hidrio were extremely delighted to win two points trophies this year for the entries over the four shows for their amazing hanging baskets of mixed plants and Fuchsias.

The popular Preserve classes were well entered again this year with exhibits of fantastic jam, jellies, marmalade, preserved fruit & vegetables, wines and cider and a new class this year for a Pot of Honey which secured a Best in Section win for a delighted Richard Le Sueur. Alison Ahier & Fred Benest were pleased to win the trophy awarded for the most points in the Preserve classes.

The Adult Floral Arrangement classes were very well entered this year with Sheila Le Var winning Best in Section in the Amateur section with her fantastic Autumn Pumpkin arrangement and new competitor Betty Quenault winning the Best in Section for Professionals with a beautiful arrangement of Flowers and Greenery from her Garden also securing the trophy for the most points in the Professional classes during the year. Ivy Le Troquer, who is one of our most consistent exhibitors, won the trophy for the Best Amateur Pedestal arrangement celebrating the "Battle of Britain Air Display" at the Autumn Show and also the trophy for the most points in the Amateur classes during the year.



Battle of Britain Air Display Floral Arrangements

The Society is absolutely delighted that there were nearly 100 entries in all the Children's classes at the Autumn Fair ranging from Fruit & Vegetables, Floral Art and Cakes & Bread. The "Autumn Garden" created in a box for 7 to 11-year olds proved to be the most popular class at the Show attracting 26 entries giving the judges the very difficult task of deciding the winners. Alex Livesey took top spot for his amazing creation with 2nd place going to Saxon Lopez-Rubio who was delighted to also win The RHS Merit Certificate for Junior Floral Art. The Plant Protection Cup was won by a very happy Amelie Falla for another beautiful Autumn Garden creation. Lucy Collard had another amazing year competing at all our Shows and won The VC Bertram Memorial Trophy for her Best Vegetable Creation of a Durrell Gorilla. Lucy also won The Dogs Day Trophy for the Junior Member gaining the most points with New Member Chloe North winning the New Members prize for the most points at this year's shows. The Society is extremely grateful to have so many enthusiastic children entering the show and the amazing entries they produce and create for the themes provided is absolutely fantastic.



Saxon Lopez-Rubio won the Junior Award of Merit in Floral Art for her Autumn Garden



Amelie Falla won the Plant Protection Cup



Lucy Collard receiving her prizes from the Lieutenant Governor & Lady Dalton



Emma Preisig's winning Black Butter & Chocolate Cake

The Adult and Children Cake classes proved extremely popular this year with over 100 entries received giving the judges an incredibly tough time choosing the winners and Best in Sections. There was a huge entry in the Adult Victoria Sandwich Cake of 13 entries with 7 entries from Trinity Parish Church competing against each other for top spot including the Canon Geoff Houghton who won 3rd prize. With 63 entries in the Adult classes, Best in Section for the Adults cakes went to Emma Preisig and her delicious Black Butter & Chocolate Cake who has won 3 of the 4 Best in Sections at the Shows this year for her amazing creations. The Children's classes were just as popular with 43 entries and 12 of the 14 entries in the 3 to 5-year-olds Flap Jacks class being submitted by children from St Martin's School. The judges found their winner of the Best in Section in Kate Le Mottee with her amazing creation in the Best Decorated Cake themed "Halloween" cake.



Kate Le Mottee - Best decorated cake themed "Halloween"

An anticipated highlight of the Autumn Horticultural Show is the weigh-in of the heaviest vegetables and this year was no exception with particular interest in the pumpkin class which was keenly contested by five members of the Le Sueur family.

Although he did not get close to the monster specimen of over 900lbs he grew last year, Richard Le Sueur again took first place with a pumpkin tipping the scales at 656lbs, just 9 pounds more than the pumpkin tendered by his 3-year-old grandson Corey Delaney. Third and four places were taken by his wife Jenny and other grandson Joseph Delaney with fifth place going to his nephew Alex Le Sueur.

Three new records were set by heavy and long vegetables grown by prisoners at La Moye with a carrot looking more like an alien species weighing 9lb 11oz, a parsnip weighing 7lb 3oz and a long parsnip measuring an amazing 8 feet long.



New Record - 8 foot Longest Parsnip

All the classes in the Heaviest & Longest Produce Competition were very kindly sponsored by GiantVeg who provided the prize money for every entry in each of the classes - the Fortey family have been growing giant veg for three generations and we are extremely grateful for their support of these classes and the Society. All the fruit and vegetables in the classes were expertly weighed and measured on the Saturday morning by Society officers Martin Preisig and John Hidrio.



Weighing of the Giant Pumpkins



Lots of amazing Flowers & Plants



View of the Main Hall

## Awards

Award	Awarded For	Winner
EASTERN GARDEN MACHINERY CUP Best in Show plus £50 Cheque	Overall winners of the fruit, flower and vegetable show	Max & Dot De La Haye Group of Dahlias
Reserve Best in Show	2nd best overall of the fruit, flower and vegetable show	Stephen Le Feuvre Group of Cacti
THE MISS LINDA LE SEELEUR MEMORIAL TROPHY	To be awarded to the best exhibit in the Pear classes (51-65) at this show	Vincent Obbard 5 Pitmaston Duchess Pears
THE BRITISH FUCHSIA SOCIETY BLUE ROSETTE	Best fuchsia exhibit at this show	Colin De La Haye 1 Normal Bush Fuchsia
THE FRANCIS JOHN AHIER MEMORIAL PRIZES Silver Spoon	Awarded to members for the most meritorious exhibit in the DAHLIA classes at this Show	Max & Dot De La Haye Group of Dahlias
THE FRANCIS JOHN AHIER MEMORIAL PRIZES Silver Spoon	Awarded to members for the most meritorious exhibit in the VEGETABLE classes at this Show	States of Jersey Prison Service Large Vegetable Basket
THE 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 & heaviest classes (5 to 47, 50, 53 to 67, 70 to 72, 75 to 83 & 94 to 152)	States of Jersey Prison Service 3 Leeks
THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF GARDENERS SHOW AWARDS	The Worshipful Company of Gardeners have been pleased to grant Diplomas	Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society Collection of Vegetables
JERSEY FESTIVAL ROSE SHOW BOWL	Awarded to the Exhibitor competing at this Show with the Best Rose Exhibit receiving a First Prize in Classes 204, 205, 312 to 319 and 340 to 349	Graham Queree 3 Floribundas Roses
CHILDREN'S THE PLANT PROTECTION CUP Presented by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Awarded to the Exhibitor of any age, exhibiting the Best Garden in a Box in the Children's classes, Excluding Group entries, at this Show. Classes: 448 to 451	Amelie Falla "Autumn Garden" 3 - 5 years

CHILDREN'S THE V C BERTRAM MEMORIAL TROPHY	Awarded to the Best Vegetable Creation, in any age group, at this Show Classes: 503 to 505	Lucy Collard Fruit & Vegetable Durrell Gorilla 11 - 14 years
CHILDREN'S THE RHS JUNIOR COMPETITORS AWARD OF MERIT CERTIFICATE	Merit in the Junior Floral Arranging Classes 441 to 455 and 503 to 505	Saxon Lopez-Rubio "Autumn Garden" 7 - 11 years
BEST IN SECTION	FRUIT	Neil & Carole Mourant Collection of Cider Apples
BEST IN SECTION	VEGETABLES	States of Jersey Prison Service - 3 Leeks
BEST IN SECTION	CACTI, SUCCULENTS & CARNIVOROUS	Stephen Le Feuvre Group of Cacti
BEST IN SECTION	POT PLANTS	Pam Queree 3 Large Coleus
BEST IN SECTION	CUT FLOWERS	Max & Dot De La Haye Group of Dahlias
BEST IN SECTION	FLORAL ART (JUNIORS)	Alex Livesey "Autumn Garden" 7-11 yrs
BEST IN SECTION	FLORAL ART (PROFESSIONAL)	Betty Quenault Arrangement of Flowers & Greenery from your garden
BEST IN SECTION	FLORAL ART (AMATEUR)	Sheila Le Var Autumn Pumpkin Arrangement
BEST IN SECTION	PRESERVES	Richard Le Sueur 1 Pot of Honey
BEST IN SECTION	CAKES (ADULTS)	Emma Preisig Black Butter & Chocolate Cake
BEST IN SECTION	CAKES (CHILDREN)	Kate Le Mottee Halloween Best Decorated Cake
BEST IN SECTION	HEAVIEST & LONGEST	Richard Le Sueur Pumpkin

## Class Winner Awards

Award	Given for	Winner
THE ROBIN HOOD CUP	Awarded to the Winner of Class 154: Open to Clubs, Societies, Institutions, Commercial Entities or Groups of People A Collection of Vegetables, not less than 12 kinds, to be awarded for arrangement and variety	Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society
THE HAMEL TROPHY	Awarded to the winner of the Amateur Pedestal Class 438	Ivy Le Troquer
THE J R HOLLAND MEMORIAL TROPHY	Awarded to the Winner of Class 86 for the collection of 12 kinds of Vegetables, not exceeding 6ft x 2½ft	Tom Robinson
THE JERSEY PRODUCE MARKETING ORGANISATION TROPHY	Awarded to the Winner of Class 87 for the collection of 8 kinds of Vegetables, not exceeding 5ft x 2½ft	Tom Robinson
THE LUCAS BROTHERS PRIZE A Voucher for a Christmas Tree	FOR THE HEAVIEST PUMPKIN WEIGHING OVER 100 lbs in Class 520	Richard Le Sueur Pumpkin - 656 lb

## Points Award

Award	Given fo	Winner
THE MARTIN CHALLENGE CUP	Awarded to the exhibitor obtaining the highest aggregate of points in the Fruit classes 1 - 83 at this show	Brian Phillipps 66 points
THE E.R. LE CONTE CHALLENGE CUP	Awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest aggregate of first prizes for the Apple classes 51 - 65 at this show	Neil & Carole Mourant 12 1st's / 48 points
THE MONT ORGUEIL CUP	To be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in the Pear classes 51 - 65 at this show	Brian Phillipps 28 points
THE C.G. RICKETS CUP	Awarded to any exhibitor new or old not having their name previously on any of the Fruit Cups	Fred Benest & Alison Ahier 17 points
THE CHRYSANTHEMUM POINTS CHALLENGE CUP	To be awarded to the exhibitor obtaining the highest points in the Chrysanthemum classes (except Pompon and Spray varieties) in both the SUMMER and AUTUMN shows. ENTRIES IN THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT CLASSES are not eligible for the above named Challenge Cup and Points Prize	Max & Dot de la Haye 12 points

POINTS PRIZES FOR POMPON AND SPRAY VARIETIES  SILVER SPOON	A Special prize will be awarded to the exhibitor obtaining the highest aggregate of points in the POMPON and SPRAY variety classes at both the SUMMER and AUTUMN shows. ENTRIES IN THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT CLASSES are not eligible for the above named Challenge Cup and Points Prize	Neil & Carole Mourant 6 points
THE FOREST HILL CUP	For the highest aggregate of FIRST PRIZES in the Vegetable classes 94 - 152	Jane Dervin 13 wins / 52 points
BRITISH FUCHSIA SOCIETY CRESTED SPOON	Awarded to the Exhibitor gaining the most points in the Fuchsia classes at this show (classes 210 to 216 & 358)	Richard & Louise Noel 10 points
NEW MEMBER'S PRIZE  SILVER SPOON	A Special Prize awarded to the exhibitor who obtains the highest total of points at this year's shows provided they became a member during the current year	Yvette Watts 8 points
THE WYNNE WALKER CUP Presented by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Awarded to the Exhibitor gaining the most first prizes over this year's shows. Exc. Floral Art, Preserve & cakes classes	Stephen Le Feuvre 192 points
THE LADY McNICIE CUP Presented by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Awarded to the Exhibitor gaining the most points in the Pelargonium classes over this year's Shows	Graham Queree 52 points
THE FISON CUP Presented by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Awarded to the Exhibitor gaining the most points in the classes for Baskets of Vegetables (including salad) over this year's Shows	Tom Robinson 18 points
THE 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, over this year's Shows	John & Barbara Hidrio 12 points
THE C.G.A. (JERSEY) LTD. CHALLENGE CUP Presented by the Firm	Awarded for the highest aggregate of points in the Pot Plant classes over this year's Shows	Stephen Le Feuvre 246 points
THE BRYAN LE MARQUAND CHALLENGE CUP	Awarded for the highest aggregate of points for Prize Monies (Floral Art & Cakes excluded) in the Horticultural classes at this year's Shows	Stephen Le Feuvre £150
ST. HELIER TRUST FUCHSIA TROPHY	Awarded to the person obtaining the highest number of points in the FUCHSIA classes at this year's Shows	Richard & Louise Noel 25 points
THE LORD PHILLIPS FUCHSIA CHALLENGE CUP Donated by the Society of Jersey Gardeners	Awarded to the winner gaining the most points over this year's Shows in flowering Fuchsia Hanging Basket classes	John & Barbara Hidrio 8 points
THE MRS E K ROBERT PRESERVE TROPHY	Awarded to the person gaining the most points in the PRESERVE CLASSES at this show (Classes 366 to 432)	Fred Benest & Alison Ahier 19 points
CHARLES JONES MEMORIAL TROPHY	Awarded to the Exhibitor with the most points in the onion & shallot classes at the Autumn Show (Classes 131 to 141)	JOINT WINNERS Colin & Paulette De La Haye/Jane Dervin 11 points
THE WALKER CHALLENGE CUP	Highest aggregate of points in the PROFESSIONAL FLOWER ARRANGING CLASSES at this year's Shows	Betty Quenault 16 points
THE P.B.I. CHALLENGE CUP	Highest aggregate of points in the AMATEUR FLOWER ARRANGING CLASSES at this year's Shows	Ivy Le Troquer 50 Points
CHILDREN'S THE DOGS DAY TROPHY	Awarded to the Junior Member gaining the most points over this year's Shows	Lucy Collard 70 Points
CHILDREN'S NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS' PRIZE SILVER SPOON	Awarded to the New Junior Member gaining the most points over this year's Shows (given that they became a member for the first time during the current year)	Chloe North 50 points

**Rachelle Robinson**  
Horticultural Secretary

## Christmas Lunch 1st December 2019

The Horticultural Department again chose to hold their Annual Christmas Lunch and Prize Giving at St Brelade's Bay Hotel after it proved to be a fantastic venue last year.

This year the Lunch and Prize Giving was held in the private function room with beautiful views overlooking the Bay and our own bar! 69 members and their family attended and after a superb three course lunch, the October Show and Annual Points trophies were kindly presented by our President's wife Jo-Ann Perchard - well done to all the winners. A raffle followed with some fantastic prizes donated by local people and companies which helps to raise funds for the department - thank you very much to all those who donated prizes.



October Show & Annual Points Trophies



View of our Private Room



Steve Le Feuvre collecting his trophies from Jo-Ann Perchard

# Report of the Society Council 2019

The Council has overall responsibility for the policy of the Society and co-ordination of the work of the two departments. This includes membership and the RJA&HS Trust Fund, and in addition specific responsibility for finances, employment and real estate. The Council has established a number of sub-committees to focus on key matters and in addition met on five occasions in its supervisory role.

## Strategy Working Group:

This sub-committee, led by the President, includes Martin Preisig, Steve Le Feuvre, Jennifer Ellenger and Becky Houzé. The Committee met on five occasions during the year, along with many informal meetings. The main focus of its work has been the developing education programme, 'Cultivate', Society branding and image, developing shows and events, as well as a broader membership package. Jess McGovern has been instrumental in the success of the Cultivate programme and gave an excellent presentation at the Jersey Farming Conference and expands on the programme elsewhere in this journal.

## Finance Sub-committee:

This Sub-committee, led by the President, includes Steve Le Feuvre, Jeremy Neil and Peter Williams. It met on four occasions in the past year, up to the AGM, and in addition received interim updates. The financial results for 2019 are described in more detail in the Treasurer's Report which follows the Council Report in this journal. An overall surplus has been made for the year aided by a stronger investment performance. Considerable progress has been made in reducing the deficit from ordinary activities, down by some 80%, and 2020 is budgeted to produce a surplus in this area. The Committee has been reviewing the Society investment activities and following an interview process with investment managers has decided to move the main portfolio from Ashburton to Rathbones.

## Employment Sub-committee:

This Sub-committee, led by the President, includes Richard Leith, Martin Preisig, Steve Le Feuvre and Jeremy Neil. It met, in full, on two occasions in the past year, up to the AGM, and in addition on other occasions to deal with particular matters. All staff contracts have been updated to accommodate new legislation, a new staff handbook published, annual appraisals of each staff member undertaken, and the programme of training maintained. Two new staff members have been recruited; Ross Single to assist with the management of the Showground as well as supporting the Jersey Herd Management System with herd recording, and Sam Thomson to work in the Dairy for Development Programme reported on elsewhere in this journal.

## Real Estate:

The West Hall received final completion certification during the year and is fully operational both in support of larger events as well as staging smaller discrete events enabling the usage of the Showground to be developed. La Loge Pernelle was vacant for a period during the year, between tenants, to enable essential maintenance work to be undertaken.

## Representation and promotion of local produce:

The Society provides standing representation on a range of forums, including the World Jersey Cattle Bureau, the European Jersey Forum, and in Jersey on the Action for Cleaner Water working group and Brexit panels.

In addition the Society contributes consultation responses to a variety of requests from the States of Jersey. Of particular note in the past year is the development of the new Island Plan. Where these are related to the farming industry they are often conducted in liaison or jointly with the Jersey Milk Marketing Board and the Jersey Farmers' Union.

Memberships	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19
Honorary Life Members	3	4	5	5	5	6	6	8	8	9
Full Members (inc Life & Patrons)	452	427	385	375	352	327	199	286	267	237
Joint Members (x2)	350	326	300	282	282	242	277	197	207	196
Junior Members	62	48	39	35	30	25	25	25	30	28
Total	867	805	729	697	669	600	507	516	512	470

The Council is saddened to note the passing during the year of Shirley Caurel and Derek de Gruchy.

## RJA&HS Trust Fund:

The Trustees supported a young student during the year, reported on elsewhere in this journal, and plan to undertake a review of applications to determine how better to use the funds in future. The fund stands at some £118,000.

## Charity work:

The charity adopted for the year 2019 is reported on in the section on Life at the Showground and became Headway Jersey. The adopted charity receives a weekend's usage of the Showground at no cost for a fund-raising activity. Charities wishing to apply for this opportunity should contact the office. Previous recipients have been; Great Ormond Street Hospital, St Thomas' Church Restoration Appeal, Dr. Hezron Mc'Obewa AIDS Charity in Kenya, Jersey Scouts Association, Jersey Hospice, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Multiple Sclerosis Society of Jersey, MIND Jersey, Parkinson's Jersey, Jersey Round Table, Friends of SCBU (Special Care Baby Unit)

## Thank you:

Finally, the President was delighted to welcome over fifty members who serve on Society committees, help out at shows or give their time in other voluntary roles to his annual reception held on 11th December.

**James Godfrey**  
RJA&HS Secretary & CEO

**COVID19 - The Council decided that as a result of 'Force Majeure' the Annual General Meeting, scheduled for 30th April 2020, will be postponed until a date, to be announced, when it will be practical to be held.**

# Treasurers' Report 2019

A very positive year for the Society, showing a surplus of £81,101 on the consolidated accounts, which thankfully is a turnaround from a huge loss during 2018. Prudent budgeting is in place in all areas of the Society's activities, and we are close to a point where we will be in a position to make a surplus on our activities to enable an amount to be set aside for reinvestment in the property and/or back in to the investment fund.

The vast majority of the infrastructure initiatives are complete, and the investment at our headquarters building is now paying dividends in the form of increased income.

The Agricultural Department recorded a surplus of £10,351, and this includes numerous activities such as the hiring out of the facilities, Herd Book activities, Shows, the Cultivate programme, and involvement with the various Jersey Overseas Aid projects. Income from the Trinity site was £252,866 which was a 21% increase on the previous year, and this has been possible with the investment made for the addition of the West Hall and the storage units. Shows continue to run at a deficit, although this has been greatly reduced through careful planning and budgeting, and we are actively seeking sponsorship for our "shop window" events that feature the importance of agriculture and horticulture to the Island, and highlight the vital role that dairy farmers and growers play in keeping our countryside productive and looking so beautiful.

The Ashburton investment fund remained fully invested in 2019 which was a good year performance-wise showing a net gain of £111,918. A recent decision has been made to move our main portfolio to investment managers Rathbones.

It was disappointing that Jersey Island Genetics Ltd posted a loss for 2019 of £26,482 and this is almost entirely due to the fact that our grant from the States of Jersey to run the Dairy Services has been cut year on year. The good news is that we have negotiated an increase of £17,000 in the dairy services grant for 2020, with small additional increases for the subsequent two years. However, it is still likely that this element of our work will not be fully recovered in the future.

The Horticultural Department showed a loss of £13,239 which members will be aware is an unusual occurrence, mainly due to extenuating circumstances, and these are explained further in a detailed appendix (below) following this report.

Payroll costs continue to increase as planned and predicted due to increasing staff numbers to cover the enormously important Cultivate programme and Society promotion activities, as well as realignment of responsibilities with the increase in work as a result of a heavier involvement with dairy development work in Africa through the Jersey Overseas Aid programmes.

## Balance Sheet Comparison

Fixed Assets	2018	2017
Tangible Assets	3,216,549	3,222,805
Investments	1,144,472	1,177,343
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>4,361,021</b>	<b>4,400,148</b>
Current Assets / Stock	22,089	23,832
Debtors & Prepayments	90,265	91,690
Cash at Bank	107,667	32,212
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>220,026</b>	<b>147,734</b>
<b>Creditors</b>	<b>297,956</b>	<b>345,897</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>4,283,086</b>	<b>4,201,985</b>

## Profit & Loss Comparison

Income	2019	2018
JIG Trading	1,804,33	855,350
Real Estate	267,411	228,228
Herd Book	31,915	26,027
Investment Income	8,951	9,751
Investment Net Gains	111,918	(78,595)
Shows & Events	29,714	22,374
Members Subscriptions	10,835	11,363
Misc & Merchandise	37,549	4,020
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,302,632</b>	<b>1,078,518</b>
Operating Expenses		
JIG Trading	1,652,813	803,607
Real Estate	75,015	117,086
Shows & Events	42,984	39,688
Herd Book	27,045	21,477
Breed Improvement	701	720
Merchandise & PR	18,640	4,550
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1,817,198</b>	<b>987,128</b>
Overheads		
Employment	245,196	153,274
General Overheads	97,185	102,803
Finance	5,600	7,441
Depreciation	56,351	52,774
<b>Total Overheads</b>	<b>404,332</b>	<b>316,292</b>
<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>81,101</b>	<b>(224,902)</b>

The cash budget for 2020 is extremely positive with all income streams looking to be favourable for a good year, and with cost controls in place and being continually reviewed.

In conclusion, whilst this has been a very challenging year financially, we are blessed to have a team of staff who are hard-working and totally committed to ensuring that the Society succeeds in every activity it does. Financial prudence has to be exercised even more carefully in the future, and they are totally on board with that. In particular we would like to thank James who assists us with the day to day financial management of the Society.

**Stephen Le Feuvre** (*Agriculture*)  
**Jerry Neil** (*Horticulture*)

## Appendix - Details of the Horticultural Department for 2019:

2019 has been a challenging year financially, despite much effort from a great many people. The overall loss for the year of £13,239 does not reflect the hard work expended across the wide range of Horticultural activities and events. However, not all sources of Horticultural Department income directly correlate with the shows and event activities held, and there are various expenses and overheads incurred from the running of the Horticultural Department.

Rental income from La Loge Pernelle was reduced due to non-occupancy, arising from a changeover of tenant. This was compounded by essential external repairs and internal refurbishment necessary to maintain the property and prior to a new leasehold arrangement. Combined, these were the main contributors to the financial deficit for the year.

Most income lines were down, compared to the previous 12 months. However, and most importantly, revenue from shows and events was higher than last year, demonstrating increasing interest and attendance. We hope it is a trend that continues, especially given the ongoing focus on widening their appeal. Corresponding expenses for the shows also saw an increase year on year despite concerted effort to mitigate. So whilst the events are profitable and very much part of the Society's annual calendar, margins are tight, and this is something being reviewed in 2020.

The running of the Horticultural Department requires dedicated resource, as well as substantial voluntary support. Administration costs have increased, and this too, has contributed to the net loss for the year. In preparation for 2020, all sources of revenue have been reviewed and it is hoped that this will improve matters financially in subsequent years.

**Postscript to the Treasurers' Report - COVID19**

As has been described elsewhere in this report, a considerable amount of work was done during 2019 to turn around the 2018 financial results and our 2020 financial year was forecast to deliver a surplus on trading activities, i.e. excluding the movement in value of investments.

Since the year end the affects of the COVID19 pandemic have become more pronounced. As a result we have been undertaking a considerable amount of risk analysis, in conjunction with our auditors and bankers, to determine how this might impact on the 2020 budgets and this falls into two categories:

- 1. Investments: At the time of going to press our main investment portfolio has seen a reduction in value of some 14%. The Finance Committee have agreed to hold the position and only liquidate to move into an invested position once account openings are complete.

- 2. Trading: We are working to a potential loss in revenues of some £130k mainly as a result of events at the Showground being cancelled. Although this should be offset to some extent by a reduction in costs, along with measures introduced to mitigate the downturn in revenue.

We are working to keep Society staff deployed on planned activities, where possible, or alternatively on development work and new initiatives. The launch of the 'Springtime in Jersey' competition is an example of something that can be done whilst in 'lockdown'. Our activities under the Jersey Herd Management Scheme continue, in a modified fashion, in support of the dairy industry with 'essentially employed' status. There also remains a considerable amount of work to be done in the Dairy for Development Programme, much of which is done remotely anyway.

I am sure Members will appreciate that forecasting in these extraordinary times is a matter of constant review and adjustment. Our aim is to ensure that the Society is well placed to pick up and deliver its objectives as soon as circumstances allow.

**James Godfrey**  
Secretary & Chief Executive

**President's Reception**  
11th December 2019

The President, Robert Perchard invited all Committee Members of the Society together with all the Volunteers who gave up their time to help at Society events in 2019, to a Reception held in the Members Room on Wednesday 11th December. Over 50 people attended the social event with delicious refreshments provided by Harpers Catering which was enjoyed by all. The President thanked everyone for coming and for all their help during the year at the Society's events - without these volunteers, the Society would not be able to put on such great events for everyone to enjoy, for which the Society is extremely grateful.

**Rachelle Robinson**  
Horticultural Secretary

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# Agricultural Department Annual Report 2019

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 2019:

Year	Pedigree Jersey Bulls Registered	Pedigree Jersey Heifers Registered	Bulls Licensed	Cows Linear Assessed/Classified	Jersey Beef Animals Registered	Jersey X Beef Animals Registered
2019	21	628	20	619	29	73
2018	32	626	14	1206	26	173
2017	25	681	14	904	16	164
2016	23	767	18	808	20	183
2015	30	835	19	760	30	160

Jersey bull calf registrations have fallen this year, but the number of Jersey bulls over twelve months of age licensed for breeding has increased versus recent years.

Decline in cross bred registrations reflect the decline of those herds retiring from the industry.

Jersey heifer registrations are starting to recover, as those herds remaining in the industry increase their numbers of females retained for breeding, offsetting the herds that have retired in the previous two years.

The two HUK classification visits, in April and September, totalled some 619 individual animals appraised, of which 383 were 1st lactation heifers in milk.

## 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
2003 - 08	119	36	884	7.5	16	26.0
2013	164	38	818	5.0	23	20.5
2014	161	25	838	5.2	25	21.0
2015	152	30	835	5.5	27	16.2
2016	135	24	767	5.7	22	21.1
2017	121	25	681	5.6	16	24.8
2018	115	31	618	5.4	13	26.0
2019	109	24	618	5.7	15	22.8

The number of bulls siring 2019 registered pedigree Jersey calves dropped yet again and the percentage of heifers registered to the 5 most popular bulls has dropped back slightly from 26% to 22.8%. As genetic selection processes become ever tighter the Island herds continue to look for outcross pedigrees, particularly amongst pedigree Danish bulls, so as to minimise inbreeding and especially, given that a number of American bulls (ie *Chrome*, *Barnabas* and *Oliver-P*) have had a significant genetic impact over a number of years.

*Elliotts Regency Casino* knocks *Jars of Clay Barnabas* off the top spot, as the most popular sire of daughters registered in the Herd Book in 2019, with 33 progeny in total. Not far behind and new into the top listing for the first time is *All Lynns Louie Valentino* with 28 daughters registered.

The six most popular bulls (and daughters registered to them) being:

1. *Elliotts Regency Casino* - 33 (USA)
2. *All Lynns Louie Valentino* - 28 (USA)
3. *Dutch Hollow Oliver P* - 28 (USA)
- 4= *Golden GDK Vivaldi* - 26 (Denmark)
- 4= *Guimo Joel CJCC ET* - 26 (Canada)
- 4= *River Valley Circus Craze* - 26 (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	2013	495	82	6.0	11	10.1	32.7
	2014	576	83	6.9	12	5.8	21.0
	2015	578	92	6.3	16	6.2	23.2
	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	
Sired by locally born bulls	2013	323	82	3.9	16	7.7	25.0
	2014	262	78	3.4	20	4.6	17.9
	2015	257	60	4.3	10	9.3	31.5
	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	

Table 4: Analysis of locally born sires

This deeper analysis has been conducted for 10 years, since the initial importation of international genetics. As nearly all local born bulls themselves' now contain a wide spread of international genetics this will be the final this table is presented

Females registered from locally born sires	Year	Number of females registered	Number of males registered	Number of bulls siring all progeny	Average number of progeny per bull
Sired by bulls with no international bloodlines in pedigree	2015	97	4	34	2.9
	2016	76	5	25	3.2
	2017	54	1	11	4.9
	2018	29	0	4	7.3
Sired by bulls with international bloodlines in pedigree	2015	160	1	26	6.2
	2016	175	2	31	5.7
	2017	126	4	30	4.2
	2018	146	4	31	4.7
2019	141	6	33	4.3	

Table 5: 2019 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	79	76	81	82	82	81	27
Denmark	80	78	80	83	83	82	43
J. Island*	78	75	80	80	80	79	90
N. America	80	79	81	82	83	81	224
International	80	79	81	82	83	81	294
J. Island*	78	75	80	80	80	79	90

## 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 be 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 for 2019 were therefore completed between 01/10/17 and 30/09/18.

Title	Name	Owned by	Milk Kg	Fat %	Fat Kg	Prot. %	Prot. Kg	Points
Senior Champion	Woodlands Winsome Windy Willow	R H le Boutillier	8,815	5.46	482	3.80	355	1,699
Reserve	Ansom Impuls Melisande	La Ferme Ltd	8,796	5.31	467	3.95	348	1,695
Junior Champion	Ansom May Queen	La Ferme Ltd	7,978	6.66	531	4.02	321	1,650
Reserve	Ansom Joel Blondie	La Ferme Ltd	8,058	6.41	516	3.90	314	1,636
Junior Members Champion	Gene Countess Brandie	Miss I Hefford-McCutcheon	6,893	6.32	435	3.93	271	1,395

Congratulations to all the winners across the producer classes and in particular to the Le Boutillier family and their senior champion *Woodlands Winsome Windy Willow* (Sire: *DJ Jante DJHB*) in securing the most points and winning overall champion producer.

## 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 earlier 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 & Reserve
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	La Ferme Ltd - Winner J F Le Feuvre - Winner
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 Isabelle Hefford - Winner Miss E Huelin & Miss S Dale - Joint reserves
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 - Winner
Pioneer Trophy	Awarded to the sire whose group of five daughters attain the most points for production from qualifying lactations in the recording year	Lencrest On Time CJCC ET (Bred by G&M Bowers, USA)

## 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 '18 to Sept '19 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	Woodlands Farm	195	8	4	7313	5.57	3.72	382	679
2	Lodge Farm	205	11	5	6913	5.84	3.65	390	656
3	La Ferme Ltd	276	36	13	6288	6.06	3.73	381	616
4	Master Farms	151	64	42	6572	5.18	3.83	412	592
5	Freedom Farm	68	54	79	6543	5.15	3.8	412	586
6	Les Augerez	134	29	22	6136	5.01	3.72	418	536
7	Cowley Farm	203	4	2	5754	5.45	3.86	424	536
8	Trinity Manor	189	238	126	5866	5.33	3.77	410	534
9	La Caroline Farm	165	19	12	5664	5.36	3.8	413	519
10	Blanc Pignon	62	18	29	5815	5.12	3.73	373	515

\*The higher non-qualifying lactation figures are due to animals being sold to the UK (La Ferme Ltd and La Caroline), animals being bought in (Master Farms, Freedom Farm, Les Augerez & Blanc Pignon Farm) and the Chalet herd being merged with Trinity Manor Farm.

## Cattle exports:

YEAR	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
United Kingdom	230	375	8	149	110	48	87
Northern Ireland	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Netherlands	151	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total FEMALES	378	362	-	148	109	48	90
Total MALES	3	13	8	1	1	-	-
Overall TOTAL	381	375	8	149	110	48	90

This year sees continued restructuring of the island dairy industry, with 3 herds retiring in 2019. A proportion of these animals with strong Jersey Island bloodlines have been transferred to other holdings across the island and a number successfully exported to both the UK and the Netherlands.

Demand for Jersey cattle in the UK is still strong and whilst prices for some categories of livestock in Jersey is higher than the UK, many more could have been sold, so in order to ensure a balanced intake of milk into Jersey Dairy off the farms through the coming months advice was given early on to the herds that wish to remain in the industry, of their ability to send higher volumes of milk to the dairy. This confirmation enabled them to expand their own herds where necessary.

## 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 elsewhere. 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

# Horticultural Annual Report 2019

2019 has been another busy year for the Horticultural Department keeping Horticultural Secretary on her toes throughout the year with increased entries at all the shows and competitions held. These are reported on in more detail elsewhere in this journal. This being my second year, I'm starting to put my stamp on running the Department and am thoroughly enjoying the role and taking on all the challenges in 2019 with all my energy and enthusiasm.

To start the year off, two Table Top Sales were held in January and February which proved as popular as ever with lots of pitches sold plus the kitchen selling lovely food bringing in good income for the Society.

In March, on what must have been the windiest days of the year, a number of plot holders helped to plant 200 blackthorn, hawthorn and hazel whips to infill the gaps in the boundary hedge at the FJ Ahier Country Gardens. Tree protectors were then wrapped around each whip and secured and tea and cakes followed the successful planting operation.



Tree Planting at the FJ Ahier Country Gardens



Rachelle Robinson - Horticultural Secretary at the FJ Ahier Country Gardens

Throughout the year, a couple of interesting talks were held in conjunction with the Jersey Association of the National Vegetable Society.

The first talk was held in February called "Growing Better Veg this Season" kindly given by David Thornton which was well attended and provided lots of useful information to keen growers.

A second talk was held in October about "Herbs" given by Malcolm Dickson from Hooksgreen Herbs. Again, this was well attended and proved a very interesting talk about growing and using herbs for culinary, medicinal as well as scented herbs.

**Rachelle Robinson**  
*Horticultural Secretary*

## Trust Fund Report 2019

I have always had a passion for Veterinary rehabilitation with a keen interest in horses and dogs. In order to apply for a Masters in Veterinary Physiotherapy you must be a Chartered Human Physiotherapist.

I graduated with a BSc in Human Physiotherapy at Bournemouth University in 2013 and I have been working within the NHS as Musculoskeletal Physiotherapist to enhance human physiotherapy skills before starting the Veterinary Physiotherapy MSc.

I started the MSc in Veterinary Physiotherapy at Hartpury in September 2018 - it is a 3 year course. It involves theory and practical teaching alongside placements with Vets and qualified ACPAT Veterinary Physiotherapists. When I qualify I will be able to assess and treat a wide range of animals with musculoskeletal, neurological and orthopaedic issues after attaining consent from the Veterinary Surgeon.

The RJA&HS have kindly given a bursary which I have put towards a laptop for the course, Veterinary Physiotherapy books and equipment required for the MSc.

**Hannah Foley**



Hannah Foley, recipient of RJA&HS Trust Fund Award

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