



# Jersey Cattle Breeders Society of Kenya Judge - Stephen V. Le Feuvre

Steve (52) is from the Island of Jersey, the "home of the Jersey breed", and is President of the Royal Jersey Agricultural & Horticultural Society which celebrated its 175th anniversary during 2008. He is also Treasurer of the World Jersey Cattle Bureau, and with his wife Suzanne, regularly attends their annual meetings and conferences around the world.

In 1985 Steve switched career from farming to law, and he is now Senior Partner of Lysaght & Co., a law firm specialising in Intellectual Property.

Steve and Suzanne, with their two daughters Joanne and Victoria, own 20 head of Jersey cattle under the Avonteur and Imagine prefixes, which they exhibit with consistent success at Island shows. Steve was brought up in Kenya, and his parents managed the Salvation Army Farm & Farmers' Training Centre near Thika between 1967 and 1977. Steve and his father, Major Arthur Le Feuvre, regularly showed Jerseys and Ayrshires from amongst the Avonteur herd of 200 milking cows, and had considerable success winning many prizes, including Jersey and All-Breed Championships several times at Nyeri, Nakuru and Nairobi shows.

Many will remember the exceptional production cow Regal Bel Respiro Rose ("Honey") who in 1970 was imported from the Island of Jersey as an 8 week old calf.

During the 1970s Honey was a household name in Kenya, and she and her progeny were a dominant force at shows during that time.

After leaving Kenya in 1976 Steve went to the U.K. and obtained an honours degree in Agricultural Economics from Wye College (London



*Pictured above Stephen Le Feuvre*

University), and then moved back to the Island of his ancestors, Jersey.

Steve and Suzanne farmed in Jersey for six years, and established their Avonteur herd of 40 milkers and with a herd average of:

305 days 5127 kgs milk

4.90% BF 251 kgs BF

3.78% protein 194 kgs protein

With very fond memories of his time in Kenya, Steve cherishes the many friends he has from his days at school at Nyeri Primary, Nairobi Primary and Nairobi School (formerly The Prince of Wales School). Steve is Secretary of the Old Cambrian Society (UK branch) the Alumni association of the Prince of Wales School/Nairobi School, and is also Webmaster for their vibrant and thriving web site.

Steve thoroughly enjoyed judging the Jersey and Guernsey cattle classes at the 2004 Nairobi Show, and feels honoured to have been invited back "home" to judge the Jersey classes at the 2009 Livestock Breeders Show.

