

GREAT RESULT FOR ASHDON FINALE ~ TOP OF 5200 GNS FOR AN ANTIQUITY!

A very good crowd assembled at Beeston Castle Auction for the Dispersal of the very good Ashdon Herd of Pedigree Holsteins the property of Robin Vestey of the Thurlow Estate, based Nr. Haverhill in Suffolk. The herd has a history extending to over fifty years and was originally founded on Red British Friesian bloodlines. In the last twenty years or so several noted families have been introduced, particularly from the famous Terling and Lavenham Herds.

The herd has been under the expert care and management of Bobby French for the last twenty years and he, in coordination with the owners has developed it into a first class unit full of quality, heavy milking cattle in all age groups. Ashdon has been the Champion Herd in East Anglia for the last three years. It is loose housed and averaged in excess of 9700 kg 3.62% butterfat and 3.14% protein.

Buyers were present from Scotland to Devon to Kent and from South Wales and it was good to see that the herd had a great following from its East Anglian homeland. Top price of the day was 5200 gns achieved for the outstanding milking heifer Ashdon Antiquity 8th (VG88-2yr), a daughter of Canyon-Breeze Allen and two VG dams on the maternal side who had given 9642 kg 4.13% 2.72% in 282 days of her first lactation. At the time of sale she was still giving 30 kg and is due again in September to Comestar Lauthority. The successful purchaser was David Burroughs of Aldeby, Nr. Beccles Suffolk who was buying for his noted Oakalby Herd. Mr. Burroughs also purchased two other leading lots at 2600 gns each; the first was the fantastic eight calf cow Vision daughter, Ashdon Pennyroyal 27th (Ex95-4E), who was the fourth generation classified in the top two grades and back in-calf again to Toystory for December and the second was the fresh calved second calver Ashdon Debbie 3rd (VG85-2yr) who was also a daughter of Vision.

Next top seller was the Titanic daughter Lavenham Pat 2nd (VG87-2yr), a second calver who is the 9th generation classified in the top two grades, who had been calved two months and was giving 42 kg daily. She sold to George Sanderson and Family for their Sandley Herd at Catforth, Preston.

Three cows broke the 3000 gns mark. Selling at 3400 gns was Ashdon Duchess 53rd (Ex92-4yr)(Ex95-MS), a third calf daughter of Roylane Jordan due with her fourth in December to ME Dal Alliance. She now makes the long trip to Devon to join the very good Walkabout Herd of Richard Gay based at Musbury, Nr. Exeter. At 3200 gns was Ashdon Debbie (Ex91) (Ex94-MS), another Jordan daughter, who was fresh with her fourth and giving 45 kg. She joins the noted Hully Herd of Rob Barnett at Whitchurch, Shropshire. At 3000 gns was the second calf Vision daughter Ashdon Seabreeze 72nd (GP83-2yr)(VG88-MS) who sold to Martin Lowry for his Halen Herd at Newcastle Emlyn, Carmarthenshire. Besides the two cows already mentioned, there was a third at 2600 gns; Ashdon Pennyroyal 42nd (Ex90-4yr), a third calf daughter of Lyster sold to Kevin Jones, St.Clears, Carmarthen.

Served heifers sold to 2450 gns for the Fradon Jet-Red daughter Ashdon Seabreeze 94th bred from five generations of VG/EX dams sold to Ken Marshall of Carmarthen. Maiden Heifers topped at 2900 gns for the ME Dal S Alliance daughter, Ashdon Juliana 59th selling to JH & PE Nicholson Ltd, Norwich and calves at foot sold to 2300 gns for the ten month old Ross daughter Ashdon Antiquity 9th whose dam was the top selling cow.

TOP PRICES :

			GNS
Lot 109	Ashdon Antiquity 8 th (VG88-2yr)	E S Burroughs & Son, Suffolk	5200
Lot 93	Lavenham Pat 2 nd (VG87-2yr)	George H Sanderson & Family, Preston	4200
Lot 67	Ashdon Duchess 53 rd (EX92-4yr)(EX95-MS)	R J Gay, Devon	3400
Lot 48	Ashdon Debbie (EX91-4yr) (EX94-MS)	C R Barnett, Whitchurch	3200
Lot 84	Ashdon Seabreeze 72 nd (GP83-2yr) (VG88-MS)	K R Lowry, Carmarthen	3000
Lot 200	Ashdon Juliana 59 th	JH & PE Nicholson Ltd, Norwich	2900
Lot 3	Ashdon Pennyroyal 27 th (EX95-4E)	E S Burroughs & Son, Suffolk	2600
Lot 65	Ashdon Pennyroyal 42 nd (EX90-4yr)	Kevin Jones, Carmarthen	2600
Lot 97	Ashdon Debbie 3 rd (VG85-2yr)	E S Burroughs & Son, Suffolk	2600
Lot 60	Ashdon Norah Jane 17 th (VG86-3yr)	Will Tucker, Swansea	2550

Lot 180	Ashdon Seabreeze 94 th	K Marshall, Carmarthen	2450
Lot 204	Ashdon Pat 4 th	A H Wilson, Cardigan	2400
Lot 109a	Ashdon Antiquity 9 th	Clayden Holsteins	2300
Lot 110	Ashdon Rosie 2 nd (VG86-2yr)	K R Lowry, Carmarthen	2300
Lot 90	Ashdon Juliana 52 nd (VG85-3yr)	Kevin Jones, Carmarthen	2200
Lot 205	Ashdon Pennyroyal Red 55 th	E Cole & Sons, Norfolk	2200
Lot 149	Ashdon Duchess 61 st	Nick Goss, Wiltshire	2100
Lot 47	Ashdon Norah 18 th (VG87) (EX-MS)	Kevin Jones, Carmarthen	2050
Lot 91	Ashdon Juliana 54 th (VG86-3yr)	K J Morris, Worcester	2050
Lot 85	Ashdon Seabreeze 74 th (GP83-2yr)	K R Lowry, Carmarthen	2000
Lot 99	Ashdon White Lilac 42 nd (GP82-2yr)	LA & SM Lloyd, Shrewsbury	2000

AVERAGES:

**124 Cows and Milking Heifers (including 59 Heifer Calves at £856.02 and 1 Bull Calf at £630.00) £1887.03;
28 In-calf Heifers £1641.75; 10 Recently Served Heifers £1500.45; 40 Maiden Heifers £1145.81. 202 LOTS
£1687.12**

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