

SENSATIONAL SALE FOR ASTONWICH HOLSTEIN DISPERSAL ~ 3700 GNS TOP TWICE

A huge crowd were in attendance at Newton Hall, Malpas for the dispersal of the entire Astonwich Herd of pedigree Holstein cattle on behalf of John and Angela Latham who have decided to cease milk production. This was a great herd of cows which full of handsome, milky and very durable cattle. Nearly half the herd was milking with their fourth calf or more and durability was certainly the key to the success of the herd. All year round calving, indigenous cow families, a herd average of 9000 kg, traditional feeding and every animal by a proven sire were the main features of the sale.

Two animals realised 3700 gns each in the milking herd; the first was for the outstanding fresh third lactation Astonwich Angie 52nd (Ex90-4yr), a daughter of Outside that had calved at the beginning of September and was giving 46.5 kg. whilst the second was for the September calved heifer Astonwich Wisp 26th, a daughter of Stormatic out of a 100 tonne dam. Both were purchased by Tom Flower for his Havendale Herd at Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

The last heifer in the sale was next in line selling for 2800 gns; Astonwich Morn 52nd, a calved heifer by Talent sold to Lloyd Thomas' Plas Herd at Bancyfelin, South Wales. Another member of the Morn family, Morn 49th (VG86-2yr) a second calf daughter of Comestar Lee sold giving 40.6 kg. daily makes the journey to Nottinghamshire to join David Onions' Wysall herd.

Two young cows each made 2600 gns each selling to Richard Edwards of Tilstock, Whitchurch. The first of these was the Outside daughter Astonwich June 17th who was fresh with her second and the second was the young dry cow Astonwich Collona 41st by Integrity.

In-calf heifers sold to 3500 gns for the red and white heifer and Talent daughter Astonwich Wisp Red 25th who is due in December to Braedale Goldwyn. She was purchased by Richard Edwards. Another top selling in-calf heifer was Astonwich Duchess 32nd by Comestar Outside but carrying an embryo by Dundee from the Roxie family and she sold to Tom Flower.

Maiden Heifers sold to 3300 gns for the only PI animal in the sale; Astonwich Scooter ET an October 06 daughter of Picston Shottle bred from five generations of VG/Ex dams. She now joins the Millsco Herd of DM & PA Scott. Heifer calves were a very fast trade selling to 900 gns for the Talent daughter Astonwich Collona 45th which sold to G E Jones & Co, Wrexham for their Clwedog Herd.

TOP PRICES:

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| Lot 64 | ASTONWICH ANGIE 52 ND (EX90-4yr & SP) | T H Flower & Sons, Buxton 3700 |
| Lot 108 | ASTONWICH WISP 26 th | T H Flower & Sons, Buxton 3700 |
| Lot 115 | ASTONWICH WISP RED 25 th | R L Edwards & Partners, Whitchurch 3500 |
| Lot 152 | ASTONWICH SCOOTER ET PI | DM & PA Scott, Whitchurch 3300 |
| Lot 116 | ASTONWICH DUCHESS 32 nd | T H Flower & Sons, Buxton 3000 |
| Lot 111 | ASTONWICH MORN 52 nd | VN & NE Thomas, Carmarthen 2800 |
| Lot 84 | ASTONWICH MORN 49 th (VG86-2yr) | D Onions, Wysall 2700 |
| Lot 90 | ASTONWICH JUNE 17 th (VG85-3yr) | R L Edwards & Partners, Whitchurch 2600 |
| Lot 95 | ASTONWICH COLLONA 41 st (GP83-2yr) | R L Edwards & Partners, Whitchurch 2600 |
| Lot 73 | ASTONWICH PIANO 9 th (VG86-3yr & SP) | VN & NE Thomas, Carmarthen 2550 |
| Lot 72 | ASTONWICH COLLONA 38 th (VG87 & SP) (EX-MS) | RG & A & RT Lloyd, Anglesey 2500 |
| Lot 88 | ASTONWICH ANGIE 55 th (VG86-2yr) | J Barton, Bury 2400 |
| Lot 117 | ASTONWICH MORN 53 rd | P & R Robinson, Nantwich 2400 |
| Lot 118 | ASTONWICH AGATHA 17 th | I C Wakley, Taunton 2400 |
| Lot 104 | ASTONWICH ANGIE 60 th (GP83-2yr) | G Green & Son, Northwich 2350 |
| Lot 81 | ASTONWICH JUNE 16 th (VG85-3yr) | D Onions, Wysall 2300 |
| Lot 89 | ASTONWICH ANGIE 56 th (GP83) | N A Jones, Narberth 2300 |
| Lot 106 | ASTONWICH PRIMROSE 9 th (GP80-2yr) | R L Edwards & Partners, Whitchurch 2300 |
| Lot 121 | ASTONWICH BOUNTY 17 th | DJD & JB Taylor, Shrewsbury 2300 |

AVERAGES:

107 Cows and Milking Heifers £1618.57 (including 33 Heifer calves at £670.41)
22 Served Heifers £1668.55; 25 Maiden Heifers £928.20; 155 HEAD £1514.37

WRIGHT MANLEY of Beeston Castle Auction, Cheshire were the Auctioneers.