

## **BESSIE BLOWS 'EM AWAY BY TOPPING ATTWELL DISPERSAL SALE AT 3300 GNS**

A really good crowd of purchasers flocked to Beeston Castle Auction for the first sale to disperse the entire Attwell Herd of Pedigree Ayrshires and Crossbred Dairy Cattle on behalf of Andrew Gough (WH Slater Farms Ltd) of Sherriffhales, Nr. Shifnal in South Shropshire. This sale comprised the entire Summer and Autumn Calving Portion plus all their heifer calves whilst the second and final portion will feature the entire Spring calving portion together with all in-calf and maiden heifers and their heifer calves and will take place next March.

Buyers travelled from all over; from the Scottish Borders, Yorkshire, Lancashire, down to South Wales where over a third of the cattle were destined. All the cattle were fresh or reasonably close to calving and were fully organic and the inclusion of a good number of crossbred animals made the sale a most attractive proposition. However the top price was for achieved for a purebred Ayrshire of show quality; Attwell Bessie 40<sup>th</sup>, a (VG89) second calf daughter of Bankend Brown Bomber has just returned from Dairy Farming Event where she achieved a third prize in the Junior Cow In-milk class. She was the choice of DB & CA Walters of Carmarthen who also purchased another second calf Brown Bomber daughter, Attwell Lady Marina 21<sup>st</sup> (VG87) for 2000 gns.

Next in the price list was Attwell Bethia 20<sup>th</sup>, a huge daughter of Twemlow Major Threat who was due with her third calf to Attwell Admiral in October. She sold to Steve Bailey for 2750 gns. The third top seller was the only Excellent Ayrshire in the sale; Haresfoot Velvet 13<sup>th</sup> (Ex90) who was milking with her fourth calf and due again next April sold for 2500 gns to Messrs. JA Martin of Carlisle. The leading Ayrshire milking heifer was Attwell Spottie 16<sup>th</sup>, a daughter of Attwell Amadeus with a good high scoring pedigree sold to Robert Boote of Kelsall for 2350 gns.

The leading Brown Swiss was the third calf Poorshill Mark Paula 2<sup>nd</sup> (Ex90) (Ex92-MS), a three quarter bred third calf daughter of R Hart Denmark who sold for 2300 gns to Emma Murray of Wolverhampton. Purebred Jersey cows topped at 1850 gns for the third calver, Imperial KB Sally, by the Danish sire Tanic Tartan. She has three VG dams and was giving 29.2 kg and was sold to C Long & Son of Chepstow, Monmouthshire.

The demand for crossbreds was incredible; most of them were Jersey crossed with Ayrshire and sold to 2050 gns for a brindle coloured fresh heifer which was one of fifteen head purchased by JL Adams & Son of Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire. Other crosses sold to 1950 gns achieved for a Swedish Red & White cross Danish Jersey selling to BG & MA Elkin of Hilderstone, Stone.

In-calf heifers sold to 2500 gns for the superbly bred and very handsome pedigree heifer Acton Nelson Heather Honey, a daughter of McCornick Nelson from two Excellent dams. She sold to John Tomlinson of Nantwich. Heifer calves were a great trade and topped at 850 gns for a daughter of Bankend Brown Bomber out of an Excellent classified dam from the Lady Marina family.

### **TOP PRICES:**

		<b>GNS</b>
Lot 11	ATTWELL BESSIE 40 <sup>th</sup> (VG89)	DB & CA Walters, Carmarthen 3300
Lot 40	ATTWELL BERTHIA 20 <sup>th</sup>	SN Bailey & Partners, Crewe 2750
Lot 43	HARESFOOT VELVET 13 <sup>th</sup> (EX90)	J A Martin, Carlisle 2500
Lot 122	ACTON NELSON HEATHER HONEY	HJ Tomlinson & Partners, Nantwich 2500
Lot 86	ATTWELL SPOTTIE 16 <sup>th</sup>	N & R Boote, Warrington 2350
Lot 33	POORSHILL MARK PAULA 2 <sup>nd</sup> (EX90)(EX92-MS)	S & S Murray(Farms) Ltd, Wolverhampton 2300
Lot 76	ATTWELL KAY 6 <sup>th</sup> (H2)84	C Long & Son, Monmouth 2200
Lot 26	UNREGISTERED AYRSHIRE X	J L Adams & Son, Haverfordwest 2100
Lot 19	ATTWELL WHITE ROSEBUD 11 <sup>th</sup>	S Ellis, Whitchurch 2050
Lot 102	UNREGISTERED JERSEY X	J L Adams & Son, Haverfordwest 2050
Lot 4	ATTWELL LADY MARINA 21 <sup>st</sup> (VG87)	DB & CA Walters, Carmarthen 2000
Lot 6	ATTWELL MYRTLE ET (VG86)	E H Arden & Son, Chester 2000
Lot 25	ATTWELL BERTHIA 22 <sup>nd</sup>	C Long & Son, Monmouth 2000
Lot 28	ATTWELL GINGER 8 <sup>th</sup>	P Jeffries, Welshpool 2000
Lot 32	POORSHILL MARK MARION	J L Adams & Son, Haverfordwest 2000
Lot 77	ATTWELL GRACEFUL 9 <sup>th</sup>	NT & AMM Morgan & Son, Carmarthen 2000

### **AVERAGES:**

52 Purebred Ayrshire Cows and Milking Heifers (including 20 Heifer calves at £403.77) £1804.40; 7 Jersey Cows £1045.50; 6 Brown Swiss cows £2026.50; 32 Crossbred Jersey x Ayrshire Cows and Milking Heifers (including 13 Heifer Calves at £403.77) £1794.15; 12 Other Crossbred Cows and Milking heifers £1576.75.

OVERALL MILKING PORTION: 109 Cows and Milking Heifers (including 33 Heifer Calves at £403.77) £1739.82.

12 In-calf Heifers £1505.88. Final Average: 121 HEAD £1716.61

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