

MASSIVE CHECKLEY DISPERSAL BRINGS IN THE BUYERS AND THE BIG BIDS. LAST LOT ON FIRST DAY LEADS BIDDING AT 5200 GNS

A huge crowd descended on Checkley New Farm, Betley Nr. Crewe from all corners of England and Wales as well as south west Scotland for the two-day dispersal of the entire Checkley Herd of Pedigree Holstein cattle on behalf of the Moore Family who have decided to cease milk production and concentrate on their core egg production business.

The herd was established in 1952 by the late Eric Moore who purchased heifers that were the progeny of animals imported from Canada in 1949. For the last thirty years the herd has been entirely closed except for the purchase of embryos from leading cow families of the world. The herd calved all the year round and numbered in the region of 430 to 450 head at any one time.

Checkley has always been a name, particularly in North West circles, which commands respect for the quality of individual contained within the herd, not only for its type but also for its ability to consistently produce over an extended number of lactations. This reputation obviously carried much within the Holstein fraternity as the sale was rewarded with a big turnout of buyers keen to acquire quality stock which resulted in a wonderful trade for all aged groups.

It was the very last lot on the first day which ended topping this two day sale; Checkley Talent Ghost ET is a 4 month old calf sired by the great Talent bred from 9 generations of dams classified in the top two grades from the illustrious Ghost family. Final bidders were Hertfordshire breeders Jim Arnott and Duncan Hunter who were buying for their Smartmove Holsteins syndicate.

The next top seller and leading the bidding on the second day was Checkley Shottle Molli ET with four generations of VG/EX dams in direct line behind and whose g.dam was the former National Holstein Show Reserve Grand Champion Jonelma Astre Molly (Ex96-3E); this July 07 daughter of the great Picston Shottle had been recently bred to Talent and was the choice of Stephen Sherratt of Hartington, Ashbourne who had to bid 4700 gns to secure this good heifer.

Clayden Astre Rhapsody 2nd (Ex90-2E) who is an eleventh generation Excellent cow, had three daughters selling and each one was very keenly sought after; on the first day Checkley Allen Rhapsody (GP83-2yr) who had given over 9300 kgs as a heifer and who was due very shortly with her second calf, topped the milkers at 4000 gns selling to Dylan Jones, Pwllheli. The first lot on the second day was the second sister, Checkley Outside Rhapsody, who sold for 4500 gns to Richard and Trevor Lloyd for their Anglesey based Islandpride Herd whilst towards the end of day two the third sister, the fifteen month old Checkley Blitz Rhapsody sold for 4000 gns to Alan Reece for his Tedoak Herd at Shrewsbury. To complete the family the first calf born to the Allen Rhapsody, the thirteen month old Checkley Mr.Burns Rhapsody sold for 3200 gns to Michael and Caroline Wainwright for their Sternmoor Herd at Buxton.

A further eight milkers sold for 3000 gns or more and these were led by two at 3800 and 3700 gns who were both purchased by the same undisclosed West Wales milk producer. Checkley Stormatic Pearlacme (VG88) who is due with her third calf in earley July to Karona Bonanza was the higher priced of the two, the other being Checkley Outside Patsum (VG88-3yr) who was giving 49 kg. with her third calf. Mr. Robert Ward who were buying for their Wayring Herd, purchased the September Storm daughter, Checkley Storm Inkanan 2nd (VG85-3yr) for 3600 gns and local buyers E Witter & Sons of Weston, Crewe purchased the red Kite daughter Checkley Kite Barbara RED (VG86-3yr) for 3500 gns. The top fresh milking heifer was Checkley Goldwyn Pearlacme 3rd ET who sold for 3400 gns to the Nantwich based Helton Herd of Joseph Heler Farms.

Buyers travelled from far and wide and in all over 70 were recorded on the books. Volume buyers over the two days were Messrs Lewis Pearson Ltd of St. Brides, Pembroke who purchased 90 head, Harper Adams University College with 26 Head and 25 Head each for John Young of Abegavenny, Monmouth and RF Forsyth of Whithorn, Wigtownshire.

TOP PRICES:

			GNS
Lot 200	ET Heifer	Smartmove Holsteins, Hertfordshire	5200
Lot 307	Checkley Shottle Molly ET	S Sherratt, Ashbourne	4700
Lot 201	Checkley Outside Rhapsody ET	RG & RT Lloyd, Anglesey	4500
Lot 116	Checkley Allen Rhapsody ET (GP83-2yr)	DT & MA Jones, Pwllheli	4000
Lot 377	Checkley Blitz Rhapsody ET	A E Reece, Shrewsbury	4000
Lot 76	Checkley Stormatic Pearlacme (VG88)	Thomas Plas Ltd, Carmarthen	3800
Lot 54	Checkley Outside Patsum (VG88-3yr)	Thomas Plas Ltd, Carmarthen	3700
Lot 89	Checkley Storm Inkanan 2 nd (VG85-3yr)	R Ward, Altrincham	3600
Lot 107	Checkley Kite Barbara Red (VG86-3yr)	E Witter & Sons, Crewe	3500
Lot 173	Checkley Goldwyn Pearlacme 3 rd ET	Joseph Heler Farms, Nantwich	3400
Lot 236	Checkley Lancelot Pearlacme	Lewis Pearson Ltd, Haverfordwest	340
Lot 19B	Checkley Mr Burns Barbara ET	J Lomax & Son, Newcastle, Staffs.	3200
Lot 188A	Checkley Talent Raven ET	R F Forsyth, Wigtownshire	3200
Lot 392	Checkley Mr Burns Rhapsody	JM & CM Wainwright, Buxton	3200
Lot 92	Checkley Storm Suminka (VG86-2yr)	John Young, Abergavenny	3100
Lot 224	Checkley Blitz Annette ET	Lewis Pearson Ltd, Haverfordwest	3100
Lot 129	Checkley Astro Wilhelmina (VG85-3yr)	R Ward, Altrincham	3050
Lot 109	Checkley Supersonic Nancy (VG86-2yr)	R Ward, Altrincham	3000
Lot 80	Checkley Storm Papoose (VG85)	John Young, Abergavenny	2900
Lot 99	Checkley Allen Suminka 3 rd (GP82-2yr)	Tomkinson Farms Ltd, Stafford	2900
Lot 235	Checkley Aspen Bevereign	T A Dobson & Son, Malpas	2900
Lot 83	Checkley Shaker Roda (GP83) (VG-MS)	R J Gay, Devon	2800
Lot 85	Checkley Stormatic Ajachmarch (G79)	John Young, Abergavenny	2800
Lot 105	Checkley Gibson Summereign 2 nd (GP83-2yr)	Thomas Plas Ltd, Carmarthen	2800
Lot 115	Checkley Canyon Barbara (VG86-3yr)	J & I Garth, Preston	2800
Lot 230	Checkley Aspen Barbara	John Young, Abergavenny	2800

GUEST CONSIGNMENT

The sale was further enhanced by a guest consignment from Robin Ward of Netherset Hey Farm, Madeley, Crewe who topped his portion of the sale with an extremely well bred calf; Netherset Affirmed Golden Rose is a five month old heifer calf sired by BKB Affirmed and out of Golden calf Integrity Golden Rose (EX93-yr). Unfortunately the dam was not well and could not be present at the sale but her calf more than made up for it by selling for 4500 gns to John Moore of County Offaly, Southern Ireland. His next top price was 2700 gns for the recently served heifer Netherset Lheros Pasha who has 10 generations of VG/EX members of the Papoose family in direct line behind her. She sold to John Young.

AVERAGES:

CHECKLEY – 166 Cows and Milking Heifers £2312.97(including 64 Heifer Calves at £1188.30); 1 Bull £315.00; 65 In-calf and Served Heifers £2135.70; 127 Maiden Heifers £1414.85. 359 LOTS £1957.59.

NETHERSET – 3 Cows and Milking Heifers £3150.00 (including 2 Heifer Calves at £1233,75); 3 Served Heifers £2380.00; 1 Heifer Calf £4775.00. 7 LOTS £3045.00

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