

RECORDS BROKEN AGAIN AT BEESTON! AYRSHIRE MAIDEN HEIFER MAKES 6900 GNS

A very good crowd and whole host of potential buyers were in attendance at Beeston Castle Auction for the Annual 'Autumn Colours' Sale of Brown Swiss, Ayrshire, Shorthorn and Jersey Dairy cattle. The sale was further enhanced by the introduction of a section for high class individuals with classy pedigrees and has been marketed under the name 'Kaleidoscope of Colour'.

KALEIDOSCOPE OF COLOUR

A total entry of 19 females were received for this sale representing all four major coloured breeds. A good clearance was effected with sixteen head finding new homes which is a good percentage for a new event. Those that sold, sold very well and there was plenty of bidding on all animals. The quality it has to be said was very high and there were many outstanding individuals forward.

The leading lot was the 14 month old Ayrshire heifer, Haresfoot Century Bella, a daughter of Brieryside Centurion out of the fantastic highly regarded, show and production cow Haresfoot Bella 6th (LP60) (Ex95-4E) who has won many prizes in the show ring, had three lactations in excess of 12000 kg. and is the dam of the 2009 All Britain Ayrshire Calf. She was consigned by Duncan HJunter from his good herd at Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire and was purchased in a joint deal by Andrew Gough of Sherriffhales, Shropshire and Blaise Tomlinson of Nanpantan, Leicestershire. Another Ayrshire, the fresh calved heifer, Heydale Winsome 117th from Peter Berresford of Buxton, Derbyshire sold for 3000 gns to Duncan Hunter. This heifer was by a homebred son of Shady Walnut Conn and bred from 5 generations of VG/EX dams.

The second top seller was the seven month old Jersey calf Grahmar Connection Virtue, an outstanding heifer by Giprat Belle's Connection out of an EX93-2E dam from Graham Wallace of Goostrey Cheshire. This was an outstanding calf and was purchased by the Northern Crusaders Syndicate of Yorkshire.

Brown Swiss sold to 2000 gns for Cimarron Beamer Rhapsody an 18 month old daughter of Emic Gord Beamer bred from 9 generations of VG/EX dams with a full North American pedigree. She was consigned by Mike and Jayne Edwards of Wiltshire selling to Kevin Thomas for his Allstar Herd at Tavernspite, Carmarthenshire

Shorthorns also sold to 2000 gns for a ten month old heifer from IRG Collins & Partners of Dewsbury. West Yorkshire; Churchroyd Gentle 77th is by Kingsdale Lilly's Rebel and sold to RD & IE Kite of Milwich, Stone, Staffordshire. A milking heifer Dee WKH Lady Hermione 2nd from D & E Pryce Jones of Overton on Dee, having previously won the Championship in the Show section sold for 1800 gns to GF Blythe

AVERAGES: 16 Kaleidoscope animals averaged £1977.50

AUTUMN COLOURS SALE

BROWN SWISS

Brown Swiss milkers are always in demand and again there was a very good trade experienced for all classes and age groups. They sold to 2250 gns for a registered halfbred fresh heifer from brothers Jack and Barclay Taylor of Myddle, Shrewsbury; this daughter of the homebred Webbscott Toyboy was sold giving 28kg daily to D & HE Colclough & Sons of Hassall, Sandbach. A purebred heifer by Top Acres Brinks from David Gresty of Moreton Wood, Whitchurch sold for 1850 gns to Robert McColm, Stranraer who also bought the top

priced maiden heifer, Cimarron Vigor Dorothy from Mike and Jane Edwards of Wiltshire for 800 gns.

AYRSHIRE

There was a very good demand for all the Ayrshires on offer and again plenty of bidding for all classes and age groups. The top price was 3000 gns which very unusually was not for a female but for a bull. There were five bulls entered and there wasn't a bid on the first four but on fifth, Duncan Hunter's Haresfoopt Elmo, a son of Lagace Modem out of the EX94-3E) (LP60) Haresfoot Ella 47th, there was plenty with the hammer eventually being knocked down to Messrs Armstrong for their Plaskett Herd at Maryport, Cumbria.

Milkers sold to 2300 gns for the lovely heifer Booth's Peach 19th by Stamford Horatio from Alan Norbury of Knutsford selling to R & RA Jones of Garthmyl, Montgomery. Served heifers sold to 1220 gns for an entry from AC Woodley & Partners of Hitcham, Herts and maiden heifers sold to 1100 gns for the 16 month old Lagace Modem daughter Penrhallt Primrose 11th from Philip Jeffries of Welshpool.

SHORTHORN

A small entry of Shorthorns were led by a second calf cow sired by the red Holstein Ridgedale Rustler Red from G & B Bell of Ridley, Tarporley selling to Buxton Partners of Staffordshire.

JERSEY

Jerseys had the largest entry of the day on a 'per breed' basis and were the section where bidding was at its least brisk and at times appeared to be quite sluggish. Apart from a handful quality was not particularly inspiring. Two of the best were exhibited by Tom Savage and Sheila Fleming of Bolton Appleby, Cumbria who gained the first and second prizes in the Jersey in-milk heifer class and also the top two prices. The top being 1950 gns for their Shellen Senior Xavier a two year old fresh calved dtr of Pine Haven Senior out of a (GP84-2yr) dam by SHF Centurion Sultan. She was purchased by Mitchell Oldershaw of Lockington, Derbyshire. They also sold Shellen Senior Thistle, by the same sire for 1500 gns to Newton & Shaw of Byley, Middlewich.

Served heifers sold for 700 gns on five occasions.,

AVERAGES:

BROWN SWISS: 5 Cows and Milking Heifers £1453.20; 1 Served Heifer £756.00 3 Maiden Heifers £815.50.

AYRSHIRE: 6 Cows and Milking Heifers £1513.75; 3 Served Heifers £1134.00; 8 Maiden Heifers £892.50; 2 Bulls £1995.00.

SHORTHORN: 5 Cows and Milking Heifers £1060.50; 1 Calf £262.50

JERSEY: 33 Cows and Milking Heifers £915.41; 8 Served Heifer £594.56; 4 Maiden Heifers £357,00; 3 Heifer Calves £185.50. 1 Bull £420.00

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