

## **GOOD TRADE FOR ALL COLOURED BREEDS AT BEESTON CASTLE DAIRY SALE**

A smaller than usual entry of coloured breed dairy cattle was entered at the Spring Sale at Beeston Castle Auction comprising cows and milking heifers, served and maiden heifers from the Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Shorthorn, Jersey and MRI breeds. The sale was in conjunction with the dispersal sale of the milking portion of David and Liz Price-Jones' Dee Herd of pedigree Shorthorns (see separate report)

A good trade was experienced throughout the sale for all age groups. The top price was 1750 gns for a fresh third calf Ayrshire cow from Ted Fearon of Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria for Cuthill Towers Zara 22<sup>nd</sup> purchased by Tony Yardley of Stafford. Another Ayrshire from OC Whittaker & Sons of Knutsford sold for 1520 gns to IL & OG Roberts of Churchstoke, Montgomery. In-calf heifers from JW & R Massey & Partners of Gawsworth sold to 1320 gns for Pylon Elaine 12<sup>th</sup>, a daughter of Highway Billy Ruffian.

Jerseys met the best trade witnessed for some time and sold to 1040 gns for the calved heifer Bluestone Crocus from David Jones of Ormskirk selling to JN & LP Bate of Great Budworth. The very well bred Caldewvalley Lexington Magic, a calved heifer from Ted Fearon sold for 1020 gns to DT & MA Jones of Pwllheli.

Perhaps the best trade of the day was for a consignment of Brown Swiss Maiden Heifers from Mike and Jane Edwards of Malmesbury, Wiltshire for the November 09 Cimarron Vigor Dorothy 3<sup>rd</sup> with three VG dams selling for 1620 gns to DT & MA Jones, Pwllheli who also purchased the January 10 born Cimarron Prodigio Maria for 1600 gns.

There was also a consignment of Shorthorn maiden heifers from Gary Norbury of Sproston, Middlewich which sold to 820 gns for Broadlane Muriel 10<sup>th</sup> selling to N Bloor & Partners of Warmingham, Sandbach and a consignment of MRI cross bulling heifers from C.Malkin of Stone which also sold to 820 gns to C Goulding of Penley, Wrexham.

### **AVERAGES:**

**AYRSHIRE: 2 calved cows and heifers £1716.75; 3 in-calf heifers £1253**

**JERSEY: 11 Calved Cows and Heifers £891.55; 2 Served heifers £687.75; 6 Maiden Heifers £323.75; 1 bull calf £273.00**

**BROWN SWISS: 6 Maiden Heifers £1281.00**

**SHORTHORN: 14 Maiden Heifers £702.75**

**MRI CROSS: 10 Maiden Heifers £771.50**

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

## SUNSHINE FOR SHORTHORNS AT DEE HERD DISPERSAL

A glorious sunny day put all Dairy Shorthorn enthusiasts into the mood at Beeston last Tuesday for the dispersal of the Dee Herd, conducted jointly by Frank Marshall and Company and Wright Manley. David and Liz Prize-Jones have developed the Herd over the last 16 years or so and, having made the decision to sell the milking portion, were rewarded for their careful selection and breeding with a trade described by Auctioneer Gwyn Williams as “flying from start to finish”.

As expected, the younger milking cows and heifers were in most demand, but the strength of the trade was illustrated by the fact that a large number of the older cows, from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> calvers, made well in excess of 1,000 gns, with 11 animals making over 2000 gns. The day’s leading price of 3000 gns was paid by Milwich, Stafford based Shorthorn young breeder and enthusiast Robert Kite, steadily building up an increasingly important herd. He was taken by the May 2008 born Dee Sparkle 2<sup>nd</sup>, a VG 85 daughter of Drisgol Watzon, the Horizon Ranger Red son and out of the Spalton bred cow Maxton Sparkle 22<sup>nd</sup>. Having calved last October, she was sold in-calf to a December service by Dee Vinnies Lad and had attracted interest from a large number of breeders looking for something special.



*'Dee Sparkle 2nd VG 85-top price at the dispersal of the Dee Herd of Dairy Shorthorns at 3000gns'*

At 2700 gns was Dee Wild Queen 8<sup>th</sup>, a VG 88 2006 born cow by KC Roses Chatter Red. Due again in June to Fairway, she will eventually make her way to Northern Ireland, being sold to Ashley Fleming.



*'Dee Wild Queen 8th VG 88 made 2700gns'*

Messrs Morgan from Coton, Whitchurch, were prominent amongst the stronger milky cows, with quality breeding, throughout the sale and went to 2550 gns for the 2004 born EX 92 cow Dee Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hooton Fair Esteem. She last calved in December, was currently giving 32 kilos and had an excellent show history dating from her days as a show calf. Another cow with an excellent show history was the 2006 born Dee Barrington 2<sup>nd</sup>, classified VG 88, and by Winbrook Vince out of the homebred Dee Chatter Barrington. She is due again in September to Madonnas Prince and made 2350 gns to S N Bailey and Partners.

A group of in-calf heifers, due in June or July, was led by the December 2008 Dee Primrose 9<sup>th</sup>, another one by Winbrook Vince and out of Dee Chatter Primrose, who made 1720 gns to J R Tolley, Loughborough.

**AVERAGES:**

Cows in milk	£1557
Dry Cows	£1313
Heifers in-milk	£1590
In-Calf Heifers	£1557

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