

RAPTUROUS DAY FOR CLUB HOLSTEINS AT BEESTON – RIVERDANE HEIFER TOPS AT 3900 GNS

The Western Holstein Club's February Show & Sale attracted an entry of 204 cows and Milking heifers which also included 21 served and maiden heifers from its members. Former Club Chairman, Peter Rutter who used to own the Bardell Herd before its dispersal last year officiated as judge.

For his champion he selected a very sweet junior heifer from Carl Smith, St. Michaels, Preston; Leachfield Allen Image is a daughter of Bluenose Allentown and bred from 7 generations of cows classified in the top two grades. In reserve was the second prize junior heifer, Fordswood S Storm Janie Red, a daughter of September Storm from the Walmsley family at Garstang and to complete a clean sweep for Lancashire exhibitors Harry and Vera Jolly of Great Ecclestone won the cow class with a third calf daughter of Weeton Orbit from their noted Fieldside Herd.

Trade was extremely fast all the way through with plenty of buyers around to easily absorb the large entry. A virtual total clearance was effected with the cattle being distributed to buyers from Central Scotland to South Wales as well as Northern Ireland. The top price was 3900 gns achieved by Riverdane Breeze Rapture ET consigned by Riverdane Holsteins of Middlewich; this superbly bred heifer is a daughter of Canyon-Breeze Allen, has 11 straight Excellent dams and was purchased by Stuart Roberts for his locally based Townhouse Herd. Not far behind and selling at 3800 gns was the Reserve Champion; this beautiful true red heifer sold was knocked down to Messrs CSA Brassington of Telford for their Cracking Herd. The next highest price was 2800 gns which was achieved twice and in total there were twenty animals that made 2000 gns or more.

The sale of the cows sold at the start of the day was very lively and they sold to a top of 1980 gns for a second calf daughter of Painley Kimberley from the Jolly's. A small group of served heifers were headed at 2000 gns for Whippenscott Freelance Franbo, a heifer due in June and bred from 5 generations of Excellent/Very Good dams from the Plushanski Fran family selling to a local breeder. There was also a major consignment of young stock from the Leithhill Herd, the property of Jessica Hassall and her father Ron Miller of Haywards Heath, Sussex. Their top seller was Leithhill Outside Blackrose Et a July 06 daughter of Comestar Outside bred from 6 generation of top two grade members of this remarkable family. She sold for 3000 gns and now makes the long way north selling to join the Dripps Herd of Messrs Henderson based near Glasgow.

TOP PRICES

Lot 140 RIVERDANE BREEZE RAPTURE	SFR Farming Ltd Tarporley	3900
Lot 112 FORDSWOOD S STORM JANIE RED	CSA Brassington & Son Telford	3800
Lot 189 LEITHHILL OUTSIDE BLACKROSE	J Henderson, Glasgow	3000
Lot 139 RIVERDANE BLITZ ROSE	CE Walley, Chester	2800
Lot 163 HELTON TALENT CLARISA 3 RD	Clayden Holsteins Crewe	2800
Lot 69 WINTON SWEET	Thomas Plas Ltd Carmarthen	2600
Lot 70 DANEVALLEY STORMATIC COLL	IE & TM Speed, Chester	2300
Lot 97 STYCHE BRITTGAP HILGONDA	N Tomkinson Gnosall	2250
Lot 79 WHIPPENSCOTT JAMES MARION	MA Jeanes Farms Ltd Somerset	2150
Lot 113 DORFOLD IGNITER TINA	p & A Howard, Winsford	2150
Lot 127 ALCAR BRIGHTNESS 17 TH	IE & TM Speed	2150

Lot 107 CLAYFORD SHOTTLE JANET 47 TH	G Green & Son Northwich	2100
Lot 110 DORFOLD JAMES WEIPKJE	P & A Howard	2100
Lot 178 LEACHFIELD ALLEN IMAGE	JC Bell Knutsford	2100
Lot 130 ALCAR WINTER 100 th	Thomas Plas Ltd	2050
Lot 77 WHIPPENSCOTT BOSS LILA	J Brooks Winsford	2000
Lot 104 CLAYFORD FREELANCE ANGELA 67 TH	P & A Howard	2000
Lot 126 ALCAR MODESTO POLLY	C & S Fitton & Son Middlewich	2000
Lot 137 RIVERDANE BREEZE MADDY	CE Walley	2000
Lot 184 WHIPPENSCOTT FREELANCE FRANBO	Undisclosed bidder	2000

AVERAGES

27 Cows £1673.78; 16 Dispersal Cows £1393.21; 100 Heifers In-Milk £1851.10; 3 Served Heifers £1680.00; 16 Maiden Heifers £1234.41. 162 HEAD £1712.21.

WRIGHT MANLEY of BEESTON CASTLE AUCTION were the Auctioneers.