

**AN INCREDIBLE DAY FOR HARESFOOT AYRSHIRES!
RECORDS SMASHED
INTERNATIONAL BUYERS
TOP PRICE 9000 GNS FOR A CALF
SEVEN OVER 7000 GNS**

A huge crowd from all corners of the country as well as from overseas descended on Beeston Castle Auction for the dispersal sale of one of the greatest herds of the Ayrshire Breed. The Haresfoot Herd, the property of Duncan and Sarah Hunter of Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire has, especially in recent years, gained so much respect and popularity amongst their fellow breeders. This has mainly been achieved by its successes in the showring and the parlour, and when the announcement of its dispersal was made earlier this year, it was a date that was indelibly marked in every breeder's diary.

The publicity had been made, the catalogues printed and the day arrived and nobody at all was disappointed with the cattle; they looked tremendous. Top examples of the breed with great pedigrees and nearly all by cutting edge sires were there for everyone to admire and at the end of the day nobody went home disappointed except those who hoped to buy and didn't. Records were smashed one after another with record prices achieved for served heifers, maiden heifers and heifer calves as well as the overall average at a dispersal sale.

The sale attracted huge international interest and buyers were recorded from Finland, Canada, USA and New Zealand as well as a large number from Northern Ireland; and it was one of these overseas buyers who claimed the top price. Aaro Koljonen from Peltola, Finland, buying for his Rannan Herd secured the four month old calf, Haresfoot Maple Bella for 9000 gns. She is a daughter of the Kellogg son, Mapleburn Remington and out of one of the herds great brood cows Haresfoot Bella 6th (LP80) (Ex95-6E) who at the age of eleven and in her eighth lactation also attracted huge interest. She is a former RASE Champion and has produced three yields in excess of 12000 kg. The hammer was eventually knocked down at 5500 gns to Mapleburn Ayrshires of Quebec, Canada. Another daughter of Bella 6th, the September calving heifer Haresfoot Ristourn Bella by Lagace Ristourn sold to Alan Norbury of Knutsford for 4200 for his Booths Herd and three embryos off Bella 6th by Remington made 950 gns each selling to Chris Window for his Hunnington Herd.

The second top seller at 8800 gns was for another calf by Remington; this was for the 5 month old Haresfoot Remington Pamela whose dam was the much admired Haresfoot Enigma Pamela (Ex91-4yr), a third generation Excellent daughter of Ravenhill Enigma. The calf was purchased by John Fraser of Leighton Buzzard whilst the dam who is a beautiful third calf cow due with her fourth in September sold for 7800 gns to Colin Christophers for his Rosehill Herd at Truro, Cornwall in a joint deal with the Cummings family of Glengarry Ayrshires in New York State, USA. Pamela's son, Haresfoot Panache by Lagace Ristourn was the top priced bull selling at 3100 gns to join the stud of Cattle Services (Ayr) Ltd,. Another much admired member of this family was Haresfoot Simply Red Pamela (EX92) (Ex94-MS), who was Res Breed Champion at the EDFE and Supreme Interbreed Champion at the South West Dairy Show last year. She is due with her fourth calf in July to Reality and sold early on in the sale to Phil Reed who bought several great cattle for his Rhos Herd at Blaenannerch, Nr. Cardigan, West Wales.

The top price milker of the day was Haresfoot Jordan Barbara (Ex92-2E) by Ja-Bob Jordan Red who was due with her fifth calf in July to Reality. This 12000 kg cow sold for 8000 gns to join the Cuthill Towers Herd of Arthur Lawrie & Sons of Milnathort, Kinross, Perthshire.

The leading in-calf heifer was Haresfoot Bazooka Ella by the homebred Haresfoot Bazooka and out of an EX91 dam she was carrying a service by Ardmore Crown Napier with sexed semen. She sold to John Hunter of Northern Ireland. The Ella family was in great demand with four members of one branch of this great family averaged over £6500. One of the star lots was the nine month old Haresfoot Remington Ella ET; she is another great calf by Mapleburn Remington and out of Ella 47th(LP60) (Ex94-3E) 1*, an 11000 kg. daughter of Autumn Gold and a former All Britain Junior Cow. Remington Ella sold for 7300 gns in a joint purchase between Peter Beresford of Heydale Ayrshires at Buxton and Vince and Sheri Steiner of Tokoroa, New Zealand. Remington Ella's sister Haresfoot Ranger Ella 2nd ET (VG87), a 12000 kg cow a month off calving her third to Remington sold for 5500 gns to Geraint Thomas of Llanelli. The Ranger cow had two lovely daughters that were amongst the top bids; her milking heifer Haresfoot Brazen Ella by Haresfoot Brazen calved in January and sold to Phillip Reed for 7200 gns and her yearling daughter, Hunnington Easy Ella by Hunnington BBK Easlad sold for 4600 gns to RC & T Martin, Torrington, Devon.

Apart from the four international buyers there were a total of 66 different buyers recorded on the buyers list at the end of the day representing some 33 different counties across the UK.

It was A REMARKABLE SALE

TOP PRICES :

			GNS
Lot 106	Haresfoot Maple Bella	Aaro Kiljonen, Finland	9000
Lot 14	Haresfoot Remington Pamela	A & I Fraser Ltd, Leighton Buzzard	8800
Lot 78	Haresfoot Jordan Barbara (EX92-2E)	A & S Lawrie, Kinross	8000
Lot 13	Haresfoot Enigma Pamela (EX91-4YR)	WRC & JE Christophers, Cornwall & Glengarry Ayrshires, NY,USA	7800
Lot 30	Haresfoot Bazooka Ella	John Hunter, N. Ireland	7600
Lot 55	Haresfoot Remington Ella ET	DW Berresford & Son, Derbyshire & V & I Steiner, New Zealand	7300
Lot 58	Haresfoot Brazen Ella	Phillip Reed, Cardigan	7200
Lot 56	Haresfoot Ranger Ella 2 nd ET (VG87)	G R Thomas, Carmarthen	5500
Lot 105	Haresfoot Bella 6 th (LP80)(EX95-6E)	Mapleburn Ayrshires, Canada	5500
Lot 8	Haresfoot Simply Red Pamela (EX92)EX94-MS	Phillip Reed, Cardigan	5100
Lot 57	Haresfoot Easy Ella	RC & T Martin, Devon	4600
Lot 107	Haresfoot Ristourn Bella	A Norbury, Cheshire	4200
Lot 40	Haresfoot Reality Winsome	S Williams & C Morgan, Pembrokeshire	4000
Lot 18	Haresfoot Napier Punch	G R Thomas, Carmarthen	3700
Lot 16	Middle Punch Emerald Bland (EX95-3E)	RA & S Arnott, Hertfordshire	3500
Lot 101	Haresfoot Shady Bella (VG86-2YR)	RG & A & RT Lloyd, Anglesey	3500
Lot 9	Haresfoot Modem Pamela	A Norbury, Cheshire	3300
Lot 79	Haresfoot Ristourn Barbara	Phillip Reed, Cardigan	3300
Lot 12	Haresfoot Bomber Pamela (VG86-3YR)	Messrs Howie & Benson, Stranraer	3200
Lot 15	Haresfoot Panache (Bull)	Cattle Services (Ayr) Ltd, Ayr	3100
Lot 73	Haresfoot Elegant Kay	H W Outram & Co, Flintshire	3100
Lot 83	Haresfoot Simply Red Barbara (GP82)	RG & A & RT Lloyd, Anglesey	3000
Lot 102	Haresfoot Napier Bella ET	Stuart Rimmer, Ormskirk	3000

AVERAGES:

AYRSHIRES: 53 Cows and Heifers in-milk £3664.69 (including 19 Heifer Calves at £3103.03 and 4 Bull Calves at £603.75); 18 Served Heifers £1974.58; 13 Maiden Heifers £2778.46; 4 Bulls £2323.13. 88 HEAD £3127.09. 9 Embryos £665.00

HOLSTEINS: 7 Cows and Milking Heifers £1612.50; 2 Served Heifers £1338.75; 2 Maiden Heifers £2021.25. 11 HEAD £1637.05

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