

LIMPSFIELD HOLSTEINS SELL TO 3000 GNS AT BEESTON

Beeston Castle Auction was the venue for the dispersal of the entire Limpsfield Herd of pedigree Holstein dairy cattle. The herd, the property of Mr & Mrs DA Innes t/a Pitchfont Farms were removed from their home at Pitchfont Farm, Titsey, Nr. Oxted in Surrey to the centre of the country to take advantage of Beeston's central location and accessibility from every direction.

The herd was established in 1976 and had been under the management and day to day care of Farm Manager, Bill Peters and his family who have looked after them as if they were their own since he arrived at Pitchfont Farm in 1986. Over the years the herd has developed very well into a productive unit comprising cows that look the part and milk well.

A good crowd were present and the cattle were distributed from Scotland to Kent. Top price was 3000 gns paid for the outstanding young second calver, Limpsfield Allen Leila (VG88); this daughter of Canyon-Breeze Allen has a VG88 dam and calved at the beginning of July. She was purchased by Aubrey Greenhalgh on behalf of a client. Next up at 2600 gns was Limpsfield Shottle Lead (VG87), a second calf daughter of Picston Shottle who is due in January with her third calf to Laurin. Limpsfield Allen Beatrice (VG86-3yr), a milking heifer and 3rd generation VG/Ex daughter of Allen sold for 2350 gns to Rob Ward of Whitchurch. At just 50 gns less was Limpsfield Samuelo Beatrice (VG85-2yr) a milking heifer due with her second to Toystory in March; she sold for 2350 gns to Mr & Mrs JR Morse of Carmarthen.

In-calf Heifers sold to 2500 gns for Limpsfield Supersonic Donna, a daughter of Dalbytop Supersonic carrying a pregnancy for a Cogent Bull Contract. She was purchased by Rob Ward for his Wayring Herd. Bulling heifers sold to 1400 gns for a daughter of Baxter purchased by N Tomkinson & Partners Gnosall and calves at foot topped at 1600 gns for Limpsfield Baxter Beatrice an October 08 daughter of Baxter out of a VG88 Shottle daughter which was purchased by Messrs Cope Prees, Whitchurch

AVERAGES:

**145 COWS AND MILKING HEIFERS £1690.57 including 57 Heifer Calves at £742.55;
38 Served Heifers £1654.58; 34 Maiden Heifers £1111.15; 1 Bull £787.50. 218 LOTS
£1589.78.**

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