

BEESTON MID MONTH ANOTHER INCREDIBLE DAYS'S BUSINESS AND A TOTAL CLEARANCE ON 340 HEAD.

A huge crowd of buyers, probably the largest ever seen at Beeston for this sale, were in attendance for the March edition of Wright Manley's famous Mid-Month Sale of Pedigree and Commercial Dairy Cattle and this resulted in a quite incredible trade for everything on offer.

Buyers like to have a big choice from which to select their purchases and nowhere else in the UK can provide that choice like we can at Beeston. The cattle were distributed all over the country from Cumbria and the Scottish Borders in the north to Kent and Cornwall in the South – such are the range of distances buyers are prepared to travel to Beeston's central location.

Trade was fantastic from start to finish for all classes and all age groups, but it has to be said the best animals appeared to be the best buys. Although there were some 30 animals that realised £2000 or more, there seemed to be a resistance by some buyers to give more than £2000.

Once again the top price of the day went to the Taylor brothers, Jack and Barclay who are dispersing their noted Burnbrae Holstein Herd as they calve. This time the top price was £2600 for the fresh calved third calf cow, Burnbrae Tugolo Mars (GP82), a daughter of the Italian sire Olmo Prelude Tugolo who was sold giving 42 kg daily. Buyer was John Minshull of Tean, Staffordshire. The next top seller in the multi-consignor portion of the sale were two entries from the Carnguwch Herd of GH Griffiths & Co of Pwllheli who are selling the entire milking portion of their herd as they calve. Realising £2450 was the January calved heifer, Carnguwch Jordan Janett (GP82-2yr), a daughter of Roylane Jordan and at £2350 was the fresh fourth calver Carnguwch Gibbon Janett who was giving 55 kg. Both were purchased by regular clients PRF & EA Stone & Sons of Stone, Staffs.

Mark Bowden of Malpas was in the top prices again selling Starcross Rainbow Peewit 2nd, a fresh heifer by Cogent Rainbow, for £2220 to a regular Cheshire buyer. Two heifers made £2200 each; Stokehall Alice 55th, by Cotopierre JR Belero, from the Boughey's of Tarporley sold to the Stone's and Flintstone Sonic Contented 3rd, by a homebred sire, made the long trip from Kings Langley, Hertfordshire and sold to the same previously mentioned Cheshire buyer. Messr Joseph Heler Farms of Audlem, Crewe sold to heifers at £2150 each; Helton Shottle Zilda and Helton Atom Eliza were giving 34 and 32 kg respectively and were both purchased by JL & EM Parker & Son of Haughton, Stafford.

Served heifers calving for the late Spring and early summer sold well up to a top of £1600 for a heifer from V Jerman & Sons of Welshpool. A good entry of maiden heifers sold on a fierce trade topping at £1180 for a daughter of Shottle from RJ Court & Sons of Banbury, Oxfordshire and four heifers from Boty Farms Ltd. of Ruckinge, Kent selling between £1100 and £1140 for daughters of Stardale Fantasia and Stardale Van Nistelrooy. Boty Farms also had the three top selling heifer calves at £440 and £420 twice.

FORNSIDE DISPERSAL

The trade for the multi-consignor portion of the sale was terrific, but this was eclipsed by the trade for the animals contained within the dispersal of the Fornside Herd, the property of Richard and Cath Alkrigg of Silloth, Cumbria who were selling their herd following their decision to surrender the tenancy of the farm. They had a wonderful trade and topped at £2500 twice; the first at this figure was Bromstead Marker Mitzy Red (VG85), a red and white daughter of Indianhead Red Marker due with her sixth calf in May to Sterndale Rose

Royce. She sold to Rob Swain of Shavington Park, Market Drayton and the other at this price was her daughter, Fornside Kite Mitzzy Red 2nd and in-calf due in September to Rose Royce and she was purchased by Ledgers Farm Ltd of Deal, Kent. The beautiful milking heifer Fornside Shottle Irene (VG85-2yr) who calved last July and was back in-calf for August to Dolman was one six good cows purchased by C Thomas & Son of Penryn, Cornwall. The next lot in the ring, Fornside Outside Vera 3rd (GP83-2yr), a fresh second calver sold for £2350 to JG Warhurst of Prestwich, Manchester.

There were a lovely group of bulling and yearling heifers which probably sold on the fastest trade of the day. The top twenty sold between £1300 and £1500 with lead bid being for a Shottle daughter out of an (Ex90) Gilbert dam selling to Enchanted Holsteins of Preston who also purchased a Bolton daughter for £1450 and three others at £1400 each. Calves under six months were also well sold selling to £600 twice – once for a September born daughter of Final Cut and the other for a three week old daughter of Autumn Ridge Matson.

AVERAGES:

172 COWS AND MILKING HEIFERS £1529.01; 10 SERVED HEIFERS £1386.00; 34 MAIDEN HEIFERS £851.76; 10 HEIFER CALVES £276.00

FORNSIDE HERD – 52 Cows and Milking Heifers (Including 13 Heifer Calves at £426,15) £1439.61; 1 Served Heifer £2500.00; 48 Maiden Heifers £1007.71. 101 HEAD £1244,85.

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