

## **FANTASTIC TRADE FOR MID-MONTH DAIRY CATTLE AT BEESTON – TOP HEIFER SELLS FOR £2600**

A very good crowd of buyers were in attendance again for Wright Manley's sale Famous Mid-Month sale of pedigree and commercial, mostly black and white dairy cattle at their Beeston Castle Auction, Cheshire. Buyers travelled from all the surrounding counties as well as South Wales. There was plenty of bidding throughout the sale for all classes but the commodity that appeared to be the dearest of the day were the second and third quality cows and milking heifers. Nevertheless there were a lot of first quality cattle on offer, perhaps not as many as the previous couple of sales which sold readily to competitive bidding.

Top price of the day was £2600 achieved for a pedigree heifer by Shottle and consigned by Mark Bowden of Malpas who was giving 32 kg daily. She was one of twelve animals that sold to W. Hesketh & Sons of Hutton, Preston. Next in the price list were brothers Jack and Barclay Taylor of Myddle, Shrewsbury who sold a homebred second calf cow; Burnbrae Breakout Wychelm is a daughter of the Dutch bull Ijsselvliedt Breakout and was sold giving 40 kg daily to D & HE Colclough & Sons of Hassall, Sandbach who also purchased the Cogent Matisse daughter Ivygrove Matisse Norma from Helen Gibbins, Ivygrove Holsteins, of Norbury, Whitchurch for £2280.

Mark Bowden was in the money again selling two pedigree heifers at £2250 each; the first was another daughter of Shottle out of VG88 dam giving 32 kg selling to James Harrison, Tattenhall and the second was a daughter of Smiddiehill Mariner also giving 32 kg selling to from RJ & DJ Clement of Stoke-on-Trent. The only other over £2200 was Burnbrae Vaughan Spot by Stardale Vaughan from the Taylor's which sold for £2220 to JR & CE Jones Ltd of Marchamley, Whitchurch. In total there were twenty cattle that made £2000 or more.

There was a good entry of in-calf and maiden heifers and heifer calves with just over 100 entered for sale. Trade was very good for the time of year for all age groups with plenty of buyers on hand to easily absorb the good entry. In-calf heifers sold to £1620 for a December calving daughter of Cogent Matisse from Alan Orme of Whitley, Warrington selling to Colin Weston, Whitchurch with five others selling to over £1500 for December/January calvers, Many of the in-calf heifers were not due till Spring and were keenly sought.

A good entry of maiden heifers topped their section at £1400 and two others at £1350 for entries from the Norfolk based Tibenham Herd of R C Rout & Sons and all purchased by the same buyer. Two of the heifers were daughters of Stanbro More and the other by Avenham Rory. SA total of nine heifers broke the £1000 mark.

Heifer calves sold to £400 four times all for entries from David Drinkall, Winsford.

A two and half year old Hereford stock bull from JH Morgan, St.George, Abergele sold for £1450 to Robewrt Griffiths, Ellesmere.

### **AVERAGES:**

**208 COWS and MILKING HEIFERS £1526.49; 31 Served Heifers £1311.94; 55 Maiden Heifers £706.73; 13 Heifer Calves £341.54.**

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