

## **RECORD ENTRY AT BEESTON'S MID-MONTH DAIRY SALE. TWO DAY SALE ATTRACTS THE BUYERS AND MAKES FOR A WONDERFUL TRADE. TOP OF £2500.**

For the first time in the history of Wright Manley's famous Mid-Month Sale at Beeston Castle Auction it was staged over two days due to the magnificent entry received from our clients who are based not only in Cheshire and its surrounding counties but all over the country and in particular the Midlands, East Anglia and the South East. We always believe that large numbers attract the buyers and there is no doubt that is the case because like a big choice and that is what they get when they come to Beeston. Over the two days 488 cattle were actually forward for sale of which 483 found new homes and 36 animals sold for 2000 gns or more. Buyers came from all over and over the two days a magnificent trade was achieved.

### **FIRST DAY – DISPERSAL CATTLE**

We decided to sell all the animals that were part of a dispersal or being dispersed as they calve on the first day. This proved very successful as there was enough of them to ensure buyers could fill their wagons and fulfil their needs. The sale featured the entire milking portion of the pedigree DROVE Herd, the property of Fowler & Breeze of Solihull, West Midlands, the entire commercial herd for Brian Major at Beeston Gates Farm who is one of our closet neighbours to the market and the ongoing dispersals of the pedigree DANEVALE Herd, the property of Hague Partners, Middlewich, the NMR recorded herd of DJ & S Windsor, Agden, Whitchurch and the commercial herd for JK & D Astbury, Church Minshull, Nantwich.

From start to finish trade was very brisk and it has to be said that the some of the older, plainer cows were as dear as we have seen them all year; lots of good cattle around mind you who were the subject of plenty of bidding, but nevertheless these appeared to be the best value for money. The top price on the first day was achieved by a fresh heifer from Hague Partners; Danevale Boliver Honey, is a daughter of End-Road PVF Boliver and was sold giving 33 kg to Keith Mather of Lymm. Mr Mather also purchased the next top seller at £2220, a fresh non-pedigree daughter of Dixie-Lee Aaron from the Astbury's. Two animals sold for £2120 each and both were fresh heifers from Hague Partners; Danevale Speed Kitty sold to Keith Mather and Danevale Justy Kirsty sold to David Green of Lach Dennis. At £2100 Philip Ford of Nantwich acquired a daughter of Zenith from the Astbury's.

Fowler & Breeze sold to a top £2060 for Drove Lucente Jubilee (VG85), a fresh third calver that sold to the Clayton Partnership of Malpas. Dave Windsor topped at £2000 for a fresh heifer by Moet Nanson that sold to Keith Mather and Brian Major sold to £1450 for a January calver carrying its second calf.

### **SECOND DAY – FRESH MILKERS AND YOUNG STOCK**

Could the prices achieved on day two emulate those on the first? Without a shadow of a doubt they were just as dear with lots of bidding right to the very end. Again another good crowd present and perhaps even more than the first day. Top price of the day went to the only animal entered by Messrs. M & J Siddorn of Tattenhall; Taxus Shottle Scooter is a beautiful daughter of Picston Shottle from the Moet Scooter family. This outstanding heifer had calved 18 days and was giving 34 kg and sold for £2500 to regular clients JL & EM Parker & Son of Haughton, Stafford. Messrs Parker also purchased the next two top priced heifers at £2320 and £2300 and both were consigned the two brothers Jack and Barclay Taylor of Middle, Shrewsbury. Both were bred in the Cruckbury Herd and were for daughters of Cogent Matisse and Alfrag Juror Kendall.

Unregistered heifers topped at £2300 twice; the first from Huw Roberts of Cefn-y-bedd, Wrexham with a daughter of Lucente giving 37 kg daily selling to the Parker's and the second for a Red & White daughter of Marlie Jo Bob Red selling to SG Lee & Son of Wolverhampton.

The top price cow was a fresh second calf Norwegian Red cross Holstein cow from Tomlinson & Son of Burleydam, Whitchurch who sold for £1980 to Dave Mathias, Wrenbury. There were also representatives of most of other dairy breeds; a Montbeliarde cross heifer from Seaton Farms, Audlem sold for £1930 to RG Ford, Nantwich; a Jersey cross heifer from IRG Collins & Partners, Dewsbury sold for £1620 to BP Wheeldon, Rudyard, Leek; a Shorthorn Cross Heifer from G & B Bell Tarporley sold for £1770 to PA & E Ford, Nantwich who also purchased the top priced Ayrshire heifer at £1700 from Michael Partington of Bolton, Lancs. Purebred Jerseys sold to £1100 for a heifer from the Collins family.

The sale of In-calf Heifers and Young Stock took place in the No 2 Salering and again a remarkably good trade, especially for the time of year, was witnessed. Top price was £2180 for Drove Igniter Duchess from Fowler & Breeze of Solihull and part of their Drove Herd dispersal. She was near calving to Ocean View Zenith and sold to David Drinkall of Darnhall, Winsford. Drove Zenith Duchess an October calver from the same home sold for £1880 to Terry Goldstraw of Audlem who also purchase a non pedigree daughter of Penn-View Intruder from Alan Orme of Lower Whitley for the same price.

Recently served heifers sold to £1180 for Quixhill Sam Betty a daughter of Mr Sam from W.Salt & Son of Denstone, Uttoxeter selling to Aintree Holsteins Ltd, Wrexham. Bulling Heifers sold to £1200 for Drove Zenith Jubilee from Fowler & Breeze selling to the Taylor brothers of Myddle with others at £1150 and £1080.

Heifer calves were a fantastic trade selling to £550 each for two five week old unregistered heifer calves sired by Forte Cosmonaut and Cedarwal Spirte from John Gleave of Middlewich. A pedigree calf by Picston Shaker from Fowler and Breeze sold for £500 and a group of Shorthorn cross heifer calves from David Percival of Bostock sold to £420.

#### **AVERAGES:**

**399 FRESH CALVED COWS and MILKING HEIFERS £1505.99 including 51 all year round calving DROVE Dispersal cows at £1357,84; 17 IN-CALF HEIFERS £1555.29; 8 Recently Served Heifers £1106.25; 41 Maiden Heifers £787.07; 18 Heifer Calves 432.22.**

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