

## LIVELY TRADE FOR MID-MONTH DAIRY CATTLE AT BEESTON – TOP HEIFER SELLS FOR £2400

Another huge entry of just over 300 Head for the March edition of Wright Manley's Famous Mid-month Sales of Pedigree and Commercial Dairy Cattle met with a very lively trade throughout the sale for all classes and in fact for most classes witnessed improved returns following dip in trade experienced in the last couple of months which, in turn, resulted in a virtual clearance. There were a huge amount of buyers, no doubt attracted by the huge numbers on offer. The cattle were distributed from Lancashire in the North to Kent and Dorset in the South and many different counties in between.

Top price yet again, in fact the top three prices went to brothers Jack and Barclay Taylor of Myddle, Shrewsbury with three outstanding heifers. The homebred Burnbrae Drake Jolanda sold for £2400 to JA & MH Wright of Sandbach whilst David Colclough of Hassall Sandbach purchased Tiveys Dolman Kate and Tiveys Tiger Rosie 69<sup>th</sup> at £22509 and £2200 respectively.

Top of the non pedigrees was a fresh heifer by Klassic Merril Lynch from Richard Tomlinson of Burleydam, Whitchurch who is dispersing his herd as they calve. This heifer also sold to JA & MH Wright. Wilmot Blockley of Tarvin purchased two heifers at £2180 each; the first was a Netherside Dynamo daughter from the Smith brothers at Garstang and the second was a non pedigree animal from Neil Lewis, Farndon. A total of 30 animals made £2000 or more including the top selling cow Carrick Lucente M Snowdrop a fresh second calf daughter of Lucente consigned by John Maddrell, Isle Of Man selling to Roger Ryley of Hodnet.

This month also included a useful entry of coloured breed and crossbred dairy cattle. The milkers were topped at £1600 for a pedigree MRI heifer from Michael Siddorn of Tattenhall selling to TW eardley & Sonss of Market Drayton whop also purchased another from the same home at £1580. Ayrshires also topped at £1600 for an entry from OC Whittaker & Sons, Knutsford with another from Mark Partington, Bolton selling at £1560. Shorthorns sold to £1459 for an entry from the Whittakers whilst Jerseys sold to £1000 for a pedigree heifer from Richard Roberts of Telford and a crossbred Holstein/Jersey sold for £1120 from Judith Waring of Beverley. In-calf heifers sold to £1700 for a Brown Swiss cross from Mike Ellis, Wem.

Holstein Young Stock were in great demand for all age groups. In-calf heifers sold to £1720 and for two heifers consigned by the Exors of the late Billy Muir, Swindon. Two recently served pedigree heifers sired by Jasper and Damion and consigned by JH & PE Nicholson Ltd., Norfolk sold for £1420 and £1400 and bulling heifers from the same home sired by Ross and Decker sold for £1380 and £1320. Younger pedigree bull ing heifers consigned by Roston Partners of Winsford and AL Kemp & Son of Birmingham each sold to £1100. Bixley Farms of Norwich had a nice consignment of mostly summer and autumn born calves and these sold to £940 for a daughter of Mr. Sam.

### **AVERAGES:**

**190 Pedigree and Commercial Holstein Cows and Milking Heifers £1454.21; 17 Coloured Breed Cows and Milking Heifers £1128.23; 16 Holstein Served Heifers £1172.50; 38 Pedigree Maiden Heifers £893.42; 27 Non-pedigree Maiden Heifers £750.66. Calves £305.00**

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