

## **BEST EVER WEXHAM CUP BULL SALE AT BEESTON TOP OF 7500 GNS AND A RECORD AVERAGE**

The 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Wexham Cup Show and Sale of Holstein Bulls for members of the Western Holstein Club attracted an entry of 69 superbly bred animals for this year's event at Beeston Castle Auction Cheshire of which 62 were forward on the day.

The judge this year was that well known breeder Peter Waring of the noted Winton Herd based at Beverley, East Yorkshire. The Champion bull on Inspection was Woodmarsh Salvo, a son of Sicy Knowledge from M & JC Gould Ltd of Bomere Heath, Shrewsbury and the Reserve was Bidlea Appleton, a son of Riverdane Roses Reflection from Ray Brown & Partners of Holmes Chapel.

The Wexham Cup, where the bulls compete on their individual inspection for which points are awarded and these are then added to points gained for pedigree, index and dam's production was won this year by Holmland Varon ET, a son of Long-Langs Oman Oman exhibited by Steve Bell of Penrith and Paul Findley of Wrexham. In reserve was Wintersell Million Miles by England-Ammon Million from John Downing of Edenbridge, Kent.

A huge crowd assembled in the sale ring ready for the sale, probably as large a crowd as had been seen for many years. Trade started out a little steady to begin with but soon gathered momentum with bidding at times being fast and furious as buyers competed to acquire the best genetics on offer. The overall result at the end of the day rewarded vendors with a record average in excess of £2500 with 13 bulls selling for 3000 gns or more and many intending purchasers going home empty handed.

Yet again it was the Gould family who took many of the top prices with six bulls from their Woodmarsh Herd averaging £4445.00. They had the two top sellers with their Woodmarsh Mastermind, a son of Sicy Knowledge from the Melody family selling for the top price of 7500 gns to Betholt Ltd of Dunston, Stafford. The second top seller was the Champion from the Goulds which was also a Knowledge son but bred from the Sallie family. Salvo sold to join the Medhurst Herd of EC & J Yarwood & Sons at Medhurst Green, Congleton.

Richard and Ruth Pilkington of Aintree Holsteins Ltd. at Hope Nr. Wrexham also had a good day claiming two of the leading bids of the sale; their top seller which was the third highest price of the day, was Aintree Notch, a son of Schillview Oman Gerard born last November and bred from 4 generations of VG/Ex dams from their renowned Nugget family. He sold for 4500 gns to WP & JP Davies of Abergele, Denbighshire. They also sold Aintree Ninja, a son of Macomber O-Man Bogart also from the Nugget family for 4000 gns to R H Lewis & Son of Crickheath, Oswestry.

John Downing made the long journey from Edenbridge, Kent and was rewarded with two of the top prices; his Reserve for the Wexham Cup, Wintersell Million Miles bred from the outstanding Mila family sold for 4400 gns to WR Wilson of Ellonby, Penrith. Another from the same stable Wintersell Mandrake by Million and bred from eight successive generations of VG/Ex dams from the Amanda/August line; he sold for 4000 gns to John and Ruth Edge of Wimboldsley Holsteins, Middlewich.

Matt Fisher of Eamont Bridge, Penrith entered just the one bull for the sale and achieved one of the top prices selling his Newtonmoss Edward, by Shottle from the Elegance family for 3800 gns to RE & J Roberts of Whitford, Holywell, Flintshire. At just 100 gns less was another from the Goulds; Woodmarsh Platinum, by Atlas from the Pledge family sold for 3700 gns to L Hadfield & Sons of Buxton, Derbyshire.

The Wexham Cup winner from Bell and Findley, Holmland Varon, also from the Pledge family sold for 3200 gns to F Jackson & Son of Oswestry whilst another from the same home, Holmland Emilio, by Bolivia Allen from the Oralie line sold for 3600 gns to TG & DM Watchorn of Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.

### **TOP PRICES:**

				<b>GNS</b>
Lot 25	M & JC Gould Ltd	Woodmarsh Mastermind	Betholt Ltd, Stafford	7500
Lot 13	M & JC Gould Ltd	Woodmarsh Salvo	EC & J Yarwood & Sons, Congleton	5800
Lot 61	Aintree Holsteins Ltd	Aintree Notch	WP & JP Davies, Abergele	4500

Lot 68	The Downing Partnership	Wintersell Million Miles ET	W R Wilson, Penrith	4400
Lot 21	Aintree Holsteins Ltd	Aintree Ninja	R H Lewis & Son, Oswestry	4000
Lot 55	The Downing Partnership	Wintersell Mandrake ET	J R Edge, Middlewich	4000
Lot 57	M C Fisher,	Newtonmoss Edward	RE & J Roberts, Holywell	3800
Lot 18	M & JC Gould Ltd	Woodmarsh Platinum ET	L Hadfield & Sons, Buxton	3700
Lot 50	SL & PS Bell & P Findley	Holmland Heath	TG & DM Watchorn Ltd, Melton Mowbray	3600
Lot 16	SL & PS Bell & P Findley	Holmland Varon ET	F Jackson & Son, Oswestry	3200
Lot 45	M & JC Gould Ltd	Woodmarsh Jester	DE Gaskin, Wrexham	3200
Lot 24	Distinctive Holsteins	Distinctive Vincent	WJ Lewis & Co., Chester	3000
Lot 33	Wills Bros Ltd	Willsbro Butter ET	JA & GE Lavelle, Merseyside	3000
Lot 35	Ray Brown & Partners	Bidlea Creative	P Studley & Sons, Tarporley	2950
Lot 15	Wills Bros Ltd	Willsbro Graphite	JF & LV Corfield, Welshpool	2800
Lot 20	DJ & S Tomlinson	Bilsrow Iniesta	J Mottram, Ellesmere	2800
Lot 64	M & JC Gould Ltd	Woodmarsh Lexy ET	W Johnson, Buxton	2800
Lot 42	Ray Brown & Partners	Bidlea Pedley	J Morris & Sons, Llangollen	2700
Lot 40	Wills Bros Ltd	Willsbro Roxet ET	W Davies & Son, Newtown	2600

**AVERAGES: 53 Bulls £2516.52**

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