

## **MUCH BETTER TRADE THAN EXPECTED AT WESTERN CLUB SALE – 28 ANIMALS AT 2000 GNS OR MORE**

The Western Holstein Club's Monthly Show and Sale of Pedigree Fresh Calved Cows and Heifers attracted an entry of 176 Head of which 152 were forward on the day. This was the largest entry for some time and attracted consignments from all over the region with more and more vendors coming from the north to support the sales and benefit from the stronger buying power at Beeston. Remember buyers like choice.

The sale was judged by local Breeder, Wilf Lomas of the Leese Manor Herd based at Byley, Nr. Middlewich who selected his champion from RM & RA Shepherd's good Oakshore Herd based on the Wirral. Their Oakshore Grandview J Arabian is a daughter of Sollien Grandview. In reserve was Ingleview Deck Dandy from Robert and Elaine Butterfield who were consigning females to the Western Club Sale for the first time from their herd based in North Yorkshire. Dandy is a daughter of Far-o-La Debbi-Jo Decker and bred from six generations of Very Good or Excellent dams.

Trade was expected to be very flat but was far better than was ever anticipated, especially for the heifers. Cows were hard work but nevertheless sold quite readily, but the heifer trade was very good indeed with several buyers present requiring large numbers. A total of 28 animals made 2000 gns or more, but this is not surprising as there were such a lot of good heifers in the market.

The top price of the day was only 2400 gns which was achieved for the Champion. She was sold giving 36.5 kg daily and was one of 14 heifers purchased by local commercial producer Richard Williams of Wrinehill, Crewe. He also bought the Reserve Champion for 2200 gns and another at the same price, from the Butterfields, also by Decker.

Two heifers made 2250 gns each; the first being Dunnerdale Buckeye Della from Wilson Boow of Millom, Cumbria who was old giving 43 kg to Rob Ward for his Wayring Herd at Whitchurch. The second was from another new consignor, John Daniels of Hingham, Norwich who sold his Mansongreen Dragon Cornflower 16<sup>th</sup> by Overside Dragon to Edward Langley of Malpas.

Seven other heifers made 2200 gns and these were a Gibson Fawn from Stan Price; a Shottle from Harold and Pat Crapper; a Shottle from Mike Ellis of Wem; two from Sanders Farms in the Isle of Man for daughters of Sandisfarne Showstopper and Veazland Marion; a Samuelo from the Shepherds of Oakshore and a Zenith from HG Robinsons of Bedford.

Cows topped at 2100 gns for fourth calf Fab Titanic Elizabeth (VG89) (Ex-MS) from Brian and Fiona Brumby of the Isle of Man who have started to disperse their Fingan Herd as they calve through the Club Sales. She now joins the Cottonabbotts Herd of CE Walley at Chester. The only in-calf heifer at the sale was Brigo'doon Drake Snowdrop from Andy Smith and she realised 1900 gns.

Embryos were a good trade with two packets of four embryos by Gillette Jordan from the Golden family at Shanael consigned by the Miller family making 500 gns per embryo.

### **TOP PRICES TO 2100 gns**

				<b>GNS</b>
Lot 135	RA & RM Shepherd	Oakshore Grandview J Arabian	R Williams, Crewe	2400
Lot 106	WW & D Boow	Dunnerdale Buckeye Della	R Ward, Market Drayton	2250
Lot 151	EJ Daniels & Son	Mansongreen Dragon Cornflower 16 <sup>th</sup>	HF Langley & Ptns, Malpas	2250
Lot 53	R & E Butterfield	Ingleview Helga 27 <sup>th</sup>	R Williams, Crewe	2200
Lot 54	R & E Butterfield	Ingleview Deck Dandy	R Williams, Crewe	2200
Lot 60	J S Price	Grantchester Gibson Fawn 2 <sup>nd</sup>	R & R A Jones, Montgomery	2200
Lot 71	H Crapper	Birchcross Shottle Gladys	D & HE Colclough & Son, Sandbach	2200
Lot 85	M C Ellis	Reeland Shottle Jetty	D & HE Colclough & Son, Sandbach	2200
Lot 118	Sanders Farms	Sandisfarne Leonore Hope	N Tomkinson, Stafford	2200
Lot 128	Sanders Farms	Sandisfarne Lucy Blackberry	R Williams, Crewe	2200
Lot 136	RM & RA Shepherd	Oakshore Sam S Confucious	R Ward, Market Drayton	2200
Lot 176	HG Robinson & Sons	Felmersham Zenith Jessica 70 <sup>th</sup>	D A Gray, Leighton Buzzard	2200
Lot 110	Sanders Farms	Sandisfarne Leanne Ruby 2 <sup>nd</sup>	FH Cookson & Sons, Altrincham	2150
Lot 138	RM & RA Shepherd	Oakshore Sam L Arabian	R Williams, Crewe	2150
Lot 24	Ballakillingham Farms Ltd	Fab Titanic Elizabeth (VG89)(EX-MS)	C E Walley, Chester	2100
Lot 57	P J Waring	Winton Terrene Marlene	R Williams, Crewe	2100
Lot 58	W J Nadin & Co.	Sterndale LPT Spot ET	T C Alderson & Son, Northallerton	2100

### **AVERAGES:**

**26 CALVED COWS £1477.63; 6 Dry Cows £924.16; 120 Milking Heifers £1862.26; 1 In calf Heifer £1995; 152 HEAD £1759.44.**

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