

## **'WHIPPED UP PRICES' FOR WHIPPENSCOTT TOP OF 4000 GNS – SIX MORE OVER 3000 GNS**

A massive crowd of pedigree and commercial buyers were in attendance at Beeston Castle Auction for the dispersal sale of the entire WHIPPENSCOTT Herd, the property of KG Freeman & Son and removed from Lewes, East Sussex to Beeston Castle Auction for the convenience of everyone and in particular the buyers who were there in numbers from all over.

The Whippenscott Herd is currently the Champion Herd in the South East, is run on commercial lines and achieves a herd average of just over 9000 kg at 3.46% butterfat and 3.20% protein. Therefore this shows the herd is good looking, milky and not pushed, but it doesn't show how many highly respectable international cow families were included in its number. No doubt all these features contributed to encouraging buyers to attend this most important dispersal sale. And indeed they did – in large numbers with many having travelled long distances and going home empty handed. Buyers were present from Scotland to Kent, to Somerset and Devon in the South West. South Wales, Northern Ireland and just about every other county in the Midlands and North Wales.

In a wonderful days trading when no less than THIRTY THREE animals of various ages recorded bids of 2000 gns or more, saw prices rise to a top of 4000 gns. This leading bid was for the Brigeen Riley daughter Whippenscott Riley Samara (VG87-3yr) who freshened with her second last May and was due again in June to Silky Gibson. She is the 10<sup>th</sup> generation of cows classified in the top two grades and traces her pedigree to the \$1million 20000 kg Long Haven Wayne Stephanie (Ex). She was the choice of Mike Goddard who runs the Guston Herd, near Dover, Kent. Mr Goddard was in good form also purchasing the second calver Whippenscott Capri Belle (VG88-3yr), a third generation VG/Ex due in May to September Storm for 3700 gns and Chiltonpark Hershel Franbo (Ex91 & SP), a 13000 kg. 3<sup>rd</sup> calf member of the famous Plushanski Fran family due in April to James, for 2900 gns.

David and Pam Coombes of Swindon who run Mikali Holsteins purchased Whippenscott Iron Franbo (GP83), a milking two year old daughter of Boss Iron out of the previously mentioned Chiltonpark Hershel Franbo; she calved in July and was recently bred to Decker and sold for the second highest price of 3900 gns. Meurig Davies of the Carmarthenshire based Paxtonview Herd purchased five of the leading sellers to a top of 3600 gns for Whippenscott Roy S Lulu (VG87-3yr), a milking second calver who freshened last September and was giving 47 kg. Two other animals in the milking portion broke the 3000 gns. barrier and both were purchased by John Young of Abergavenny; his first purchase at this figure was Whippenscott Marshall Hattie (VG85), a 7<sup>th</sup> generation VG/EX daughter of Ricecrest Marshall and for just 100 gns more another second calver, Whippenscott Merchant Pamela (VG86-3yr).

Trade for the milkers was at times ferocious, but the young stock trade was just incredible, no doubt helped by the good quality of the stock and the very many great pedigrees and this was for all age groups. Gerry O'Donnell flew in from Belfast on the morning of the sale and was involved in the purchase of the top price served heifer, maiden heifer and heifer calf. For his nephew, Garrett O'Donnell of Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh he purchased Whippenscott Goldwyn Lou Etta ET, a Feb '06 daughter of Braedale Goldwyn, bred to Mr.Sam and with nine generations of dams classified in the top two grades. At 3100 gns, he also purchased for his nephew, Whippenscott

Shottle Deb ET, a July '06 maiden heifer by Shottle who has three sisters all scored Excellent whilst for himself he purchased the leading calf, Whippenscott Samuelo Belle whose dam was the 3700 gns seller Whippenscott Capri Belle (VG88-3yr).

This was a real trade from start to finish with over sixty different buyers recorded by the end of the sale.

### TOP PRICES

|         |                               |                                 |      |
|---------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------|
| Lot 62  | W Riley Samara (VG87-3yr)     | M Goddard, Dover, Kent          | 4000 |
| Lot 102 | W Iron Franbo (GP83)          | DM & P Coombes, Swindon         | 3900 |
| Lot 64  | W Capri Belle (VG88-3yr)      | M. Goddard                      | 3700 |
| Lot 75  | W Roy S Lulu (VG87-3yr)       | DEM & A Davies, Carmarthen      | 3600 |
| Lot 171 | W Goldwyn Lou Etta ET         | Garrett O'Donnell, Enniskillen  | 3600 |
| Lot 92  | W Merchant Pamela (VG86-3yr)  | J Young, Abergavenny            | 3100 |
| Lot 185 | W Shottle Deb ET              | Garrett O'Donnell               | 3100 |
| Lot 57  | W Marshall Hattie (VG85)      | J Young                         | 3000 |
| Lot 37  | C Hershel Franbo (Ex91)       | M Goddard                       | 2900 |
| Lot 26  | W Highlight Elsie Red (Ex90)  | J Young                         | 2800 |
| Lot 126 | W Racer Melody                | IE & TM Speed, Chester          | 2800 |
| Lot 42  | W Regiment Scarlet Red (VG86) | DEM & A Davies                  | 2700 |
| Lot 56  | W Gibson Joy ET (VG86)        | DEM & A Davies                  | 2700 |
| Lot 103 | W Iron Judy (GP80-2yr)        | ER Owen, Anglesey               | 2650 |
| Lot 65  | W Merchant Judy (VG86-2yr)    | PJ Andrews, Hereford            | 2600 |
| Lot 84  | W OPT Diamond ET (VG85-3yr)   | ER Owen                         | 2600 |
| Lot 44  | W Roy Primrose ET (VG85)      | MA Jeanes (Farms) Ltd, Somerset | 2500 |
| Lot 45  | W Allen Christine (VG88)      | MA Jeanes (Farms) Ltd           | 2500 |
| Lot 73  | W Capri Melda (VG85-3yr)      | MA Jeanes (Farms) Ltd           | 2500 |

### AVERAGES

110 Cows AND Milking Heifers **£1994.90** (including 30 Heifer Calves at **£1078.70** and 1 Bull Calf at £525.00); 20 In-Calf Heifers **£1779.75**; 16 Recently Served Heifers **£1470.00**; 26 Maiden Heifers **£1293.52**; 7 Bulls £697.50; 179 HEAD

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