



**PWPS Show & Sale of Modern Breeds of Pig
Wright Manley's Beeston Castle LSA, Tarporley, Cheshire
3rd 4th September 2010**

While this was scheduled as a sale of Modern Pigs, a fairer description might have been Large White and Welsh Pigs, for only two other breeds were present, represented by one pig each - a Duroc boar from A & J Walton, Chester and a Hampshire gilt from MJ Kiddy & Sons, Sandy, Bedfordshire. However, there were 11 Large Whites, from Bedfordshire, Lincolnshire, Lancashire and Cheshire and 30 Welsh, from Cumbria, South Wales, Essex, North Wales, Warwickshire, Cheshire and Lancashire, so this was, again, a popular venue for the sale and purchase of pedigree pigs. Vendors of all breeds should be proud of the quality of their pigs for sale.

Despite what may have been maliciously reported elsewhere, entries were open to anyone and not just to PWPS Members, which was obviously the case if other breeds were permitted. It was, however, the venue for the finals of the PWPS Champion of Champions competition, which is restricted to PWPS Members and saw Champion Welsh pigs from County standard shows across the UK present, most of which were also for sale. Christine Vaughan from Nuneaton, Warwickshire achieved the top accolade, with her Vinery Empress 4470, an in-pig gilt which qualified at Staffordshire County Show in May and was still in top condition almost four months later. Reserve Champion was Teifi Evans' (Newcastle Emlyn, Ceredigion) sow, Goldfoot Lucky Girl 1211, which had qualified at the Royal Welsh Show in July while still suckling a litter and was now back in show condition.

Top price in the Sale on Saturday also went to Christine Vaughan's champion gilt, which was knocked down to a fellow vendor Ken Austin of Gower, Swansea, for 600gns (£630). Other notable prices for Welsh gilts were 550gns (£577.50) for Teifi Evans' Goldfoot Lucky Girl 1230, sold to G Wilson, Selston, Notts. and 540 gns (£567) for David Finch's (Benfleet, Essex) Siskin Theresa 24, sold to Hough Farm Partnership, Ashbourne, Derbyshire).

Top Price in the Large Whites was 360gns (£378) for both MJ Kiddy & Sons' and David Brock's (Warrington, Cheshire) in-pig gilts, sold to F Fieldhouse and Son, Tadcaster, Yorks and Nonneley Farm Partners, Crewe, Cheshire respectively..

Boar prices were disappointingly low, with Welsh boars selling to a maximum of 370gns (£388.5) for Ken Austin's Burry Vulcan 34. The two Large White boars did not reach their reserve. The Duroc boar is understood to have been sold privately since the sale.

Averages were

Large White in-pig gilt	£276 (7)	Large White maiden gilt	£273 (1)
Welsh in-pig gilt	£399 (15)	Welsh Maiden gilt	£250 (6)
Welsh boar	£265 (5)		