

PARSLEY IS THE TOPS AT 4400 GNS AT WOODLAKE SALE

A good crowd turned up at Beeston for a major sale from Peter Harrison's Woodlake Herd which included the dispersal of all his in-calf heifers and young stock and the entire younger section of the milking portion. This follows his decision to hand over the farm's milk business to his son James at Woodlake Farm, Tattenhall, Nr. Chester.

The sale opened with the cows and it was not long before one of the stars of the sale entered the ring; Woodlake Outside Parsley (Ex90-4yr), a daughter of Outside due with her fourth in January to Bambam, and it wasn't long before bidding rose to 4400 gns when the hammer was knocked down to Cameron Baty for this outstanding animal.

The second top seller was Woodlake Gilbert Bentham (VG87-3yr) (Ex-MS) a lovely second calver who freshened in May and had been bred back again in August to Heather Holme Velvet and was still giving over 40 kg.; this daughter of Miley Gilbert was the choice of Thomas Plas Ltd., Carmarthenshire. Andrew Richards of Penhill Farm Ltd., Carmarthen also made the journey from South Wales and had several of the leading lots including Woodlake Shottle Heather (GP83-2yr)(VG86-MS) who was due with her second in November to Decker, at 2650 gns and at 2600 gns he purchased the September Storm daughter, Woodlake September Queen (VG87-3yr) who had given over 9200 kg in 244 days of her second lactation and was due again in December to Eastview Mason.

There were lots of Shottle daughters in the sale and another, Woodlake Shottle Rulette (GP83-2yr) was the choice of Martin Monkton of Nantwich who gave 2450 gns for this second calver giving 47 kg daily.

In-calf heifers were a great trade and the leading animal selling at 2350 gns was Woodlake Shottle Platt who was bred from three generations of VG dams and was due in February to Lutz-Brookview Burt. She was the choice of Chris Atkin, Tarporley, Cheshire. Maiden heifers were equally as good a trade as the older served heifers and no doubt helped by the fact several buyers wanted large numbers; the leading heifer selling at 1700 gns to John Barton of Bury was Woodlake Bambam Linda, a fifteen month old daughter of the much talked about Braedale Bambam. Calves at foot sold to 1100 gns for the Bambam daughter of the 4400 gns top seller and purchased by Chris Gittins, Austerson, Nantwich.

TOP PRICES:

			GNS
Lot 15	Woodlake Outside Parsley (EX90-4yr)	Cameron Baty	4400
Lot 55	Woodlake Gilbert Bentham (VG87-3yr) (EX-MS)	Thomas Plas Ltd, Carmarthen	3200
Lot 93	Woodlake Shottle Heather (VG86-MS)	A Richards, Carmarthen	2650
Lot 58	Woodlake September Queen (VG87-3yr)	A Richards, Carmarthen	2600
Lot 84	Woodlake Shottle Rulette (GP83-2yr)	M Monkton, Nantwich	2450
Lot 186	Woodlake Shottle Platt	CN & IR Atkin, Tarporley	2350
Lot 64	Woodlake Lee Juliet (GP81-2yr)	A Richards, Carmarthen	2150
Lot 38	Woodlake Outside Bangor (GP83)	JG Williams, Nantwich	2120
Lot 53	Woodlake Distinction Highspot (GP84-2yr)	A Grimshaw, Bolton	2120
Lot 52	Woodlake Outside Snipe (VG85-2yr)	P & R Robinson, Nantwich	2100
Lot 61	Woodlake Freeman Surprise	Mark Nutsford, Middlewich	2100
Lot 110	Woodlake Shottle Derby (GP81-2yr)	A Richards, Carmarthen	2100
Lot 71	Woodlake Gibsons Prospect (G77-2yr0)	J G Williams, Nantwich	2050
Lot 121	Woodlake Shottle Spitfire (GP81-2yr)	A Richards, Carmarthen	2050
Lot 82	Woodlake Silky Bentham (GP81-2yr)	C & S Fitton & Son, Middlewich	2020
Lot 125	Woodlake Shottle Slate	Tudor Hughes Parry, Pwllheli	2020
Lot 57	Woodlake Freeman Prospect (VG86-2yr)	T Williams & Son, Mold	2000
Lot 77	Woodlake Shotts Horlicks (GP83)	J G Williams, Nantwich	2000

AVERAGES:

130 Cows and milking Heifers £1852.20 Including 35 Heifer calves at £549.60;
33 Served Heifers £1434.36; 105 Maiden Heifers £1028.40; 268 Head £1477.99

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