

ROARING TRADE AT YOCKINGS GATE DISPERSAL

Tuesday 20th March witnessed a major Dispersal Sale at Beeston Castle Auction, of the entire Yockings Gate herd, the property of A W Hiles & Son of Whitchurch, Shropshire.

The decision was made to disperse the herd, when David and Pam decided to sell their farm and retire from farming; this brought on to the market a great opportunity for buyers to secure really sound functional cattle, the milking portion displayed great dairy strength with strong well attached udders. The cows were milked twice a day through a herringbone parlour and were achieving a credible 8659kg 3.70% Fat and 3.11 Protein. Fed on a semi TMR ration and housed in cubicles in the winter.

The Sale Ring was packed with prospective buyers and an early start was in order with such extensive Sale numbers. Trade was brisk from the start until the hammer finally fell on the last Lot at 5.00pm. The successful purchasers were from as far North as Argyll in Scotland down to Kent in the South and across to Southern and Northern Ireland.

Topping the days trading at 4500gns was Yockings Gate Almond Morty Avis ET PI (**GP84-2yr**) (**VG89-MS**). This awesome daughter of Stouder Morty was bred from the very successful Avis family with the dam being Almond Silky Avis (**Ex92**) who has dominated the show ring for the last five years; and nominated All-Britain 3rd Calver 2006; she was sold for 40,000gns at the Almond sale 2006. Morty Avis calved on the 8th December and was giving 27kg daily, she had a glorious udder and the bidding for her was fierce until the hammer finally fell and the lucky bidder being Mr Peter Kingston of Co Cork. It was this family that continued the days leading prices, with the first ET daughter of Morty Avis sired by Picston Shottle realising 2600gns and was secured by Philip Gilman of Lilleshall, Newport; Philip also secured another full ET sister for 2000gns. The other full sister was sold for 1950gns to James Pirie & Sons Ltd of Argyll Scotland.

The next animal to take the limelight was Aldingham Morty Dellia 10th ET PI (**GP82-2yr**); this super Morty daughter was bred from four generations of cows scored in the top two grades and traced back to Snow-N Denises Dellia (**Ex95-2E**) **GMD DOM 4***. This heifer calved in January and was giving 26.4kg daily. Philip Gilman secured her for 1750gns for his Lilleshall herd; going to the same home was the Shottle ET calf from the Morty Dellia secured for 1500gns.

Yockings Gate Roy Stumpy a Roylane Jordan daughter which calved at the end of February was milking well and achieving 35.8kg daily; she was purchased by Metcalfe Farms, of Leyburn, North Yorkshire who filled a wagon with 20 animals.

Several animals smashed through the 1250gns barrier with plenty of bidders trying hard to secure the cows and milking heifers on offer.

In Calf Heifers sold to a top of 1320gns for Yockings Gate Geno Annatte PI a Be-Ware Juror Geno daughter bred from 7 generations of cows scored in the top two grades, from the famous Anna family. This flashy heifer was due to calve mid July to Comestar Leader. Philip Gilman added this great heifer to his carefully selected group of animals.

Demand was strong for all Youngstock on offer, with Maidens peaking at 820gns for Yockings Gate Jazz Snowbell who was secured by Messrs Hughes.

Heifer Calves were a super trade averaging £545.69! Some great individual lots featured above, plenty of other heifer calves selling over 500gns!

Three Bulls ready to work sold to 600gns

TOP PRICES:**GNS**

YOCKINGS GATE ALMOND MORTY AVIS (GP84-2yr) (VG89-MS) Lot 176		4500
	Peter Kingston, Co. Cork	
YOCKINGS GATE SHOTTLE AVIS A Lot 176a	P Gilman, Newport	2600
YOCKINGS GATE SHOTTLE AVIS B Lot 176B	P Gilman, Newport	2000
YOCKINGS GATE SHOTTLE AVIS D Lot 176D	James Pirie & Sons Ltd, Argyll	1950
ALDINGHAM MORTY DELLIA 10 th (GP82-2yr) Lot 175	P Gilman, Newport	1750
YOCKINGS GATE SHOTTLE DELLIA A Lot 175a	P Gilman, Newport	1500
YOCKINGS GATE ROY STUMPY (Lot 150)	Metcalfe Farms, Leyburn	1350
YOCKINGS GATE LEADER HANNAH (GP83) Lot 156	C & S Fitton & Son, Middlewich	1350
YOCKINGS GATE DRAGON TOPS (GP81-2yr) (VG-MS) Lot 165	B Lilburn, N Ireland	1320
YOCKINGS GATE GENO ANNATTE Lot 232	P Gilman, Newport	1320
YOCKINGS GATE ATOM ROSE (VG85-2yr) Lot 122	Challans Ptns, Yoxall	1280
YOCKINGS GATE MR C FLOWERGIRL 2 nd (GP81) VG-MS) Lot 119	KE & WM Rees, Whitland	1260
YOCKINGS GATE GILLIAN (EX91) Lot 35	JE & S Hodgkins, Gnosall	1250
YOCKINGS GATE FOUNDATION BIG EARS (GP82-2yr) Lot 116	J Macauley, N.Ireland	1250
YOCKINGS GATE FOUNDATION ELIZABETH (GP82) Lot 140	KE & WM Rees, Whitland	1250
YOCKINGS GATE ROY ELIZABETH (GP83-2yr) Lot 149	J Macauley, N.Ireland	1250

AVERAGES:

182 Milking Cows & Heifers (Including 68 Heifer calves @ £545.69) £1108.73

22 In Calf and recently served heifers £939.75

70 Maiden Heifers £579.90

3 Bulls £623

347 Head Averaged 763.47