

16th ANNUAL SHOW & SALE OF WELSH BLACK CATTLE

There was a long day for the 16th Annual Sale at Raglan with Auctioneers J. Straker Chadwick & Sons, Abergavenny. The ringside was packed and there was a great atmosphere. 177 head out of 180 sold and trade was good.

The Show was judged by Mr Philip Heard, Okehampton, Devon, assisted by Mr Derek Northey, Cornwall.

Top price was paid for Syfni Gwenno 11th, born 2011, and her heifer calf born April 2016. She had been running back to the bull Syfni Brynach and she sold to BJ Merrick, Glangrwyney for 1,900gns.

Second top price also went to a cow and calf from the same stable, Syfni Betrys 3rd which had a first prize in the pens. She sold to D & D Morgan, Alltgoch, Talybont for 1820gns.

The Champion Female was Llandre Princess 16th from MV & GM James, Whitland, Carmarthen. She was an in calf heifer born March 2013, and sold to Williams & Wigley, Merthyr Tydfil for 1,000gns.

The Champion Maiden Heifer was Frampton Muriel, born February 2015, from MF & EE Long, Frampton, Llantwit Major, Glamorgan. She was sired by Gerddi Bluog Addewid 4th, and out of Llanarth Muriel 2nd. She sold to T R Williams, Tonmawr, Port Talbot for 1,350gns.

The Reserve Champion Maiden Heifer, Llandre princess 17th, also from MV & GM James, Llandre, sold for 1,000gns to L & G Roberts, Penrefail Crossroads.

The Champion Bull of the day was Trefychan at Daf Dylan 6th, from Ben Reynolds and Mrs A Cook. He was a July 2014 born bull but was unsold on the day.

After the show the two judges walked the pens and picked out a first prize cow and calf, a heifer and a pen of stores.

These prizes went to:

Cow and calf: Gareth James

Heifer: A R Evans, Sker cottages, Kenfig, Bridgend

Stores, Mr and Mrs C Thorpe, Lucton, Leominster

Top store price was £1060 for the first prize winners from the Thorpe's Lucton Herd from Leominster.

Mrs Marian Phillips sold a cow and calf for 1,680gns to SJ Tutchings, Worcester.

AR Evans, had a good run of organic Maiden heifers and they topped out at 1,320gns. He had others sold for 1,000gns, 960gns, 950gns, 900gns.

A Morgan Farms, Rhigos, Glamorgan had nice heifers selling for 1,200gns, 1,180gns and 1,100gns.

EDM Davies, Cathedine sold heifers up to 1,000gns.

The Turnant Herd, Longtown dispersed their herd which all found new homes.

Their top price was 1500gns for a 2014 born cow and calf. This was a Trefychan bred cow with a heifer calf born April 2016 at foot. She sold to D Wigley, Merthyr Tydfil.

Several other outfits were reaching the 1300/1400 mark.

Mrs Jane Davies bought some of her breeding back from the Turnant Herd, one of which was Castell Fanny 205th and her young heifer calf, bought for 1,360gns.

Three heifers topped at 1,120gns.

The stock bull Brysgaga Berwyn 11th sold to Lorraine Howells for 1,050gns.

There was a nice entry of young stores and the buyers were there for them.

Sally Lloyd