

**‘WESTERN WONDERS’ SALE OF INLAMB SUFFOLK EWES & EWE LAMBS**

The Annual ‘Western Wonders’ Sale of Pedigree Female Sheep attracted a quality Entry from breeders throughout Wales, England and even Scotland. The current resurgence in interest surrounding the Suffolk breed brought a huge contingent of buyers from all parts of the UK, resulting in a flying trade from start to finish, producing record averages and a massive clearance.

Prices peaked twice at 5,000gns, firstly for the Overall Champion, a superb shearling from Devon Breeder, Ross Lawrence and his Roundacre Flock, by Crewelands Megastar, and out of a Lakeview bred ewe, she was sold inlamb to Lakeview Valentino and purchased by Stephen Cobbald, Acton, Suffolk. Mr Cobbald then took the other 5,000gns sheep, another shearling from Dafydd Jones, Aberystwyth and his Frongoy Flock. She had stood 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Champion in the Shearling Class under Judge Viv Samuel, Herefordshire. By Limestone Legacy and out of a Frongoy ewe she was sold inlamb to Strathbogie Rock On Tommy.

Two superb ewe lambs from young breeder Oliver Sparks, Pontyclun, Glamorgan and his Homeland Flock took the next 2 high price slots. His 1<sup>st</sup> prize winning & Reserve Overall Champion ewe lamb by Ballynacannon Black Diamond and out of a Wharfe ewe, sold at 2,500gns being taken by OT ‘Wyn’ Jones, Llandovery. Moments later however, his 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winning lamb by Stockton Jonny Be Good and out of a Stockton ewes sold at 2,800gns to J Sharp, Tenbury Wells, with 3 other lambs at 850gns, 650gns & 600gns, Oliver left with a superb average of £1,554 for 5 sold, not a bad debut, and not forgetting a shearling ewe at 900gns!

The fifth sheep to reach 2,000gns or more came from long time supporter Mr John (Jack) Pryce and his Horton Flock based in Meifod, Powys, this shearling ewe stood 3<sup>rd</sup> in the pre-sale show and was by Birness Bargain and out of a Horton ewe, in-lamb to Lakeview Irish Cream, she was purchased by P Smithson, Llanfairfechan, Powys.

Dafydd Jones, Frongoy enjoyed further success in a brilliant year for him, selling flock ewes to 1,100gns to J Sharp, and 900gns to OT Wyn Jones. Shearling ewes to 5,000gns to S Cobbald, 1,600gns to C Harris, and 1,450gns to Steffan Thomas, with ewe lambs to 1,600gns to R Stephenson, 900gns to Steffan Thomas, 850gns, 800gns & 750gns.

Local breeders Mike Davies & Sons, Brecon sold to a top of 1,600gns with a shearling ewe by Birness Be My Guest and in-lamb to Rhaeadr The Rascal, purchased by AJ & EA Price, Llangadog, and selling others to 1,100gns & 800gns.

Stewart Craft (Lakeview) made the long trip from Fife, Scotland with a grand pen of shearling ewes which sold to a top of 1,300gns for one by Limestone Limited Edition and purchased by Mike Davies & Sons, also selling others to 1,100gns to R Western, Cardiff, and 1,050gns to Mike Davies & Sons.

Geoff Biddulph, Pexhill sold his shearlings to a top of 1,000gns for a Roundacre Big Bang daughter taken by Hunters Farm, Hailey, Oxon, with others at 960gns, 920gns & two at 850gns.

Messrs Hallam & Eggleston, Seagrave also sold shearlings to £1,000gns for one by Carony Gentleman Jack, and purchased by SC Walker, Rushton, with others at 850gns, 840gns & 800gns.

Local breeders RB & GM Morgan, Llangeview sold shearling to 920gns, 900gns & 740gns with Flock ewes to 800gns.

Harley Turner, Harley sold to 880gns with others at 820gns & 800gns.

| Overall Averages            |                       |              |  |
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| 25 Flock ewes               | - max 1100gns         | Ave £658.56  |  |
| 47 Yearling ewes            | - max 5000gns (twice) | Ave £1146.06 |  |
| 33 Ewe lambs                | - max 2800gns         | Ave £831.73  |  |
| 105 head to average £931.20 |                       |              |  |

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