

Holstein South West Centenary Celebrations

A day of celebrating 100 years of black and white breeding started with the herd visit to the 2009 South West Herd competition winning 'Moorshard' herd belonging to the club president Randolph Miller and his son Brian.



“The Miller Family & their Moorshard Cows”

An evening special Sale of Stars followed, preceded by a hog roast and pre-parade of



the animals to be sold accompanied by a commentary given by Jim Westaway. Over 200 people took the opportunity to admire the depth of breeding on offer. Breeders from Norfolk, Sussex, Cornwall and Wales witnessed Auctioneers Greenslade Taylor Hunt sell the 23 heifers forward to a top price of 7,000gns.



This was fittingly achieved by 'Moorshard Goldwyn Delight ET' who was born in November 2008 and bred from 7 gens of EX or VG, with a PLI of +£215 she was secured by Martin Hussell for his 'Perrins' herd.



The last 'live' lot of the evening that was born in January 2009 and sold for 4,200gns. The heifer was consigned by Les and Karen Bennett from their 'Lilylane' herd being Wildman Kitty 31st. She was described as one for the calf show and that is what Raymond Spiller of the 'Fullwood' herd is planning to do with her.

The only milking lot of the evening was the (VG86) 'Daystar Shottle Rhapsody PI ET' a second calver from 11 gens of VG or Ex consigned by Daystar Holsteins and FH Chave and Sons, she sold for 3,700 gns to join 'Moorshard'.



The second 'Moorshard' heifer Lady Remington Amanda ET from 8 generations of Excellent made 3,500gns and travelled to Carmarthen with the Twose family who also purchased David Norman's 'Ciderhouse Baxter Fleur' heifer at 3,000 gns to join their 'Maenhir' herd.

Others at 3,000 gns and over included D & P Mead & Co's 'Lynchmead Shottle Natalma 2nd' (3,500gns); CB Cooper Partnership's 'Noremead Stormatic Marbella' (3,200gns); AJ Hinks and Sons 'Kingtonmagna Velvet Roxie 4th' (3,000gns).

Our Club Chairman Andrew Fry supported the evening by selling two heifers from his "Stourcombe" herd for the very first time. Both Incalf heifers, "Shottle Ivy 3rd" from 7 Gens of VG/Ex sold for 2500gns and "Samuelo Ricki" from a Littlebredy 2nd Dam for 2200gns.

An evening when the stars certainly shone achieved an average of £2,892.75.