

## **19,000 GUINEAS TOP AS WOODMARSH HOLSTEIN DISPERSAL** **GROSSES OVER £1.3 MILLION**

One of the largest and most successful Holstein Sales of recent years took place on farm at Bomere Heath, near Shrewsbury, when the Gould family sold virtually their entire highly respected Woodmarsh herd. The quality of the cattle in all age brackets was quite superb, and much admired by the large company in attendance, with many more following the sale on Marteye.

Over 500 cattle went under the hammer at the rate of one a minute, averaging over £2,600 per head, a remarkable average considering 160 animals were under a year old. Buyers ranged throughout the UK from Scotland to Norfolk, West Wales, Cornwall, Northern Ireland and all points in between, with over 40 animals sold to the Republic of Ireland. In a frenetic day's trading, five animals broke the five figure barrier and 165 made 3,000 guineas or more.

The Woodmarsh herd has a history of over 50 years and moved from its original home in Lancashire to Shopshire 26 years ago, since when it has established a reputation as one of the country's leading herds, breeding several bulls to become successful proven sires in the Cogent and Genus studs. The herd has attained the highest standards in conformation (over 160 Ex & VG cows went through the ring), depth of pedigree, and production, with the current herd average being over 13,000kg at 4.5% fat and 3.24% protein. More than 40 animals were giving over 50kg on sale day. Its success has been based on three cow families in particular, the Lymes, Melodys and Zandras, and there was no shortage of breeders wanting to secure one or more of these for their own herds,

The top price was 19,000gs, for the outstanding milking heifer Woodmarsh Sidekick Zandra 6 (VG-87 2yr), bred from 6 generations of Excellent cows and giving 46kg in her first lactation. The winning bid was made by Michael George, buying for the family's noted Brynhyfyrd herd in Pembrokeshire, Underbidder was John O'Connor who had earlier purchased another of the star lots, Woodmarsh Impression Melody 17 (VG-88), a potential 6<sup>th</sup> generation Excellent second calver giving over 64kg, for his and his brother Brian's Bawnmore herd in Kanturk, Co Cork at 12,500gs.

James McNeil from the Cairnpat herd near Stranraer, is always difficult to beat when a top quality animal enters the ring and he had to go to 16,000gs to secure the 88 pointed heifer Woodmarsh Unix Ola 5 ET, that has given over 11,000kg at 4.9% in her first lactation and is due again in January to Woodcrst King Doc.

The first animal to break the five figure barrier was another 88 pointed Zandra, in calf for her third in the spring to Wilder Dalliance, bought by Henry Sanderson for his family's Lancashire based Sandley herd for 10,000gs, and Messrs Rees of the Anvil herd, near Aberystwyth gave the same sum for another 46 kg heifer from the Melody family.

Probably the trade of the day was for the in calf heifers, which sold up to 5,200gs for a Delaberge Pepper daughter from the Barbie family, bought by Alan Porter, Lisburn, Co Antrim, while Khalfan Agri purchased 27 served and maiden heifers for export to the Middle East, including two at 5,000gs.

Heifer calves at foot were a tremendous trade, with most making four figures, up to 7,000gs for a daughter of the top priced animal by King Doc, bought by Hannah Edwards, Ford Heath, Shrewsbury.

Despite the wet and windy weather, there was a great turnout, testament to the popularity of the Gould family, and the sale demonstrated the continuing interest in top quality Holstein pedigrees. Wendy Young and her superb Clippaholics team ensured that everything ran smoothly, with every animal coming through in order and without delay, essential with such a large sale. We have several exciting sales planned for the first half of next year – see our advertisements in the press and on Facebook in due course for details.

<b>TOP PRICES</b>			
235	W.Sidekick Zandra 6 (VG-87 2yr)	J.W.C.George & Sons (Brynhyfryd)	19,000
169	W.Unix Ola 5 ET (VG-88 2yr)	R.McNeil Ltd (Cairnpat)	16,000
123	W.Impression Melody 17 (VG-88)	B & J.O'Connor (Bawnmore)	12,500
66	W.Impression Zandra (VG-88)	G.H.Sanderson & Family (Sandley)	10,000
227	W.MVP Melody 5 (VG-86 2yr)	L.E & P.M.Rees & Son (Anvil)	10,000
165	W.Elayo Melody Red 2 ET (VG-85 2yr)	R.McNeil Ltd (Cairnpat)	8,000
212	W.MVP Lyme 4 (VG-86 2yr)	L.E & P.M.Rees & Son (Anvil)	7,500
326	W.Rubicon Zandra 3	R.McNeil Ltd (Cairnpat)	7,500
201	W.1stClass Melody 7 (VG-87 2yr)	L.E & P.M.Rees & Son (Anvil)	7,000
235	W.King Doc Zandra 7	Hannah Edwards	7,000
31	W.Abro Lyme (Ex-92)	S.McCrystal (Gulladuff)	6,200
45	Cramar Swallow A Cutes ET (VG-88)	B & J.O'Connor (Bawnmore)	6,000
45A	W.Cyprus Cutes	R.McNeil Ltd (Cairnpat)	6,000
145	W.Dorcy Melody 12 (VG-87)	Martin Evans Farming Ltd (Priddbwl)	6,000
170	W.Unix Ola 4 ET (VG-87 2yr)	J.Lomax & Son (Chorlton)	6,000
19	W.Silver Neoma (Ex-92)	K.J & C.S.Wilson Ltd (Warnelview)	5,500
61	Sterndale Sender Zip (VG-88)	W.W.Neilson (Overside)	5,400
173	W.MVP Prudence (VG-86 2yr)	P & M.Timmis (Westvalley)	5,400
281	W.Pepper Barbie	A.P.Porter (Drumport)	5,200
244	W.Spring Barbie 2 ET	A.H.Wilson (Tregibby)	5,000
283	W.Silver Melody 12	Khalfan Agri- export to Middle East	5,000
284	W.Spring Barbie ET	Khalfan Agri- export to Middle East	5,000
358	W.Pepper Zandra 7	A.Black (Keely)	5,000
399	W.King Doc Zandra 2	D.R & B.M.Thomas (Churchvale)	5,000
161	W.MVP Zandra 3 (VG-87 2yr)	N.W.Roberts (Dulais)	4,800
174	W.MVP Shower (VG-86 2yr)	Martin Evans Farming Ltd (Priddbwl)	4,800
245	W.MVP Barbie 3 ET	F.G.Windsor & Son (Hendomen)	4,800
280	W.Unix Zandra 8 ET	Khalfan Agri- export to Middle East	4,800
290	W.Sidekick Melody 4	Khalfan Agri- export to Middle East	4,800
273	W.Evolution Melody 2	A.L.Moore & Partners (Danevalley)	4,700
74	W.Control Melody 2 (VG-85)	Martin Evans Farming Ltd (Priddbwl)	4,600
137	W.Seaver Lyme 2 (VG-85 2yr)	Pinniger & Sons (Pinnupp)	4,600
156	W. Unix Melody 3 (VG-85)	J.S.Bird (Bartonwood)	4,600
167	W.Secretariat Neoma (VG-86 2yr)	J.M & S.C.Wadsworth (Mourneview)	4,600
171	W.Unix Ola 3 ET (VG-86 2yr)	N & S.McCann (Simlahill)	4,600
277	W.Rubicon Ghost ET	A.L.Moore & Partners (Danevalley)	4,600
70	W.Doorman Zandra 8 ET (Ex-92)	ML Farming (Crystalclear)	4,500
77	W.Impression Edda 3 (Ex-91)	P.J.Waring & Son (Winton)	4,500
131	W.Seaver Melody 5 (VG-87)	R.L.Edwards (Delacre)	4,500
204	W.Sidekick Zandra (VG-87 2yr)	B & I.Carr (Iford)	4,500
246	W.Rubicon Ghost 2 ET	C.Thomasson & Son (Norville)	4,500
54	W.Dorcy Melody 7 (Ex-91)	R.McNeil Ltd (Cairnpat)	4,400
55	W.Cayle Melody 2 (Ex-92)	Pinniger & Sons (Pinnupp)	4,400
143	W.Unix Zandra ET (VG-87 2yr)	K.J & C.S.Wilson Ltd (Warnelview)	4,400
108	W.Shottle Lyme 2 ET (VG-87)	J.O.Williams Farming (Rosehip)	4,300
194A	Lynholme Doorman Elegance	R.Stewart	4,300
278	W.Pepper Zandra	Khalfan Agri- export to Middle East	4,200

402	W.Orbit Zandra	B B Farms (BB)	4,200
370	W.Rubicon Neoma 2	A & C.McAulfield (Lissue)	4,200
38	W.Guarini Ghost (Ex-90)	R & M.Scott (Nethervalley)	4,100
65	W.Impression Melody 6 (VG-89)	N.W.Roberts (Dulais)	4,000
104	W.Mincio Countess (VG-88)	R.McNeil Ltd (Cairnpat)	4,000
118	W.Impression Melody 12 ET (VG-88)	Winsbury Livestock Ltd (Chirbury)	4,000
189	W.MVP Melody 2 (VG-86 2yr)	Pinniger & Sons (Pinnupp)	4,000
192	W.Secretariat Zandra 4 (VG-87 2yr)	N.W.Roberts (Dulais)	4,000
216	W.Sidekick Lyme (VG-86 2yr)	Pinniger & Sons (Pinnupp)	4,000
250	W.Spring Zandra 4	W.P & E.G.Williams (Waliswood)	4,000
255	W.Spring Zandra	D.J.B.Thomas & Son (Gelliddu)	4,000
257	W.Spring Zandra 8	Rowlands & Lewis (Llancourt)	4,000
287	W.Pepper Melody 2	Khalfan Agri- export to Middle East	4,000
288	W.Sidekick Apple	Khalfan Agri- export to Middle East	4,000
329	W.Swingman Melody Red	S.McCrystal (Gulladuff)	4,000

### **AVERAGES**

229 cows           £ 3,347.16  
46 served heifers   £ 3,633.91  
113 maiden heifers   £ 2,106.97  
125 calves           £ 1,496.04  
2 bulls               £ 2,625.00

515 head           £ 2,648.54

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