

## **STRONG TRADE FOR THE DONNAH DISPERSAL**

The dispersal sale of Donald and Lorna Tyson's Donnah herd of Holsteins drew a good crowd, including a strong contingent from over the Welsh border, to their farm on the Wirral. Many favourable comments were received about the quality of the cattle, well managed for the past 20 years by Paul Fox, and a strong trade ensued for all ages of stock.

Top price of 2,800gs was paid by Philip Halhead of Norbeck Genetics Ltd, Lancaster, for the freshly calved heifer Donnah Mayday Joyce, bred from 4 generations of Ex or VG cows.

The third calver Donnah Dennis Lady 2 drew the first of 53 bids of 2,000 guineas or more, when selling for 2,650gs to C.Thomasson & Son, Whitchurch, Nicholas Jones of the Shipping herd at Llawhaden, Pembrokeshire gave the same money for a 10,000kg third calver Donnah Shady Gymkana, due in August to Overside Flinch.

Trebersed Farms Ltd, Carmarthen, bought six good milky cows, including the Excellent-92 Donnah Merlin Genifer 2 at 2,400gs, the second calver Donnah Samilte Laura for 2,600gs and 4 other VG cows.

Allen Family Farms Ltd. Whitchurch were in the market for many of the best milkers and purchased 23 head, the majority at over 2,000gs.

In calf heifers sold to 2,150gs, paid by R.Brassington, Stoke-on-Trent, for a daughter of the home bred Donnah Dennis, who had bred particularly well in the herd, and out of an Excellent cow of the Clarissa family. Recently served & maiden heifers made up to 1,580 gs for a Donnah Damion daughter, one of 40 purchases on the day by H & M.Jones, St Asaph, the day's biggest volume buyers.

Possibly the fastest trade of the day was for the heifer calves at foot, up to 1,000gs (twice) and many more of the stronger ones over 800gs.

More than 140 animals were secured by Welsh buyers, with other purchasers coming from South West Scotland and Yorkshire. A very successful sale and a fitting finale to over 40 years of pedigree breeding by Messrs Tyson.

<b>TOP PRICES</b>			
288	Donnah Mayday Joyce	Norbreck Genetics Ltd (Nprbreck)	2,800
76	Donnah Dennis Lady 2 (VG-88)	C.Thomasson & Son (Norville)	2,650
95	Donnah Shady Gymkana (VG-89)	N.A & K.L.Jones (Shipping)	2,650
185	Donnah Samite Laura (VG-86)	Trebersed Farms Ltd (Trebersed)	2,600
78	Donnah Dennis Annette (VG-88)	Trebersed Farms Ltd (Trebersed)	2,500
107	Donnah Merlin Genifer 2 (Ex-92)	Trebersed Farms Ltd (Trebersed)	2,400
122	Donnah Nadal Feconde (VG-87)	Allen Family Farms Ltd	2,350
189	Donnah Samite Gymkana (VG-85)	Allen Family Farms Ltd	2,350
157	Donnah Dennis Dora (GP-84)	S.Forshaw & Sons (Longshaw)	2,300
168	Donnah Oceanus Gymkana 2 (GP-82)	S.Forshaw & Sons (Longshaw)	2,300
194	Donnah Samite Reno (VG-86)	Allen Family Farms Ltd	2,250
269	Donnah Daredevil Reno 2 (GP-82 2yr)	Allen Family Farms Ltd	2,250

## AVERAGES

286 cows & calved heifers	£ 1674-86
59 served heifers	£ 1,560-05
31 recently served & maiden heifers	£ 1,043-94
51 calves at foot	£ 645-44
422 head	£ 1,495-53

**Auctioneers: Norton & Brooksbank**