



# SUSSEX CATTLE SOCIETY

**SPRING SHOW & SALE 20th April 2012**

9 bulls and 99 females sold

## **Report on trade by Auctioneer: Mark Cleverdon 07748 202688**

A generally good quality entry of stock was penned for the event and with breeding cattle meeting very strong demand through the whole country this Sussex sale was no exception. The show element of the day was judged by the senior herd person for the Hind family Mrs Brenda Hide and she chose the Stevens family's bull Mayfield Intelligent 1st as senior class winner and the champion. Chandler and Dunn Ltd presented the reserve champion male and best junior Duke 6th of Goldstone. In the females, judged in the pens, champion female came from Isfield Place Estate, a Trottenden Wellington 3rd sired maiden heifer while a pair of Millson bred Trottenden heifers by their own Despot 13th bull were best pair of maidens. From the short entry of in calf heifers M D & S Rees were judged best pair. These were classes kindly sponsored by the Farmers Guardian.

Come sale time and when the first run of cows and calves came through we knew we were in for an exciting 2 hours. M Wilsons 3 young cows with spring calves made 1480, 1425 and 1475gns; C E & W S Millson's similar cow and calf made 1550gns and then Denyer and Sheppard sold young cows and calves at 1525 and 1500gns and 2 in calves 1200gns. The first of 3 herd reductions and dispersals came next with Brinsbury Colleges 8 strong cows and calves which averaged 1537gns from a top of 1600gns.

The champion bull from L Stevens and Sons made 3400gns to Chandler and Dunn Ltd and the reserve champion 2300gns to C Somerset. L Stevens and Sons 2 young bulls made 2900 and 2800gns and then a 2008 Newsome bred 2008 born bull Friths General 2nd made 3100gns to R Ruthven. Even through the older bulls offered all went to new homes to breed.

In calf heifers were a scarce commodity and the strong trade continued with the M D & S Rees seeing their 6 sell to 1250gns and average 1145gns. Then the maiden heifers were offered and C E & W S Millson were the first to see theirs making 1000gns or more for 6 out of their 9 with Trottenden Belle 25th, the reserve best female, making 1050gns to Andrew and Sue Grange, Truro, Cornwall. Selling continued at similar levels reflecting age and size in the runs of heifers with the vast majority going to new homes to breed with the other highlights being J C & C Lewis 9 18mth old heifers making to 980gns and averaging 828gns and Isfield Place Estate seeing their champion maiden make 960gns and the run of 8 (which were not sold last autumn!) averaged 878gns.

The 2 herd dispersals completed the days business and herd builders were still around the ring. Julia Craven from Cidermill Farm, Newdigate sold her in calf cows to 1500gns and with young calves to 1600gns while Colin Godmans Farm sold their late summer calving cows with strong calves to 1450gns (twice).

It was pleasing to see cattle from the sale dispersed around the south of England with major buyers present from Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Essex and Cornwall. If you have pedigree cattle to sell there is demand and on Tuesday 22nd May we will focus on breeding cattle within our regular livestock trading day. Averages: 20 In calf cows 1109gns; 23 Cows and calves 1462gns; 9 bulls 2,366gns; 51 maiden heifers (bn spring and Summer 10) 862 gns and 5 younger maiden heifers 454 gns.

Top breeders consignments: C E & W S Millson 9 heifers to 1050gns av 995gns; L Stevens and Sons 5 heifers to 940gns av 853gns; Earl De La Warr 5 to 870gns av 816gns.

## **Show Results — Judge: Mrs. Brenda Hide**

### **Senior Bulls**

1st & Ch. Mayfield Intelligent 1st, L. Stevens & Sons  
2nd Friths General 2nd, Mr. R. Jones  
3rd Boxted Wellington 4th, L. Stevens & Sons

### **Pair Maiden Heifers**

### **Junior Bulls**

1st & RC. Duke 6th of Goldstone, Chandler & Dunn Ltd.  
2nd Boxted Endeavour 2nd, L. Stevens & Sons  
3rd Katawampus 4th of Goldstone, Chandler & Dunn

### **Pair In-Calf Heifers**

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