

**SHOW & SALE REPORT****SPRING SHOW & SALE 6th April, Ashford Market**

**Auctioneer: Mark Cleverdon 07748 202688**

**Report on trade:** The bull sale was again the highlight of this spring event and the female entry was disappointing in size. This “Great British Beef” breed is still first choice for many farmers in the South East with supporters from further afield too in the mix providing solid demand for breeding stock. Finishers, butchers and meat wholesalers are next down the line in helping to provide the right economic basis for the continued strength of the breed.

Young John Hickman, farming at the Sissinghurst Castle estate, was judge for the day and chose a male champion from Chandler & Dunn’s Goldstone herd based in East Kent, Poll Stargazer 5<sup>th</sup>. Reserve champion was Mrs W G Buchanan’s Poll Stargazer 1<sup>st</sup> from their Black Ven herd kept on a farm in Nutley near Uckfield, East Sussex.

Female champion was Chandler & Dunn’s maiden heifer, Poll Gaiety 77<sup>th</sup> with L Stevens & Sons Boxted herd producing the reserve, Boxted Heedless 32<sup>nd</sup> from their Sittingbourne, Kent based herd.

The sale ring saw Wright Farm Ptnrs, East Guldeford, Rye purchase the champion for 5,000gns, T Monnington from Chichester the Boxted bull for 4200gns and Mrs Jane Howard, Wadhurst the reserve champion at 2400gns. Two other bulls caught the buyers attention being Spanton & Patersons Maygate Poll Jupiter making 3200gns to Box Farm Ptnrs, Andover, Hampshire and C E & W S Millson, Goudhurst, Kent’s Trottenden Poll Major 3<sup>rd</sup> making 3,000gns to F A Starley, Henfield.

The female sale saw 3 young in calf cows from J & S Harmer, Lewes, East Sussex make 1000gns each to new breeder Ian Fribbins, Buxteda cow and calf 1570gns and the champion female 1000gns to Phillip Ashby, Corsham , Wiltshire and the Stevens Boxted heifer, 1200gns to Simon Hasemore, Rochester.

**Averages:** 11 bulls 2590 gns, 3 young in calf cows 1,000gns, 3 mature maiden heifers 1091 gns and 4 young maidens 545gns.

**Show Results, Judge: Mr. John Hickman****Bulls born on or before 31st December 2015**

1st & CH Goldstone Poll Stargazer 5th, Chandler & Dunn Ltd.  
2nd Boxted Major 7th, L. Stevens & Sons

**Bulls born on or after 1st January 2016**

1st & RC Black Ven Poll Stargazer 1st, Buchanan Family  
2nd Trottenden Poll Major 3rd, C.E. & W.S. Millson  
3rd Black Ven Poll Stargazer 3rd, Buchanan Family

**Maiden Heifers**

1st & CH Goldstone Poll Gaiety 77th, Chandler & Dunn Ltd.  
2nd & RC Boxted Heedless 32nd, L. Stevens & Sons  
3rd Goldstone Poll Snow Princess 10th, Chandler & Dunn Ltd.  
4th Boxted Finch 114th, L. Stevens & Sons

