

## KENBOW HERD SELLS TO 2050 GNS AT BEESTON

The dispersal of the entire Kenbow herd of pedigree Holsteins, the property of N P Kennerley, Bow Green Farm, Bowdon, Altrincham took place at Beeston Castle Auction on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February in front of a useful crowd of purchasers. No doubt the postponement of the original sale had a bearing on attendance but nevertheless cattle were sold to farms in North and South Wales, throughout the Midlands as well as Cheshire and its surrounding counties, with a total of 41 active purchasers on the day.

The herd was being dispersed through a culmination of reasons, primarily health, and comprised 114 cows and milking heifers, 16 in-calf and recently served heifers, 13 maidens and 16 heifer calves born in 2017. The herd followed an all year round calving pattern with a fairly level supply of milk each month, with a possible bias towards summer calving as over 50 members of the herd were heavy in-calf or late lactation and calving in that period.

The top two priced individuals of the sale each sold for 2050gns. Firstly Kenbow Million Aline (VG86) a daughter of England-Ammon Million who had freshened in November with her third calf, sold giving over 50kg daily having given 6292kg in her last lactation, travelling to Leicestershire to her new home with SM JE JR Tolley. Next at 2050gns was a fresh heifer Timberleah Lancelot Erica, a daughter of the homebred Kenbow Glen Sir Lancelot who was sold giving 38kg having calved in November, going to Ward Partners, Market Drayton. Also travelling to Market Drayton was Timberleah Lancelot Rose (VG85), a second calver who had freshened in January, again sired by Sir Lancelot and giving 48kg and selling for 2000gns.

In-calf and recently served heifers were the trade of the day; they were a lovely group and sold readily with plenty of bidding to a ceiling of 1450gns twice and a further six over 1200gns. The top sellers were a Glauco heifer from the Erica family going to D Rutter, Delamere and a Ernhr Martin heifer from the Carol family going to RG & DJ Frith, Knutsford, both heifers were due in late March.

Maiden heifers and calves met spirited bidding, if anything a little underdone for age. However the maiden heifers sold to a very consistent trade with the vast majority selling for over 700 gns; selling to a top of 820gns for a 18 month old daughter of Kenbow Glen Erik which sold to C R Griffiths & Sons, Byley. Calves at foot topped at 720gns for Kenbow Glauco Erica 3<sup>rd</sup>, sold to D Rutter.

### **AVERAGES:**

**114 Cows and Milking Heifers £1155.04; 16 In-calf and Served Heifers £1104.47; 13 Maiden Heifers £669.58.**

*WRIGHT MARSHALL of Beeston Castle Auction, Cheshire were the Auctioneers.*