

## DEEHAVEN GOES OUT IN STYLE

Wednesday this week saw the re-scheduled final sale to disperse the noted Deehaven herd for Mr Sam Noble. Founded 40 years ago, it is a pure Canadian Holstein herd with an elite health status, certified under the Checs Cattle Health Standards. The milking herd was sold in June last year and this sale, first planned for January 6, was postponed due to bad weather. However a good crowd filled the impressive sale ring which included 37 buyers from Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and many parts of England.

The sale set off in a promising mode as the 19 milking heifers attracted strong bidding, up to 3,000 guineas for a Hartline Tom daughter from the Erland family. Mr G.A.G Evans was the successful bidder and takes the heifer, along with 8 other grand sorts back to Welshpool for his Trawscoed herd. Heifer calves at foot were 'on fire' making 1,000 guineas or more on 3 occasions for calves barely 2 months old.

The Erland family was keenly sort all day and provided the top price of 3,500 guineas for Deehaven Amery Erland Red, a lovely natural red heifer recently pd+ in calf. Her dam was a red Talent heifer, purchased by Geoff Ulllyott at the June sale for 4,400gns. She has been re-classified since purchase and is now VG-89 with her second calf. The buyer was Mr D Davies from Llandysul, Ceredigion, who purchased 4 heifers for his Dafron herd.

One of the most admired calves in the sale was Deehaven Goldwyn Milly, whose dam is an Excellent-93 Comestar Leader. At less than 12 months old this highly promising individual travels to West Wales to Lewis Pearson Ltd at 3,200 gns. Another Milly, bred from 8 generations of VG/EX cows fetched 3,100 gns as an in-calf heifer, selling to Mr S.F Roberts of the Townhouse herd near Tarporley.

Main buyers on the day were David and James Manning from Hereford, who secured 28 head for their Newcross herd, which is also a high health status herd. The Mannings were principal buyers at the June sale and relished the rare opportunity to buy top class stock from a herd with comparable health levels.

Sam Noble has been a pioneer in pushing livestock keepers to move to testing their herds regularly to eradicate diseases such as Lepto, IBR, BVD & Johnnes. Several buyers were present because of this high level of herd health and maybe we shall see more of this in the future. The day began with minstrels playing buyers into their seats and ended with smiles and an average of £1,722 per lot.

<b>AVERAGES: 19 Calved Heifers</b>	<b>avgd. £2,853</b>
<b>77 Served Heifers</b>	<b>£1,820</b>
<b>63 Maiden Heifers</b>	<b>£1,287</b>

**159 Lots (incl 8 'A'lots)    avgd.    £1,732.31**

## TOP PRICES at DEEHAVEN

<b>LOT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>BUYER</b>	<b>PRICE Gns</b>
73	D. Amery Erland Red	D Davies (Dafron)	3500
145	D. Goldwyn Milly	Lewis Pearson Ltd	3200
36	D. Lancelot Milly	S.F Roberts (Townhouse)	3100
13	D. Tom Erland	G.A.G Evans (Trawscoed)	3000
119	D. Dolman Alma 4	G.W & M Coates & Son (Bailmoor)	2900
2	D. Drake Flood	G.A.G Evans (Trawscoed)	2800
8	D. Dolman Monica	G.A.G Evans (Trawscoed)	2800
10	D. Dolman Ness	G.A.G Evans (Trawscoed)	2800
17	D. Detective Anna	G.A.G Evans (Trawscoed)	2800
19	D. Detective Kate 2	A Fletcher	2800
49	D. Thunder Jean	G.A.G Evans (Trawscoed)	2800
128	D. Bolivia Erland	C.T & S.E.C James (Closfarm)	2700
143	D. Final Cut Monica	O.P Williams & Partners (Plasmachen)	2600
7	D. Dolman Jean	G.A.G Evans (Trawscoed)	2500
9	D. Dolman Alma 3	R & A.J Manning & Son (Newcross)	2500
16	D. Affirmed Erland	R & A.J Manning & Son (Newcross)	2500

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