

1. Spring Show & Sale Report

Spring thaws as Sale Ring warms up

This year's Spring Show & Sale saw a tempting catalogue of 80 lots including 17 bulls from new and established herds. Given the trials of the spring weather, together with the pressures of lambing and calving, all exhibitors were congratulated by Judge, Mr John May of Priorton Barton, for the standard and presentation of bulls forward. John May picked three class winners before tapping out his overall champion, Knowstone Rock Solid 2nd, a powerful 23 month old bull, from John & Rosemary Stanbury's Knowstone herd at Knowstone, near South Molton, Devon. Rock Solid 2nd sold to Ray Wilmington's Wadhayes Farm Partners, near Honiton, Devon for 3400gns. The market followed the Judge's selection with the Champion and all class winners making the Sale's top price of 3,400gns. The Reserve Champion, Larkbarrow Hotshot, from Henry Rawson's recently established herd, at the Wellshead Estate, Exford on Exmoor, sold to GN & EJ Hosegood, Yeatheridge Farm, nr Crediton, Devon for 3,400gns. The third class winner, AJ Thomas' Bollowal Barbarian, also made 3,400gns, selling to Jim Dufosse to join his large pedigree herd on the Salisbury Plains, at Farnicombe Farm, Upton Scudamore, Wiltshire. Competition was strong across all classes; first time exhibitors Viv & Jen Scott from Treworlas near Truro, found good trade for their well grown bull, Trevithick Ethan who also achieved top price of 3,400gns selling to Chris Eveleigh to join his West Ilkerton herd, at Lynton on Exmoor. With thoughts of snow, the price of straw and no signs of spring growth, it was perhaps predictable that trade was warm rather than hot. Nevertheless, all bar 2 bulls forward sold, averaging £2,902, slightly down on 2017 but still ~£600 up on the 2016 average. With 41 heifers forward, the best trade went to Female Champion, Coxwell Estate's Coxwell Bridget 8th from Manor Farm, Faringdon, Oxfordshire. This outstanding maiden heifer attracted plenty of interest selling to Clive Hartwright for 2,600gns to join his newly established Inglewood herd, Kirtle Lodge, Kintbury, near Hungerford. Coxwell also took Reserve Female Champion with Snowdrop 28th who sold to 1300gns, also to Clive Hartwright. Another Oxfordshire breeder, PJ Florey & Son achieved good prices for their consignment of 3 maiden heifers; Northmoor's Norah making top price at 1240gns to join Pete Trump's Holly herd at Peasmarsh, near Ilminster Somerset. Margaret Elliott's well respected Cutcombe prefix found plenty of bidders; all three selling to Mrs S Comer to re-establish her Ashott Barton herd. All 28 maiden heifers averaged £1068 which was up £190 compared to the average for Spring 2017. The average for steers at £787 was down compared to last year, but on trend with other sales this spring. John May presented 19 year old Hannah White, with the Young Ruby Champion shield for 2017. Like so many others, Hannah was introduced to showing by Michelle and Eric Heard whilst a student at Duchy. Now Hannah is a successful young handler, working full-time in farming. With thanks to Derek Biss and the team at Greenslade Taylor Hunt, Judge Mr JW May, our Show & Sales sponsors, Shearwell Data, and our volunteer stewards who work tirelessly on the day to ensure a well organised, smooth running day for vendors and buyers alike.

Averages

Bulls (14)	£2,903
In-calf heifers(9)	£ 944
Maiden heifers (28)	£1,068

Results

Class	Animal	Exhibitor
Bull Class 1		
1 st	Larkbarrow Hotshot M17052	Mr H Rawson
2 nd	Colleton Rex M17036	S & G Philips
3 rd	Champion Hot Shot M18022	Messrs G Dart & Son
Bull Class 2		

1 st	Knowstone Rock Solid 2 nd M18012	Mr & Mrs JR Stanbury
2 nd	Knowstone Knowhow 5 th M18011	Mr & Mrs JR Stanbury
3 rd	Whitefield Royal Male M18017	M Hurd, Messrs Heywood & Hurd
Sale Show & Champion	Knowstone Rock Solid 2 nd	
Reserve Champion	Larkbarrow Hotshot	
Best Pair of Bulls by same sire	Knowstone Rock Solid 2 nd & Knowstone Knowhow 5 th (sire Barton Elite M12008)	Mr & Mrs JR Stanbury
In-calf Heifer class		
1 st	Ashway Cornelia 7 th F151048	G Vellacott
2 nd	Ashway Betty 3 rd F151047	G Vellacott
Maiden Heifer class		
1 st	Coxwell Bridget 8 th F160278	Mrs P Allsopp (Exors)
2 nd	Coxwell Snowdrop 28 th PF160024	Mrs P Allsopp (Exors)
3 rd	Coxwell Nibble 26 th F161869	Mrs P Allsopp (Exors)
Female Champion	Coxwell Bridget 8th	