

## Gisburn Auctions Christmas Prime Lamb Show - Thursday 15 December 2011

Gisburn Auctions Christmas prime lamb show, on Thursday 15 December saw an outstanding pen of 5 Beltex lambs from regular vendor Robert Lambert, Wigglesworth, Skipton taking the championship and reaching £185 per head or 451p/kg weighing 41kg. Mr Lambert also took the reserve championship with his 38kg Beltex lambs going under the hammer at £122 per head.



A fantastic show of lambs was forward at the show selling to packed ringside of buyers with a good trade to match. Over a 1000 lambs forward for sale with an overall average of 194p/kg. Full report of all show classes available below.

## A record price of £3400 at Christmas Pedigree Dairy Show & Sale - 15 December 2011

A record top price of £3,400 topped the Gisburn auction market Christmas pedigree dairy cattle show. Regular vendor Colin Singleton, Goosnargh, Preston fought off strong opposition from new and regular vendors to take the championship. His Braveheart heifer was three weeks calved giving 31kg and sold to A Greenhalgh on behalf of a Cumbrian pedigree breeder. Pre-sale show judge David Talbot had a tough task with the best ever show of cattle in front of him and for reserve champion he choose Brian Whitfield, Wolverley, Wem, Shropshire with his Holmland Hero second lactation cow giving 37 litres this also sold to A Greenhalgh on behalf of North Yorkshire pedigree breeder for £2,900. Local buyer David Walmsley, Worston, Clitheroe took another Singleton heifer at £2,800 this time by Magot and giving 32 litres. Colin Middleton, Mitton, Clitheroe took home several of the Mr Whitfield cows at £2,450 and £2,000. Lee Donkin, Copster Green, Blackburn also had a successful day selling his Sandy Valley Bolton heifer to Tom Pickup, Entwistle, Bolton for £2,620 and also winning the in calf class and the Frank Wade trophy with a Baxter heifer selling at £1,920 to JS & KM Wilson & Son, Helsington, Kendal. Frankland Farms, Rathmell, Settle were also in the money at £2,120 with a Hellifield Dundee heifer giving 24kgs selling to GT Blezard, Ribchester, Preston. Trade was brisk right to the end of the sale when G & MA Smith, Samlesbury, Preston sold their Wildman heifer to John Dodgson, Bank Newton, Gargrave, Skipton for £2,250.

In the regular milkers trade was similar to last week. PK Smith, Burnley top at £1,880 and MR Smith, Laneshawbridge, Colne at £1,810.00. Heifer calves topped at £440 for a red and white Holstein to J & S Hartley, Bashall Eaves, Clitheroe.

Averages Pedigree newly calved heifers £2089; Pedigree newly calved cows £2258; Pedigree in-calf heifers £1570; Heifer Calves £368

Auctioneers: Richard Turner & Son



Colin Singleton with his champion newly calved heifer which sold for £3400 and Ian Plews, of Cogent Breeding, the pre-sale show sponsor.

## YOUNG FARMERS DOMINATED PRIME CATTLE SHOW - Thursday 8 December 2011

Gisburn Auction Marts Christmas Prime Cattle show was dominated by Craven Young Farmers , judged by the

very capable, 18 year old Harry Wood. Who after much deliberation awarded the championship to the first prize winner of the Young Handlers Class, a British Blue steer, born in May 2010, exhibited by 19 year old, show cattle enthusiast, Clare Cropper on behalf of Cropper & Mellin, Long Preston, Skipton. This later in the day went to make the top price of £2901.60 (520p/kg), to Luke Swales buying on behalf of Knavesmire Butchers, York. The first £500 from the sale of the beast was donated to the Harry's Star Children's Brain Tumour charity based in Yorkshire.

Cropper & Mellin also presented the reserve champion and first prize winner of the best continental heifer class, an April 2010 born, Limousin heifer, weighing 592kgs, she sold at £2072 (350/kg).

Next best in the bidding stakes was a 478kg, black homebred Limousin heifer, sired by Haltcliffe Dougie, from DM & RE Capstick, Hellifield, Skipton, exhibited by 10 year old Paddy Capstick, which joined Townson & Son Quality Butchers, Brierfield, Lancashire at £1458 (305p/kg).

The judge, Harry Wood, said "There was an outstanding show of quality prime cattle forward, its great to see so many farmers and buyers gathered to watch some of the country's best prime cattle compete before being put up for auction by Richard Turner."

Hayley Baines, Trawden, Colne achieved £1577.24 (262p/kg) for her April 2010 born, 602kgs steer which won the British Blue class and sold to Bowland Foods.

In the native breed section, David Pawson, Pleasington, Blackburn was triumphant with his April 2010 born Aberdeen Angus heifer, weighing 540kgs and sold for £1414.80 to quality butchers Richard & Barbara Binns, Saltaire, Bradford.

33 show cattle forward, 11 Premium Steers averaged 255p/kg; 28 Premium Heifers averaged 247p/kg



Champion prime cattle in the ring  
Tom Robinson, Vice Chairman of Gisburn Auction Marts, Clare Cropper & John Mellin with the Champion which sold for £2901.60 (520p/kg).

Judging of prime cattle  
Eighteen year old Harry Wood of Bowland Foods, Preston, judging the prime cattle show



Champion Young Handler  
Mark Hartley presenting the Young Handlers trophy to Clare Cropper with her heifer which went on to win supreme champion of the day.

Christmas Prime Cattle Champion  
John Mellin and Clare Cropper with the champion animal which sold for £2901.60 (520p/kg), to Knavesmire Butchers, York.

PHOTOS ALL LEFT TO RIGHT

#### BUYERS FLOCK FROM A FAR TO CHRISTMAS STIRK SHOW & SALE - Thursday 8 December 2011

Buyers from as far afield as Norfolk and Carlisle competed with local buyers to create spirited bidding at Gisburn Auction Marts Christmas show and sale of stinks on Thursday 8 December.

David Wilcock, Billinge, Wigan picked up both the champion and reserve out of the 173 cattle forward, with a pair of 7 month old Limousin heifers which sold for £880 and £800 to AA & E Critchley & Son, Hutton, Preston and John Mellin, Long Preston, Skipton respectively.

Topping the sale was craven farmer, David Capstick, Swinden Moor, Hellifield, Skipton with an eleven month old Limousin steer, sired by Haltcliffe Dougie, which sold for £1000 to JR & B Webster of Taylors Farm shop, Latham, Ormskirk. Next lot from the same vendor sold at £930 was another Limousin steer by the same sire, this time selling to WMS (Norfolk) Ltd.

Averages Bulls: BB £717; Sim £632; BB £599. Heifers BB £544; Blonde £530; Lim £488.



Left to right: The champion stirk which sold for £880, with Martin Wilcock and Geordie Parker, pre-sale show judge.

#### Gisburn Auction Marts Sat 3 Dec– Young Handlers Sheep Show

For the second year running Issy Hartley, Roughlee, Nelson was triumphant at Gisburn Auction Marts Annual Young Handlers' Sheep Show on Saturday 3 December, with a perfectly trimmed black Zwartbles cross Texel gimmer lamb.

Fourteen year old Miss Hartley, a keen member of Pendle Forest Young Farmers and Fisher Moore School pupil had spent the last few weeks preparing her lamb to the highest possible standard for exhibition, which had earlier in the day won the first prize rosette in the highly contested 12 to 16 year old age group class. Later in the day the lamb was sold at auction for the top price of the day, £155.

Reserve champion rosette and first prize winner in the 17 to 27 year old age group class, went to 17 year old Victoria Seed, chairman of Chipping Young Farmers club and an A level student a Newman College, Preston. Laura Banks, a member of Samlesbury Young Farmers, who works on her parent's dairy farmer at Hutton, Preston was second in this class with her well presented Beltex lamb which sold for £135

The Capstick brothers, Swinden Moor, Hellifield, Skipton dominated the 11 years and under age group class, when they achieved a hat trick.

Picking up the first prize rosette was ten year old Paddy Capstick, a year six pupil at Settle Middle School, with his black Suffolk cross Zwartbles lamb named Lady Baa Baa, which sold for £90 Second prize was awarded to the youngest of the brothers Thomas, age five years old, a pupil of Long Preston Primary School, this time with a white Texel lamb which sold for £108. With elder brother 11 year old Robert, a member of Coniston Cold Young Farmers and year seven pupil at Settle Middle School picking up the third prize rosette with another black Suffolk cross Zwartbles named Misha B which sold for £102.

Richard Seed an active member of Chipping Young Farmers Club had the honour of giving the vote of thanks to the judge and sponsors; he was placed second in the 12 to 16 year old age group class with his Beltex lamb, which sold for £136.

Texel sheep guru and previous winner of numerous national prime stock competitions Alex Brown, Tockholes, Darwen was the judge. Describing the day as "A tremendous opportunity to encourage the farmers of the future, and demonstrate to them the importance of the live auction system."

Special prizes were awarded to competitors Rebecca & Hannah Chapman, Bewerley, Harrogate; John Critchley, Hutton, Preston; George Fitton, Halton West, Skipton; Rachel Harrison, Slaidburn, Emma Johnson, Bewerley Harrogate; Sam & Molly Phillipson, Briercliffe, Burnley, Laura Robinson, Tosside, Skipton; William Stamper, Chipping; Sarah Whitley, Summerbridge, Harrogate. The show was very kindly sponsored by Judith Smith of JS Accountancy, Clitheroe & Pearson's Farm Supplies, West Marton, Skipton.

Auctioneers Richard Turner & Son



Champion Issy Hartley  
Left to right Alex Brown, pre-sale judge, Judith Smith of JS Accountancy show sponsor and Issy Hartley the champion young handler



Reserve Victoria Seed  
Alex Brown, pre-sale judge, Judith Smith of JS Accountancy show sponsor and Victoria Seed the reserve champion young handler

Young Farmer Group All the young handlers with Issy Hartley the champion young handler and her lamb.	Picking up the first prize rosette in the 11 years and under age group class was ten year old Paddy Capstick
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#### Gisburn Auction Marts Christmas Show Of Store Cattle - Sat 3rd Dec 2011

British Blue heifers were keenly bid at Gisburn Auction Marts Christmas Show Of Store Cattle with David Capstick, Swinden Moor, Hellifield, Skipton achieving £1200 for the champion.

At eighteen month old, this Heifer was quickly placed in the pre-sale show judged by Roger & Joe Webster.

Next lot from Mr Capstick was another British Blue heifer, months old she sold for £1140 to Mick Mills, Derbyshire.

Regular vendor Philip Ireland, Waddington, Clitheroe sold his British Blue heifer for £1100.



Champion Store Animal

#### Gisburn Auction Mart Christmas Pigs Show and Sale – Sat 3rd Dec 2011

A whopping show of pigs was forward at Gisburn Auction Mart Christmas Pigs Show and Sale last Saturday. With 272 forward for sale, all pigs being sold well above expectations finding homes far and wide across the country.

The judge Mick Mills, who had travelled from Derbyshire, had his work cut out selecting from four classes of pigs and awarding the championship to Sidney Launder, Tottington, Bury with an outstanding pair of Pietrain cross prime pigs. They sold to buyer Stephen Taylor, Bamber Bridge, Preston at a price of £212 per head under stiff competition from judge Mr Mills. Reserve champion pure Pietrains from David Pawson, Blackburn sold to £165 per head again to Mr Taylor.

Renowned pig breed, Mr Pawson was in the money again when he sold a pure Pietrain breeding boar, winner of the first prize breeding class, at £250, the purchaser E Edwards, Mid Wales.

Auctioneer, Jonathan Turner commented what an fantastic sale day, with a superb show of quality pigs from regular, new and far afield customers and finish the last pig sale day this year by thanking vendors and buyers for their continued support and wishing them all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Gisburn Auction Marts next pigs sale will be Saturday 14 January 2012 with the New Year Show and Sale.



Judge Mick Mills with  
Mr. Sidney Launder and his  
Championship Pigs

#### Strong Prices for Cull Cows - Thursday 1 December 2011

Despite the pressure on the easing of deadweight prices the live weight cattle trade proved good, with 325 cattle forward cull cows were in demand on Thursday 1 December 2011 at Gisburn Auction Marts. The top price of the day was for the champion and first prize winner of the British Blue cow class from Chris Akrigg, Buckden, North Yorkshire. Weighing 966kgs, she sold for 222p to total £2144.52.

Second prize British Blue cow from Richard Seed, Chipping, Preston, Lancashire weighing 886kgs, sold for 198p to total £1754.28.

Next in the bidding stakes was the third prize British Blue cow from R Holt, Loveclough, Rossendale weighing 776kgs, this time selling for 218p/kg or £1691.68. The purchaser of all three cows was the pre-sale judge Andrew Atkinson, Kettlesing, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

325 cattle forward, Premium Cows to 222p/kg averaged 139p/kg; & Dairy Cows to 133p/kg averaged 109p/kg.

Auctioneers: Richard Turner & Son



John Akrigg with the champion cull cow which achieved £2145

#### Christmas Prime Bulls Show & Sale

Top price at Gisburn Auction Marts prime bull show and sale on Thursday 1 December was 300p/kg or £1566 for the champion. A British Blue bull from R Seed & Son, Chipping, Preston, Lancashire weighing 522kgs, the purchaser was Stephen Swales on behalf of Knavesmire Butchers, York.

JC Walker & Son, Dunsop Bridge, Clitheroe, Lancashire were next best at 290p/kg or £1595 with another British Blue, the purchaser was again Mr Swales.

Top 50% of the young bull trade averaged 212p/kg, out of 325 cattle forward premium heifers average 200p/kg

Auctioneers Richard Turner & Son

	Richard Seed with the champion young bull which sold 300p/kg
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#### GISBURN AUCTION MARTS CHRISTMAS DAIRY SHOW & SALE

THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2011

Newly calved heifers peaked at £2450 for the champion at Gisburn auction marts commercial dairy show and sale, on Thursday.

A superb class of newly calved heifers where forward for judging. However, judge Kelly Hill, Gresford, Wrexham had no hesitation in placing Brian Hall, Gargrave, Skipton, North Yorkshire very smart black heifer the champion rosette, nine days calved and giving 27 litres she sold, following spirited bidding from a packed ring side to NW & JM Coulthurst & Son, Coulthurst, Goosnagh, Preston, Lancashire.

Next best was J & AH Rogerson, Singleton, Poulton le Fylde, Lancashire at £2250 with their very milky second prize newly calved heifer, giving 34 litres, she sold to JJ Crosier, Gisburn, Clitheroe, Lancashire. Jon Midgley, Luddenden, Halifax, West Yorkshire had a very successful day with his red heifer, picking up the first prize in the coloured class and reserve champion in the newly calved animal section, she sold to the judge at £2220.

Tom Richardson, Catterall, Garstang, Preston a breeding consultant with Alta Genetics was delighted with his third prize newly calved heifer which sold for £2050 to CH & SA Harrison, Elslack, Skipton, North Yorkshire.

Numerous newly calved heifers achieved £2000 these included Peter Smith, Burnley, Lancashire and Frankland Farmers, Rathmell, Skipton, North Yorkshire.

In calf heifers were in demand, topping at £1700 from RH & DE Parker, Newton, Clitheroe, Lancashire, which sold to HA Bradley, Salterforth, Colne, Lancashire. Winning the in-calf section was H Hesketh, Longton, Preston with his heifer, due to the Holstein Friesian which sold for £1610 to J Shuttleworth & Son, Rylstone, Skipton, North Yorkshire. Heifer calves sold to £400

Averages Newly Calved Heifers £1762: Newly Calved Cows £1607; In Calf Heifers £1410;

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Left to right

Pre-sale show judge Kelly Hill with Brian Hall and his champion newly calved heifer which sold for £2450

Left to right

Jon Midgley alongside Kelly Hill, pre-sale show judge and his reserve champion newly calved heifer which sold for £2220