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WEEKLY NEWS 6TH FEBRUARY 2021



**A Pair of 2nd Calved Dairy Cows from GW Whitwell
topping the sale at £2400 & £2420**

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Saturday 30th January

Machinery Sale of behalf of J Hartley & Son

The Farm Machinery & Livestock Equipment on behalf of Bill Hartley & Family was deemed a great success. Highlights include the Ford 5610 tractor at £6900, the Claas Volto 770 tedder at £4200, Mashall 20ft Bale Trailer at £3400 and the Pottinger Mower at £3000. Livestock equipment saw the Ironworks sheep turnover crate realise £640 and the calf dehorn crush £380. May we take this opportunity to wish Bill a happy “retirement”!!!

TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

CAST COWS 21 FORWARD

B + W Cows to £946.15 from JR & BM Harrison or
174p from EB & S Coultherd

CTL Cows to £968.35 or 181p from S White & Co

Auctioneer’s Report (Stephen Dennis): A reduced entry due to snow conditions however trade remained strong. Beef x cows topped at £906 (125p) for a fat Angus x from Messrs White of Berwickshire, the same vendor selling 33mo Angus x hfrs to 181p/kg. Holstein cows topped at 129p/kg for a well fleshed cow from Michael & Ian Mason of Oxenforth whilst an underage heifer from Simon Coultherd sold at 174p. Meated B + W cows generally 120p/kg-125p/kg.

Tuesday 9th February at 12noon

FORTNIGHTLY SALE OF STORE LAMBS

Tuesday 16th February

Feeding & Cast Cows & OTM Cattle

MONTHLY SALE OF

FARMERS STIRKS & YOUNG STORES

Wednesday 17th February

**OPENING WEEKLY SALE OF
SHEEP WITH LAMBS AT FOOT**

TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

STORE CATTLE

204 FORWARD

| BREED | TOP | FROM | AV |
|------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------|
| <u>BULLOCKS</u> | | | |
| AA | £1280 | RD Inman, Crooklands | £1043 |
| Blonde | £1055 | C Hewitt, Tatham | £1055 |
| BrB | £1300 | TD Inman, Crooklands | £1092 |
| Charolais | £1150 | KSD & JA Ward, Arkholme | £1028 |
| Fleckvieh | £1050 | J Harvey, Claughton | £985 |
| Hereford | £1155 | SJ & AL Dennis, Bentham | £1030 |
| Limousin | £1370 | P & JM Wilson & Son, Westhouse | £1086 |
| Mont | £955 | J Harvey, Claughton | £880 |
| Norwegian | £955 | J Harvey, Claughton | £955 |
| Simmental | £1100 | TD Inman, Crooklands | £996 |
| B + W | £1060 | D & V Lawson, Bentham | £825 |
| <u>HEIFERS</u> | | | |
| AA | £1180 | ME & B Mason, Tatham | £989 |
| BrB | £1150 | JM & AE Wallbank & Sons, Wray | £1029 |
| Charolais | £1195 | KSD & JA Ward, Arkholme | £1006 |
| Hereford | £750 | J Bargh & Son, Bentham | £731 |
| Limousin | £1270 | B & SE Carter, Ellel | £972 |
| Mont | £820 | R Lamont, Duns | £820 |
| Norwegian | £700 | R Lamont, Duns | £700 |
| Simmental | £1165 | TD Inman, Crooklands | £1165 |
| Whitebred | £810 | R Lamont, Duns | £810 |

Auctioneer's Report (Greg MacDougall): With a wintery morning stopping both vendors and purchasers, those who braved the snow were rewarded with a competitive trade. All classes were well bid for as the current finished price remains strong. Some quality consignments forward including those from the Allan family, Beck House topped at £1245. TD Inman, Milton Moor selling their best to £1300. P & JM Wilson, Eccles Farm once again showed a strong pen topping the day's sale at £1370 with others to £1320 and £1305. Strong forward cattle in general £1200-£1370. Smarter young cattle for feeding or turning out £1020-£1150. Plainer Dairy bred sorts £800-£1000. Smart heifers remain the height of fashion with B Carter, Ellel selling a Limousin to £1270. While feeding sorts £1050-£1190, B + Ws in short supply with GT & M Lawson topping the section at £1060. Overall a good day's trading with cattle heading to new homes from the Scottish Borders to Lincoln.

Wednesday 3rd February
FORTNIGHTLY DAIRY SALE
24 Forward

| | Top | Top Price From: | Av |
|----------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| NC Hfrs | £2100 | P Knowles, Kendal | £1846 |
| NC Cows | £2420 | GW Whitwell Ltd, Austwick | £1390 |

Auctioneer's Report (Will Alexander): Something for everyone in the dairy shippens this morning, with more on offer than first catalogued with 24 going under the hammer. A pair of smashing 2nd calved cows from George & David Whitwell took the sale by storm, his first at £2400, heading south with a load to Carmarthen. Their second surpassing this, being knocked down at £2420, heading North with Messrs Wharton. Four Friesian cows from Mike Livesey



peaked at £1450 for a 3rd calver, with a 4th calver at £1400. Heifers sold to a top of £2100 from David Knowles, again heading south to Wales. David also sold a very correct Frisian heifer, sold 18days calved and with a daily yield of 26litres, she was knocked down to Messrs Foster at £2000. Trade was generally fairly strong, but maybe not as fast as previous weeks and generally £1800-£1980.

Next sale in a fortnight- Wednesday 17th February. Entries to date already include 6 Pedigree In Calf Heifers due March to Sexed Semen

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Top Priced New Calved Heifer from P Knowles realising £2100



Wednesday 3rd February

REARING CALVES

97 Forward

| Breed | Top | From | Av |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| AA Bulls | £385 | J Lawson & Son, Bentham | £280 |
| AA Hfrs | £230 | J Lawson & Son, Bentham | £181 |
| BrB Bulls | £455 | JM & AE Wallbank & Sons, Wray | £349 |
| BrB Hfrs | £440 | TD & V Whitaker, Winnmarleigh | £306 |
| Beef Sho Bulls | £200 | Cote Farm Partnership, Nether Kellet | £152 |
| Beef Sho Hfrs | £190 | Cote Farm Partnership, Nether Kellet | £190 |
| Charolais Bulls | £510 | W Hull, Out Rawcliffe | £455 |
| Hereford Hfrs | £200 | JS & A Towers, Farleton | £200 |
| Limousin Bulls | £430 | W Hull, Out Rawcliffe | £244 |
| Limousin Hfrs | £265 | J & M Whitfield & Sons, Wray | £238 |
| Simmental Bulls | £320 | W Hull, Out Rawcliffe | £320 |
| B + W | £212 | M & D Stable, Ulverston | £102 |

Auctioneer's Report (Will Alexander): Calf pens full again this week, with quality in abundance too. A good show of blue heifers, with more farmer buyers looking for future cow makers. Best coming from the Whitakers of Winmarleigh with a dark weaned heifer at £440, a younger milky calf from Robin Boothman peaking at £430. Tom Stables also over £400, with his strong white heifer at £415, others regularly £330-£390. Once again best continental bulls up over £400, with the top rate sorts at £430 twice, again from Tom Stables and Dave Martin, a trio from Henry Knowles at £440, £445, £450 whilst the Wallbanks topped the Blue bulls at £455. Angus bulls just as good to sell, the strongest again from regular sale topper John Lawson, Bentham with calves at £360, £380 & £385 x2, other milky sorts £250-£280. Heifers a touch sharper with most £175-£220, topping at £230. A few young Jersey bred calves looking well sold at £120-£130. Wyn Hull realised the grass isn't always greener on the other side and returned to Bentham with a nice group of weaned calves, his best, a Charollais bull at 3months at £510. Black and white numbers tight, with plenty of demand. A good run of strong calves all around 10 weeks from The Stables at Bolton Manor peaked at £212, with others £180-£198. Milky calves £75-£105, with the next draw either side of £50. Those milk producers conscious of new rules with regards to selling calves under 8 weeks, should take note of the current trade, calves 8 weeks and over, sold to an average of £142 with an average age of 2m 16d. Be a price maker not a price taker!!

CAST EWES 1083 FORWARD

| Breed | Top | From |
|----------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bleu de Maine | £107.50 | A Brown, Carnforth |
| Beltex | £150.00 | MJ & K Ayrton, Thurnam |
| BFL | £124.50 | East Mains, Newbigging |
| Cheviot | £128.50 | DS Gregory, Glossop |
| Cheviot Mule | £100.00 | D Slone, Walney Island |
| Dalesbred | £70.00 | MB Townley, Gressingham & SJ Crane, Ribchester |
| Herdwick | £60.00 | J Errington, Penrith & NJ & L Allan, Killington |
| Jacob | £78.50 | A Parkinson, Kendal |
| Lonk | £81.50 | R Raby, Farleton |
| Masham | £97.50 | JP Casson & Son, Bentham |
| Mule | £95.50 | RT & P Bainbridge, Middleton & NJ & L Allan, Killington |
| Rough | £88.50 | RG & B Lewis, Middleton |
| SBF | £77.00 | East Mains, Newbigging |
| Suffolk | £128.50 | JA & F Nutter, Hurst Green |
| Swale | £75.50 | East Mains, Newbigging |
| Texel | £162.50 | J Garth & Son, Keasden |
| Valais | £97.50 | N Barker, Burton in Kendal |
| Woodland | £82.50 | GA & SM Wainwright & Sons, Bamford |
| HRD Tups | £105.50 | RG & B Lewis, Middleton |
| CTL Tups | £150.00 | PA & D Slater, Barnacre |

Auctioneer's Report (Greg MacDougall): A plainer show forward with a larger percentage of hill bred and horned ewes in the entry. Best bred and heavy types short of requirements as numbers begin to dry up. Trade for some classes a little easier although the best easily maintained recent high rates. Topping the night's sale were Texel ewes from J Garth & Son, Clapham. Best ewes in general £120-£125. Leaner sorts £80+ with plain and grazing types £50-£70. Heaviest of the Mule ewes selling into the £90s, smaller fleshy sorts £50-£58. Stronger of the horned ewes £60-£70 with a few pens getting well over £70. Lonks from R Raby to £81.50. Medium sorts £50+ with plain £30-£40. Horned rams to £105.50 for Roughs from RG & B Lewis while Texels from PA & D Slater, Garstang sold to £150 with the strongest in general £120-£148.

3476 PRIME HOGGS
Overall Av 263.9p SQQ 269p

| BREED | TOP | FROM | AV |
|----------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Top Price Per Head (Under 36kg) | | | |
| Cheviot | £96.50 | SF & S Hartley, Newton in Bowland | £93.00 |
| Dales | £78.50 | IR & M Woodhouse, Roeburndale | £77.00 |
| Lonk | £88.50 | Hey & Son, Quernmore | £85.00 |
| Mule | £83.50 | E & NJ Johnson, Giggleswick | £80.00 |
| Suffolk | £87.50 | IR & M Woodhouse, Roeburndale | £87.00 |
| Swale | £82.50 | R Driver, Chisworth | £78.00 |
| Texel | £96.50 | R & J Mitton & Son, Clapham | £88.00 |
| Top Price Per Kilo (Under 36kg) | | | |
| Cheviot | 275.7p | SF & S Hartley, Newton in Bowland | 266.0p |
| Dales | 230.9p | IR & M Woodhouse, Roeburndale | 225.0p |
| Lonk | 252.9p | Hey & Son, Quernmore | 246.7p |
| Mule | 238.6p | E & NJ Johnson, Giggleswick | 229.0p |
| Suffolk | 257.6p | A & CM Taylor, Tatham | 257.4p |
| Swale | 242.6p | R & JM Schofield, Grunsagill | 235.5p |
| Texel | 283.8p | R & J Mitton & Son, Clapham | 261.5p |
| Top Price Per Head (Over 36kg) | | | |
| Beltex | £157.00 | MB Townley, Gressingham | £144.00 |
| Blue Texel | £142.50 | K Marshall, Darley | £137.00 |
| Charollais | £138.50 | A Rigby, Slaidburn | £116.00 |
| Cheviot | £119.00 | L Broster, Huddersfield | £105.00 |
| Dales | £112.50 | J & JE Bradley, Giggleswick | £95.00 |
| Dorset | £122.50 | GM & AM Wilson & Son, Cartmel | £113.00 |
| Gritstone | £106.50 | B Dibb, Yeadon | £106.00 |
| Lonk | £107.50 | B Dibb, Yeadon | £95.00 |
| Masham | £113.50 | J & M Whitfield & Sons, Wray | £100.00 |
| Mule | £117.50 | SJ & RK Handley | £111.00 |
| Rough | £110.50 | A & AM Burrow, Carnforth | £108.00 |
| Suffolk | £139.00 | L Broster, Huddersfield | £117.00 |
| Swale | £114.50 | GJ & ME Walker, Dunsop Bridge | £91.00 |
| Texel | £153.00 | MB Townley, Gressingham | £118.00 |
| Woodland | £115.00 | DS Gregory, Glossop | £113.00 |
| Top Price Per Kilo (Over 36kg) | | | |
| Beltex | 348.9p | MB Townley, Gressingham | 320.5p |
| Blue Texel | 336.5p | Messrs Sayer, Penrith | 287.4p |
| Charollais | 329.8p | A Rigby, Slaidburn | 275.4p |
| Cheviot | 293.1p | Mason & Gardner, Chapel le Dale | 271.2p |
| Dales | 237.5p | TN Airey & Son, Eldroth | 231.9p |
| Dorset | 248.9p | R Driver, Chisworth | 237.8p |
| Gritstone | 277.6p | D Breaks, Slaidburn | 243.7p |
| Lonk | 237.5p | M & C Huddleston, Wray | 224.2p |
| Masham | 246.7p | J & M Whitfield & Sons, Wray | 232.9p |
| Mule | 254.7p | D Shirt, Edale | 247.0p |
| Rough | 256.3p | D Breaks, Slaidburn | 207.3p |
| Suffolk | 280.5p | M Waller, Lupton | 256.0p |
| Swale | 259.5p | DS Gregory, Glossop | 220.0p |
| Texel | 346.4p | JR Metcalfe, Thirsk | 276.2p |
| Woodland | 261.4p | DS Gregory, Glossop | 259.9p |

Auctioneer's Report (Greg MacDougall): A larger entry forward with some well fed hogs on offer. Trade once again flying with vendors encouraged to keep selling and take advantage of the current high prices. All classes good to sell although the handy weights are particularly well sought after. Heavy hogs short of requirements. Several high-lights and long prices throughout the night with MB Townley topping at £157 followed by Kirkby Stephen farmers Messrs Buckle at £154 for Beltex. Kevin Marshall topping at £151 with GR & A Foy selling their best to £150. Plenty of better bred hogs 300p+ topping at 348.9p again from M Townley with a great consignment of 50 hogs from JR Metcalfe, Thirsk to 346.4p. Commercial export hogs 270p-290p. Hogs weighing 45-50kg £120-£130 with a few better butcher sorts £130-£150. More Cheviots now coming forward off turnips, those weighing 36kg-42kg 280-293p with a pen of 45kg from L Broster, Huddersfield to £119 with locals Mason & Gardner following at £118.50. Nearly 1200 hill bred, horned and Mule hogs in the total entry which again saw all categories nicely sold. Mules to £117.50 from SJ & RK Handley while a run of 194 from N & K Forshaw topped at £116.50 for a pen of 43. Handy weight 250-254p with the heavies all £112+. Swales to £114.50 from GJ & ME Walker for tups with

a nice pen of wethers from DS Gregory to £109. Lightweights to 96.50 for Cheviots from SF & S Hartley or 283.8p for Texels from R & J Mitton.

PADDY WRIGHTSON

Sadly, Paddy Wrightson passed away on Wednesday 3rd February following a long battle with illness. Paddy was a popular member of the Bentham team and a highly respected Auctioneer for a number of years following his previous managerial role at CCM and prior to that at Malton Livestock Auction. I am sure everyone shares the sadness felt by all concerned with Bentham Auction and would like to send condolences to his wife Jane, son Ian and daughters Louise & Katie.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The following protocol is now in place:

- Drop & Go Policy to be reinstated for all vendors (*Relevant paperwork (licenses, passports, entry forms etc.) to be handed to auction representative at the unloading docks together with any instructions RE lotting, reserve prices and luck money*).
- Sale Day payments will not be possible but cheques and BACS statements will be posted out as normal on Fridays.
- Buyers MUST sign in on arrival outside the sale ring.
- Attendance at markets must be restricted to those conducting business and only 1 buyer per business is permitted to enter the site
- Face coverings must be worn by everyone attending the site, at all times (this includes market staff) – exemptions are permitted for anyone with a medical condition that allows a face covering not to be worn.
- Strict Social Distancing to be maintained (minimum of 2 metres). The wearing of face coverings is NOT a substitute for the need to maintain Social Distancing at all times.
- The Auction Café will be open on a takeaway basis only serving hot & cold food & drinks.