

BRIGHTWELLS AUTUMN COB SALE

Royal Welsh Showground, 16th, 17th and 18th October 2009.

From a catalogue entry of 1029 Welsh cobs (section D), Welsh ponies of cob-type (section C) and Welsh part-breds, 912 appeared and 704 (77.2%) were sold for a Sale total of £601,380 representing an average figure of £854 which was slightly down on the £1,000 plus/minus £100 of the last four years. Media reports suggested that foals on this Sale were very cheap but if one analyses the foals e.g. the 201 foals entered on the Saturday, 170 (85%) of them sold for £73,210 averaging £431, which was much better than feared.

62 animals were sold for export, 26 to Germany, 11 to Holland, 9 to Sweden, 6 to Denmark and one each to Australia, Austria and Finland.

Top of the Sale at £11,200 was the stunning chestnut three-year-old section D filly Fronarth Fonhesig, daughter of the beautiful 2006 Royal Welsh George Prince of Wales cup-winner Llamri Lausanne. Fonhesig was bought by Arwel Davies of Ammanford and his daughter Adel who own the gelding Nebo Joni Jones a former Royal Welsh ridden champion and a qualifier this year for the Horse of the Year Show. We can look forward to Adel competing with a mare and a gelding next year.



Fronarth Fonhesig - Sold for £11,200

Fronarth Stud also sold the second-highest, the three-year-old bay filly Fronarth Model Supreme, daughter of the 1996 Prince of Wales champion Fronarth Welsh Model and she sold for £10,000 to Miss Williams of the Brynfa Stud, Llansantffraed. Fronarth Stud also sold the bay filly foal Fronarth Penny Rose for £7,000 to Mrs Elenor of Thirsk, North Yorkshire.

Mrs Mary Edwards of the Cascob Stud sold a five-year-old big, powerful bay mare Cascob Wardance, sired by the Royal Welsh winner Gwenllan Deio for £7,000 to Dr Etienne Stevens of the Guinel Stud, France who brought over and sold the eleven-year-old bay mare Malnor Autumn Dawn for £4,200 to Mr Morgan of Heol Las, Penderyn.



Cascob Wardance
Sold for £7,000

Another grand mare was John Gray's chestnut Lagonda Starlight who sold for £7,000 despite her 13 years to Mr and Mrs David Roberts of Coed Poeth, Wrexham. John Gray is a very good judge of potential and bought her for £1,600 on this Sale some years ago and has bred some exceptional foals out of her. Two good mares sold to Abergavenny were Abercippyn Ellie (£3,500) sold to Tracie Hook and Minyffordd Mississippi Maid (£3,000) sold to John and Bev Batt. Meirion Jones of Llanwnda, Caernarfon sold his typey bay two-year-old filly Foryd Super Model, 3rd at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair for £5,000 to Mrs Davies, Ffynnonoer, Llandysul.

Top of the males at £8,000 was the brilliant four-year-old bay Harrowclough Talisman sired by Crugybar Mabon Mai out of Cathael Rhia, daughter of Pantyfid Marta, representing some of the best bloodlines in South Wales. Youngstock champion at Cheshire County and reserve champion at the English Royal, Talisman heads for Western Australia, bought by the King family of Perth who bought the filly foal Fronarth Flashy Lady for £5,500 at this Sale last year. Talisman will be a welcomed outcross in Australia, a country which has imported some of the best UK Cobs in recent years.



Harrowclough Talisman
Sold for £8,000

The Prater family's four-year-old palomino stallion Kallistalodge The Ice Man was another eye-catching "top drawer" cob and he sold for £7,000 to the successful Keenleyside Stud in Tyne and Wear. An example of the stock which he produces was the cremello colt foal Rhencullen Vanilla Ice which sold for £3,500 to Melanie Edwards, Pulborough, West Sussex. Another palomino stallion, the Hoare family's well-mannered seven-year-old Yswain Demetrius, amongst the ridden winners at this year's Royal Welsh Show sold for £6,500 to E R Lee, Caerhun, Bangor.

The top filly foal at £7,500 was the magnificent black Rhydeilian Orchid consigned by Tom and Alun Hughes of Llanfairpwll, Anglesey and she was bought by Henrie Leeuwenhaag of Rossum, Holland who bought another filly foal Abergavenny Princess Yasmin for £12,000 at the Sale last year. A jubilant Alun was so delighted with the price received that he handed Henrie his WPCS tie and had to go to buy another for his later lots! Another North Wales filly foal Gobell Gwennol from Mrs Jones of Rhydymain, Dolgellau sold for £5,000 to Mr Howatson of Llansannan who consigned ten animals to the Sale and recently bought the top section A colt foal Colne Tornado for £3,200 at the Fayre Oaks Sale.



Rhydeilian Orchid

The largest consignment was the 20 animals entered by E W Jones of the Llanidan Stud, Brynsiencyn, Anglesey which sold for £11,760 with Jo Claes and Jane Bugler of Pontyclun buying the top two, both palomino part-bred filly foals Llanidan Silk Stockings for £1,250 and Llanidan Step by Step at £1,200.

The twelve section C's from Cerdin and Doreen Jones' Synod Stud sold for £26,000 averaging £2,167 which was very satisfactory considering that 8 of them were foals. Top of the consignment at £5,500 was the well-known eleven-year-old stallion Synod Apollo who has done it all, won many championships and sired stock who have gone on to be champions. It is lucky for the Llanidan Stud that there are so many of his daughters retained at Synod and no-doubt he will continue siring champions at Llanidan. The twelve-year-old mare Synod Sweet Chantel, dam of the 2008 Royal Welsh ridden champion Synod Sweet Celina, sold for £4,000 to Andre Swistun of Llanmorlais, Swansea.



Synod Apollo
Sold for £5,500



Synod Ralph
Sold for £900

Two section C stallions which sold for £3,000 were Danielle Everitt's black ridden champion Dyrfal Tywysog Du (sold to C Pring of Bungay) and Graham Moffatt's dun harness winner Pwllmelin Moonraker, sold to O M Davies and Son of the Tynwydd Stud, Beaumaris. Ceri Fell, who has had considerable success with her section C's, including the Horse of the Year Show, bought the top section C foal, the bay Ewyn Juliet from Mrs Hughes of Caeathro, Caernarfon for £3,000.

Dr Wynne Davies.

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