

Hay on Wye Autumn Sale, 2009

From a catalogue entry of 528, the number which turned up was 448 and 371 (83%) were sold for a total of £69,492 with an average figure of £187.

40 ponies were sold for export, 26 to Holland and 7 each to France and Germany. The Saturday Sale comprised of sections A and B, Welsh part-breds and non-Welsh and the Sunday sections A, C, D, Welsh part-breds and non-Welsh.

The average figures were: section A: £188 (Saturday) and £193 (Sunday); section B: £272; section C: £386; section D: £305; WPB: £193 (Saturday) and £719 (Sunday). On Saturday 66 ponies were sold in the grass ring averaging £212 and 123 in the market ring averaging £107 and on Sunday 106 were sold in the grass ring averaging £291 and 76 in the market ring averaging £151.

Foal Shows were held on both days judged by Mr Graham Lloyd. The results were: Saturday section A: 1st and champion: Mr M Jennings' black colt Dolrhedyn Hywel sold for £200 2nd: Mr and Mrs O G Evans' Garnant Grace dun filly not sold section B: 1st and res. champion: Miss M Andrew's Bronheulog Charles sold for £85 Sunday section A: 1st: Mrs Lisa Perrott's dun filly Tygolau Ellie May, not sold 2nd: Mr R Powell's roan colt Blackhill Tradition sold for £360 3rd: Mrs Kitty Bodily's bay roan colt Glebedale Pipin sold for £170.



Champion Foal Dolrhedyn Hywel (left) & Reserve Garnant Grace (right)
with Judge Mr Graham Lloyd

The Saturday grass ring top price was £1,150 paid by Mr Bailey of Doncaster for Margaret Towell's bay two-year-old filly Haringworth Firecracker, daughter of the Royal Welsh winner Idyllic Chanel. Frances and Sally Goggin's chestnut and bay colts Penboeth Banner and Penboeth Louis stood out amongst the section A foals selling for £850 and £670 to Mr Williams of Swansea and Mr Watkins of Merthyr Tydfil.



Penboeth Banner sold for £850 with vendor Francis Goggin

The Saturday market ring sale started with drafts of un-handled ponies, 50 from Mr Goodwin's Ivington Stud and 16 from Roger Davies's Hafdre Stud, both these gentlemen having grandfathers who were founder members of the WPCS. The Ivington Stud ponies are all descended from five mares bought from uncles George of Bowdler and Bill of Gaerstone. The 50 Ivington ponies sold for £5,985 averaging £120 with a top price of £460 for the five-year-old mare Ivington Yoko sold to Mr Turbutt of Monmouth. Mrs van der Woerd of Ter Apel, Holland bought four and Mr Wetering of Noordeinde, Holland bought one. The 16 from Hafdre totalled £1,630 averaging £102 with a top price of £260 for the black mare Hafdre Orator which was bought by Mr Jansen of Uelsen, Germany.

Mr Mal Marshallsea of the Sardis Stud sold 13 foals including 6 palominos for a total of £1,130 averaging £87. Two palomino fillies topped the consignment at £155, Sardis Golden Queen bought by David Smith and Angela Jones of the Broughton Stud and Sardis Golden Ribbon bought by Jackie Blandford of Sille le Guillaume, France.

The 1st prize foal on the Sunday in the grass ring was Lisa Perrott's smart dun filly Tygolau Ellie May but she was not sold at £520. The 2nd prize foal was the roan Blackhill Tradition, a very promising colt, he was bought by Amanda Paddock of Wevoe, Cardiff and won 1st prize at the NPS Area 29 Foal Show the following week. The two Blackhill filly foals from Mrs Pritchard Blackhill Yashti and Blackhill Smartie Pants sold for £300 and £450. The two "other" Blackhill fillies also ended up near Cardiff, Blackhill Linette to Susan Mason of Rhydyfelin and Blackhill Lilly to B Taylor of Treforest. The two colt foals also ended up in top showing homes, Blackhill Talisman with Dewi Evans, Hilin and Blackhill Lyric with Julian Williams, Cilmery. Julian himself sold a super six-year-old bay mare Cilmery Princess for £1,020 to Arthur Jones of Llaniestyn, owner of this year's Royal Welsh reserve male champion. Princess is a grand-daughter of the 1997 HOYS reserve champion Trefaes Taran and her full-sister Cilmery First Edition was 2nd out of 47 entries at Lampeter this year.

The top priced section A on the grass ring was £1,220 paid by Barry White of Lymington for Gwyndaf Edwards' nine-year-old chestnut mare Blaenau Dental; surely a good investment since the progeny of Dental, Fronbach Destination and Fronbach Dot sold for £3,700 and £1,800 at this year's Fayre Oaks Sale and she is in foal to the same stallion again.

After a ding-dong battle between Mrs Prater of Rhencullen and John Gray of Thorneyside, the outstanding section C filly foal Synod Rosaclara was destined to Rhencullen at £2,500. Her catalogue entry "she will make a fantastic mare" will surely prove to be correct in the future. Top of the section D's at £1,400 was the ridden 15hh four-year-old mare Ridgbow Valient Lady, bought by Mrs Webb of Fladbury, Worcestershire.



Synod Rosaclara - sold for £2,500

Jo Claes and Jane Bugler produced the three-year-old part-bred piebald filly Hendraws Gwen in tip-top form to produce the top-price of the whole Sale, bought by Nick Snelling of Fareham for £2,600.



Hendraws Gwen - sold for £2,600

Cerdin and Doreen Jones' two section A mares the chestnut Synod Party Doll and the bay Synod Pinkie topped the market ring and both ended up in Lampeter, party Doll at £1,400 to Timothy Evans and Pinkie at £1,550 to Richard Morgan, Parc Stud.

With a very high number of foals not able to attract a bid at single figures at Welsh Sales the following week, Brightwells are to be congratulated for organizing the Hay Sale where there was 92% clearance and most selling well above the £25 minimum. The new arrangements with additional tentage were also greatly appreciated by the vendors. The weather turned out to be very favourable but if it had been otherwise the marquees would have saved the day.

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