

NEW CLUB FEMALE RECORD AND SIX FIVE FIGURE PRICES AT THE 2017 SALE

This year's sale, again the largest one-day sale of Texels in the UK, saw a buoyant trade, for males, topping at 40,000gns, with the quality sheep in good demand by the pedigree buyers. There was also a steady trade for quality commercial rams, with most finding a new home. Females also sold well, resulting in a new club record for of 9,500gns.

Leading the way in the male section, was the second prize ram lamb, Garngour Alabama, from J & H Clarks' Garngour flock at Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire. This son of Knock Yardsman out of a ewe by Mossvale Winston, sold to Charlie and Steph Bowden's Sportsmans Flock, Mellor Hall, Stockport, for the top price of the day at 40,000gns. Another the same way bred and from the same pen, Garngour Alcapone, sold to Douganhill Farms Castle Douglas for 12,000gns.

The next highest price came late in the day, when by a ram lamb, from the pre-sale show judge Brian Hanthorn from Northern Ireland, presented Mullan Above and Beyond, by Glenside Willie Winkie and out of a ewe by Haddo Ringleader. He sold for 32,000gns in a three-way spit to Stephen Renwick, Glenrath, Peebles, Karen Wight, Midlock, Biggar and Robert Cockburn, Errol, Perthshire. Brian's other lamb, this time by the homebred Mullan Wild Bill, sold jointly for 7,000gns to D N Bennet & Son, Upper Hall, Meifod, Powys and A E Jones, Yns Toddeb, Llangadog.

Bruce Renwick's Castlecairn ram lamb sold to Kenny Pratt, Oldtown Farm, Peterculter for 20,000 gns. He is by Strathbogie Your Tapped and out of a ewe by the homebred stock ram Castlecairn Presentation. The ram lamb which stood first in his class the day before, didn't disappoint his owner James Ruggeri when his only ET success, Gyhros Andy, found a new home with Peter and Rose Woof, Storth End, Stainton, Kendal, G & M Wilson & Sons Lowfield farm, Appleby, and R E J Pierce, Oldfields, Pulford, Chester, for 15,000gns. He is by Eden valley Wiz Kid out of a Clinterty Ultra ewe.

There were three sales at 10,000gns. The first of these was Plasucha All In One, from Robert Bennett, Upper Hall, Meifod, Powys. This son of Knock Yankee was knocked down to William Dunlop, Elmscleugh, Dunbar, Mid Lothian.

Local Breeder, Adam Mawson, Midtown Lodge, Millom, sold Midcombe Axel, a son of Strathbogie Yolo to D. Warwick, Moorfields, Ballymena, W I Hanthorn, Tyan, Co Armagh and D Simpson, Ballyclare, Co Antrim for the same amount.

Robbie Wilson maintained a good record at the sale, by selling Milnbank American Sniper for 10,000gns to Proctors Farms, Tatham Hill, Lancaster and Paul O'Connor Downpatrick, Co Down. This is another by the successful stock sire, Strathbogie Yes Sir and out of a good show line.

The pre-show winner of the recorded ram lamb class, male champion and overall champion from Gordon & David Grays' Ettrick flock, Kelso, changed hands on a bid of 6,000gns, to Angus Kennedy, Mitchellhill, Broughton, Biggar. This Clinterty Yuga lamb has an index of 420 and his maternal sisters had previously sold to 3,000gns.

Messrs Clark Farms, sold Teiglum Abracadabra by Knock Yardsman, out of a ewe by Springwell Ulsterboy, to A. Smith, Braco, Dunblane, for 6,800gns.

In the shearing ring, the trade was led by the reserve male champion, Strathbogie Yamaha, from Jim Innes and Sons, when he sold for 6,500gns to J. E. & S.J.L. James. Neuadd Blaenduhonu, Builth Wells. He is by Aman Vyrnwy and out of a Milnbank Sound Investment ewe.

Next came first time vendor, John Elliot, Roxburgh Mains Kelso, who presented a strong pen of quality shearlings, selling his leader, Roxburgh Ya Belter for £5,600gns to P. Weaver, Little Manor Farm, Knapthorpe, Newark and R Wilson, Crimple Head, Beckwithshaw, Harrogate. He is by Brijon Valhalla and out of a ewe by Hightecs Unbeatable.

Other leading Male Prices

Teilo Amryddawn from J E & L Davies, Capel Isac, Half Share to R S Mackay, Westhills, Rothbury: 5,500gns.
 Strathbogie Aston Martin from James Innes & Sons to E G Morgan Blaencar, Brecon 5,500gns
 Knapp Abracadabra from Robert Cockburn, Hill of Errol Perthshire to Messrs Herdman, Dromore Co. Down. 5,000gns

Trade was steady in the female ring, except for an outstanding pen of gimmers by Garngour Upperclass from Robert Forsyth's Baltier flock, Wigtown. Baltier FEB1600408 out of a ewe by Knock Powercracker, topped the sale and took a new club highest price of 9,500gns, when she sold to Messrs Alford, Foxhill, Devon, with her twin sister making 3,000gns to D Simpson, The Willows, Ballyclare and D Warnock, Moorfields, Ballymena. She was followed by another Upperclass daughter at 5,000gns, this time out of a ewe by Baltier Rocksolid, selling to A MacGregor Ltd, Alanfaulds Kilsyth with her sister rounding off the pen at 1,000gns to A & E Jones, Ynys Toddeb, Llangadog.

Other leading female prices:-

D & S MacPherson Hexel to Jim Innes	3,800gns
J & H Clark Garngour to Matthew Fear, Felton Farm, Bristol	2,000gns
Messrs Clark Farms, Teiglum to D Morrison, Dalwyene Girvan	2,000gns

Averages:	2016	2017
1 Aged Ram	£1890.00	3 Aged Rams £1328
265 Ram Lambs	£1264.40 (plus 406.93)	253 Ram Lambs £1469 (Plus £205)
179 Shearling Rams	£ 979.78 (plus 262.86)	187 Shearling Rams £ 962 (Back £18)
12 Ewe Lambs	£ 892.50 (plus 505.00)	69 Shearling Gimmers £ 961 (Plus £68)
85 Shearling Gimmers	£ 845.00 (plus 17.91)	18 Ewe Lambs £ 613 (Back 232)