



HOPE'S
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July 2023

SUMMER

NEWSLETTER

SPEED SHEAR COMPETITION



Winner of the Novice Class – Alex Bland from Clea Hall (right) with Craig Brough (left) from Hopes Auction Co Ltd



Winner of the Intermediate Class – Jack Wills from Fawcett Park (right) with Craig Brough (left) from Hopes Auction Co Ltd



Winner of the Cumbrian Class – Ashley Storey from Newbiggin (right) with Jack Cartmel, Winter Crag Farm who kindly sponsored the Cumbrian Class – (left) Dipping & Clipping Services.

Friday 16th June saw Hopes Auction Company host their first Speed Shear, with an electric atmosphere from start to finish, the night was hailed a huge success by all who attended, with shearers travelling from across Northern England and Southern Scotland.

The eventual winner however came from overseas, with Michael Jefferies from New Zealand clipping in a phenomenal 28.39 seconds in his heat and 31.12 seconds in the final to take the winners podium position, narrowly ahead of his travelling colleague Kapua Brown at 33.53 seconds. Both of these clippers are working with local shearing contractor Steven Watson based at Caldbeck, who had helped prepare the sheep for the evening, which were an outstanding run of Mule Hoggs kindly provided by the Peile family at Greystoke Castle.

The most hotly contested competition of the night was the highly anticipated all Cumbrian final, 15 local clippers took to the stand in the first round. Local clipping contractor and farmer Ashley Storey from Newbiggin, Kirklington led the class with a very fast qualifying clip at 31.61 seconds and final clip at 34.96 seconds, narrowly beating Cocker mouth based Ed Gate at 36.66 seconds.

Ed had come from a big day clipping at Culgaith with his trailer mates from the day, Tom Blease and Jack Cartmel fighting it out for third and fourth in the local championship with a time of 39.14 seconds for Tom taking third and 39.39 seconds for Jack taking fourth.

The early evening saw the Novices and Intermediates take to the boards, in the Novice clippers, local shepherd Alex Bland from Clea Hall, set a strong opening time of 42.11 seconds narrowly beating his fellow Herdwick breeder Craig Fearon at 51.05 seconds and an extremely close third place for West Cumbria clipper, Adam Brown at 51.09 seconds.

The Intermediates were led by Dufton based Jack Wills from Fawcett Park with a very quick 37.62 seconds again just narrowly beating

Cocker mouth based Thomas Hird, who was travelling with a large supporting contingent, rewarding them with a very respectable 40.55 seconds. Third place travelled back to Penrith, with well-known shepherd Murray Craig from Thrimby Farms at 43.32 seconds.

The night was supported by Sponsors Burnetts Solicitors, Jack Cartmel Clipping Services and Dan Taylforth Sheep Scanning, as well as equipment provided by Highway Shearing at Skelton.

Following the outstanding success of the evening, planning for next year's event is already underway and we look forward to welcoming people back to the 2024 Hopes Auction Speed Shear.



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THURSDAY 22ND JUNE 2023

SALE OF CALVES & STIRKS, DAIRY CATTLE AND BEEF BREEDING CATTLE

CALVES & STIRKS – 128

A big show on offer and trade on a par with previous weeks for the bigger end but more resistance amongst the younger types.

Top today £700 for a 7 month British Blue Stirk from Messrs Hughes, Seaville Farm. Bulls to £610 for a 5 month British Blues from Messrs Watson, Gaterigg Farm and heifers to £630 again from Seaville Farm.

Milk calves to £290 for Limousin from D & P Tiffin, Swinsty and Aberdeen Angus to £325 for Graham Farms Ltd, Waverton.

Overall averages: -

- 68 Bulls Averaged: £339.71
- 53 Heifers Averaged: £345.85
- 7 Steers Averaged: £642.86

Leading Averages:

- Messrs Hughes, Seaville Farm - £625 for 6
- M & L Peile, Holly Barn - £625 for 6
- Messrs Watson, Gaterigg Farm - £596.67 for 3

British Blue Bull Stirks £540 £530 £500 x 2
Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield) £460 £455 x 2 £450
£440 £420 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck) £440 Flatt
Bank (Harrington)

British Blue Heifer Stirks £630 Seaville Farm
(Hughes) £610 £600 £580 Holly Barn (Peile) £580
Gaterigg Farm (Watson) £540 x 2 Balladoyle Farm
(Whitfield) £480 £430 £420 £410 x 2 Plumbland
Farm (Eilbeck) £470 £460 x 2 £420 Bridge Bank
(Greenop) £455 Flatt Bank (Harrington)

British Blue Steer Stirks £700 £660 £590 x 2
Seaville Farm (Hughes) £680 £650 £630 Holly
Barn (Peile) £610 £600 Gaterigg Farm (Watson)

Limousin Bull Stirks £580 Seaville Farm
(Hughes) £550 £520 x 2 £510 x 2 Southerfield
Hall (Briggs) £550 Balladoyle Farm (Whitfield)
£420 Plumbland Farm (Eilbeck)

Limousin Heifer Stirks £525 £505 £500
Southerfield Hall (Briggs) £500 Balladoyle Farm
(Whitfield) £440 Flatt Bank (Harrington) £350 x
2 Round Hill Farm (Harrison) £330 Plumbland
Farm (Eilbeck)

Limousin Bull Calves £300 £290 x 6 Round Hill
Farm (Harrison) £290 Swinsty Farm (Tiffin)

Limousin Heifer Calves £170 £150 Swinsty Farm
(Tiffin)

Aberdeen Angus Bull Stirks £510 £400 £350
East Farm (Carruthers) £320 Plumbland Farm
(Eilbeck)

Aberdeen Angus Heifer Stirks £320 Plumbland
Farm (Eilbeck) £265 East Farm (Carruthers)

Aberdeen Angus Bull Calves £210 x 2 £205 x 2
£190 x 2 Annshill Farm (Steel)

Aberdeen Angus Heifer Calves £250 Greenrigg
(Graham Farms) £195 x 4 Annshill Farm (Steel)

Simmental Bull Stirks £430 Bridgebank
(Greenop)

Holstein Bull Stirks £180 x 3 Bridgebank
(Greenop)

DAIRY CATTLE – 16

A very useful show of dairy cattle forward and a strong trade to a top of £2250 for a smart Friesian heifer from Round Hill Farm Ltd. Cows topping at £2050 for W M Dotchin, Cumcatch Farm with a powerful second calver.

Holstein Heifers £2250 £2200 £2150 £2000
£1900 £1800 £1600 Round Hill Farm (Harrison)

Holstein Cows £2000 Round Hill Farm (Harrison)

Friesian Cows £2050 Cumcatch Farm (Dotchin)
£1820 £1650 Fairladies (Clark)

Friesian Heifer £1850 Round Hill Farm
(Harrison)

BREEDING CATTLE – 17

A nice June entry of outfits and a trade dominated by two exceptional pedigree heifers and calves from Tom Wilson, Wood Farm with Ampertaine Gigolo calves at foot, these super heifers realised £4900 and £4500 at sale time.

Older cows to £2350 on two occasions for David Hurst, Hill Farm as part of his ongoing dispersal.

Limousin Heifer with Limousin Heifer Calf
£4900 £4500 Wood Farm (Tom Wilson)

Limousin Cow with Limousin Heifer Calf £2350
x 2 The Hill Farm (Hurst)

British Blue Cow with British Blue Bull Calf
£1900 Noble Croft (Law)

British Blue Heifer with British Blue Heifer Calf £1650 £1350 East Mill Farm (Gray)

Simmental Cow with Limousin Bull Calf £2150
The Hill Farm (Hurst)



Auction Report

At time of writing the livestock industry is experiencing excellent returns for Prime & Store stock with the only downturn being in the Dairy sector. Pressure however is being placed upon the finished stock as the multiples begin to squeeze the producer to alleviate inflation on the weekly shop. Carbon footprints of the supermarkets seem to walk in an alternative direction when imported produce can be sourced at lower cost!!

This spring has seen the Prime Lambs sector contend with festivals throughout the quarter and with numbers being tighter trades have produced some welcome results.

Prime Cattle returns have also been strong with consignors selling to a top of £2422.80 for a Limousin from J J Crichton, Loughrigg. Confidence in the beef market has allowed store cattle vendors at Wigton to experience some outstanding days trading and our Tiffenthwaite Ring has proved again and again the value of marketing stock at Wigton.

As we enter August, thoughts turn towards Breeding Sheep & Store Lamb Sales which commence this month, and these sales will be held fortnightly on Thursdays alongside the growing Calf & Stirk and Dairy Cattle sales. August and September bring the Tup Sales, Wigton Whites and the rejuvenated Mule Ewe Lamb sale. Please consult the sales calendar and make sure you are able to come to Wigton to source your quality breeding sheep replacements!



FERN LEA

WAVERTON, WIGTON, CA7 0AE



Fern Lea is a highly desirable 5 bedroom detached property located within the village of Waverton, near Wigton. The property lies within a large plot extending to around 3 acres including the benefit of a 2.77 acre paddock to the rear of the property.

For Sale by Private Treaty as a Whole

LAND NEAR PELUTHO

SILLOTH, WIGTON, CA7 4LS



An attractive and useful block of grazing and mowing land extending to 21.15 acres (8.56 ha) with roadside access. The land lies near the hamlet of Pelutho, south of the town of Silloth. The land benefits from road access to the B5301. The land is classified as Defra Grade 3.

For Sale by Public Auction as a Whole on the 22nd August 2023 within Hopes Auction Mart, 2pm.

If you would like details of any of the above properties please contact the Land Agency Department on 016973 44901.

OLD HALL FARMHOUSE & OLD HALL COTTAGE

PENTON CA6 5RB



A charming Grade II Listed Farmhouse situated in a traditional courtyard with stone and slate barns with the added benefit of an adjoining two-bedroom cottage. The property lies within attractive grounds extending to 1.30 acres, with the added benefit of a 0.55 acre paddock.

For Sale as a Whole by Private Treaty.

PROPERTY RECENTLY SOLD

LAND AT ELLERCARR BRIDGE



LAND AT HIGHLAWS



UPCOMING SALES

EVERY TUESDAY

SALE OF PRIMESTOCK

Sale of Prime Sheep at 8:30am
followed by Cull Ewes

Sale of Young Bulls at 12.30pm
followed by Clean Cattle.

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY

Sale of Store Cattle and OTM Cattle

Sale of OTM Cattle to commence at 10.00am followed by
Store Cattle

And

Sale of Calves and Stirks and Dairy Cattle

Sale of Calves and Stirks at 11am
followed by Dairy Cattle



Visit us at the Shows

We are looking forward to attending –

Dalston Show (Saturday 12th August 2023)

Hesket New Market Show (Saturday 2nd September 2023)

Please pop along and visit the stand for refreshments.



FIR TREE HOUSE

Fir Tree House came to Public Auction on the 25th July under the careful eye of David Fearon as Auctioneer. The farm met with spirited bidding selling as a whole to a neighbouring farmer for £1,415,000.

The Auction system remains an excellent way to market property offering certainty for both seller and buyer.

AUGUST

3rd August Sale of Calves & Stirks, Sale of Dairy Cattle
followed by Store Lambs

3rd August Sale of 600 Early Breeding Ewes

10th August Show & Sale of Store Cattle & Sale of
OTM Cattle

12th August We are attending Dalston Show please come
along and visit the team.

17th August Sale of Calves & Stirks, Sale of Dairy Cattle
followed by Store Lambs

17th August August Fair of Breeding Sheep – 11am Sale of
1500 Continental & Mule Ewes & Shearlings

18th August Annual "Lads Night Out" Show & Sale of Tups

24th August Sale of Store Cattle & OTM Cattle

31st August Sale of Calves & Stirks, Sale of Dairy Cattle
followed by Store Lambs

SEPTEMBER

2nd Sept We are attending Hesket Show please come
along and visit the team.

7th Sept Sale of Store Cattle & OTM Cattle

9th Sept "Wigton Whites" Annual Show & Sale of 500
Continental Breeding Ewes, 2000 Continental
Shearlings and 1500 Continental Ewe Lambs.
Sale to commence at 10am.

13th Sept Local Lamb Day together with Second Sale of
Tups. 2500 Mules, 1500 Continental Ewe Lambs,
200 Tups. Sale to commence at 11am.

14th Sept Sale of Calves & Stirks, Sale of Dairy Cattle
followed by Store Lambs

21st Sept Sale of Store Cattle & OTM Cattle

28th Sept Sale of Calves & Stirks, Sale of Dairy Cattle
followed by Store Lambs

