

## **ABERGAVENNY INLAMB EWE SHOW & SALE**

Pedigree sheep breeders 'flocked' to Abergavenny for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show & Sale of in lamb Suffolk ewes and ewe lambs. A fabulous genuine sale resulted in a 96% clearance and only 5 unsold lots.

Judge, Matt Legge, Isle of Wight chose a smart ewe lamb from Worcestershire breeder John Sinnett whose Stockton Flock was making a welcome return to this long established event. This first prize ewe lamb was by Stockton Arwell and out of a Cairness Impact sired ewe, she went on to sell at 950gns to the Judge, Matt Legge.

The sale included the Dispersal of the 'Cargriff' Flock for Carmarthenshire pedigree stock supremo Griff Morris & Family. The relatively young flock was founded on strictly commercial principals with good conformation foremost.

The flock included the top 4 prices over the whole sale. Best at 1,200gns was a shearling ewe by Cairness Coalition out of a Perrinpit Popeye sired ewe, she stood 2<sup>nd</sup> in the show and was purchased by D Callan, Haverfordwest. There were 3 sheep at 1,100gns firstly a two year old ewe by Plasllewelyn Pittsburgh and out of a ewe by Birness Aqua taken by Jimmy Douglas, 'Cairness'. Then a shearling again by Coalition, purchased by Dai Harvey, Builth Wells. The next at 1,100gns was another Coalition daughter out of a ewe by Plasllewelyn Pittsburgh and bought by Jimmy Douglas.

The 1<sup>st</sup> prize & Reserve Champion ewe was shown by T C & C A Harding, 'Bentley', Warwickshire and made 800gns to P Hope, Longtown, Herefordshire. The Hardings sold another at the same price to Messrs Ferguson & Greenow, Brecon.

Mike Davies & Sons, 'Safaddan' sold to a top of 780gns for a Strathisla Stoner daughter, taken by D Morgan, Aberystwyth.

John Sinnett's 'Stockton' pen also included ewe lambs at 750gns to Mrs J Phillips, Falmouth, Cornwall and 720gns to the same buyer.

Geoff Biddulph, 'Pexhill' sold the 1<sup>st</sup> prize shearling ewe at 660gns to R Giddy, Worcester, while R B & G M Morgan & Partners sold one by Deveronside Olympion at 600gns to Mrs Phillips, Cornwall, the same price achieved later in the sale by Messrs Hallam & Eggleston selling to R Whittingham, Raglan.

### Averages

	Max	Av.
49 Flock Ewes	1,100gns	£377.68
41 Shearling Ewes	1,200gns	£439.21
27 Ewe Lambs	1,100gns	£386.17

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Auctioneers: J. Straker, Chadwick & Sons.