

Xana Blue Texel ram lamb leads Worcester Trade at 2350gns

A ram lamb from Deal, Kent-based Emma Carr and her aunt Mandy Friend topped Blue Texel trade at MacCartneys, Worcester on Friday (1st September) selling for 2350gns to Deborah Atkinson, Insch, Aberdeenshire.

The January-born Xana Black Magic is by the past stock tup in the 13-ewe flock, Sacombe What A Boy, a ram who's been shown successfully on the south east of England show circuit for a couple of years with wins culminating in an interbreed win at Edenbridge and Oxted Show. The lamb itself has been shown successfully this year and is out of a Sams-bred ewe by Millend Whirlwind.

Second best on the day was Beaconsview Bandit from Chris Davies. By Saltire Blue Awesome, this one is out of the Whatmore Wonder daughter, Beaconsview X-ray, a three times interbreed champion. He found a new home with Rhys Cooke, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, for his Nantyderrri flock, when he paid 1850gns.

Next up selling for 1600gns was the male and overall champion from the Hackney flock of Paul Tippetts and Christine Williams. This one is by the record priced, 17,000gns Joe's Alvin and is out of a Whatmore Siren daughter, Hackney Yum Yum. He joined the previous one, also being knocked down to Rhys Cooke.

At 1250gns was the second in the ring from Paul and Christine in the form of another by Joe's Alvin and this time out of another Siren daughter, Hackney Yikes. This one sold to R and B Smith, Towcester, Northamptonshire, for the Slapton flock.

Then at 900gns in the ram lamb section was the first in the pen from Messrs Davies and Baker's pen with Severn View Bear, a Millend About Time sired lamb out of a Slapton-bred ewe by Millend Romeo. He found a new home with D Jones, Llangammarch Wells, Powys.

Shearling ram trade was sticky in places with a top of 880gns for Sams Almighty from father and son Andrew and Sam Froggat. This one is by Dulas X-Treme and is out of a home bred ewe by a Millside ram and sold to Hannah Dean, Selby, York.

Andrew and Sam then celebrated success with their female and reserve overall champion who is by the same home bred ram that sired the record priced Joe's Alvin. She's out of a home bred ewe that stood female champion at the Welsh in 2013 and was knocked down to Giles and Sally Hardman, Redmarley, Gloucestershire.

Next best in the shearling females was a call of 1000gns from David Roberts, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, when he secured Whatmore Adrenalin from Sara Gibbons. This one is by Whatmore Wasp and is out of the Whatmore Rebel daughter, Whatmore Snuff.

Then at 880gns was the best from David Alexander's Millside flock with a daughter of the 4000gns Sams Yoyo. This one is out of a home bred daughter by the flock's successful Craigalbert tup. He was knocked down to N Bower, Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

The best of trade for Blue Texel ewe lambs was the 800gns Whatmore Bess, again from Sara Gibbons. This one is by Whatmore Yorkie and is out of a Whatmore Wasp daughter and found a new home with previous buyer David Roberts.

Averages: 2 aged rams £357; 9 aged ewes £470.17; 36 ram lambs £577.27; 32 ewe lambs £398.34; 24 shearling rams £576.63; 53 shearling ewes £561.06 (McCartneys).

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