

## **7000gns top for Blue Texels at Worcester**

A 7000gns call for a shearling ewe topped the Blue Texel prices at Worcester on Friday (2 September, with this price paid for Whatmore Yippee from Steve and Sara Gibbons.

This Whatmore Wasp daughter is out of Whatmore Tilly, a Whatmore Siren daughter and sold to Jonathan Timms, Milesill Place, Leeds, Yorkshire.

Then making 3300gns was aged ram Hackney X Rated from the Watkins family's Millend flock. This son of Whatmore Siren is out of Whatmore Vienna and sold in a two-way split to Clive Richardson and Janet Carson, both Northern Ireland.

Close behind at 3200gns was Hackney Your Joking from Paul Tippetts and Christine Williams. This shearling tup is by What're Siren and out of an imported dam and sold to Stays Moyse, Westhill, Aberdeenshire.

A 3000gns call then followed that for the best of the ram lambs sold on the day, Millside DJA/16/01653A from David Alexander. This lamb is by the 4000gns Sams Yoyo and out of an imported dam and sold to Sam and Scarlett Hale for their Sacombe flock, Hertfordshire.

The Gibbons family was then back in the money when selling Whatmore Africa, a ewe lamb by Whatmore Wasp and out of a dam by Whatmore Tommy at 2800gns. This one sold to Nicola Beardsley and Harry Heath, Muggington, Ashbourne.

Two then sold at 2000gns, with the first being another of the ewe lambs, the pre-sale champion from Andrew and Sam Froggatt. This was Sams AFS/16/04959. She's again by the 4000gns Sams Yoyo and is out of a Beili dam by an imported sire. This one was overall champion in the pre-sale show and sold to the judge, David Alexander who bought her on behalf of A & P Casey, Gaitnip, St Ola, Orkney.

The other to make this money was a shearling ram from the same home, Sams Yama. He's by a homebred sire and out of a dam by a Millside sire and was bought by Glynn Arrowsmith, Llowes, Hereford, having stood first at Royal Three Counties and male champion at the Royal Welsh as well as reserve champion in the pre-sale show.

And a pair then traded at 1700gns. The first of these was another of the Hackney shearling tups, Hackney Yankee. He is another by What're Siren and out of an imported dam and was the choice of David Roberts, Kenley, Shrewsbury.

Second at this level was Millend About Town from the Watkins family. This ram lamb is by Hackney X Rated and out of a dam by a Mac sire and sold to M J Davies, Caress, Powys.

Another two then sold at 1600gns. Taking the first bid at this money was a Millside gimmer from David Alexander, DJA/15/01433Y. She's by an imported sire and out of a dam by a Craigalbert ram and sold to N J Legge, Hatfield, Leominster.

A ram lamb from the Froggatts then sold at the same price, with this being Sams Yankedoodle. He is by an imported sire and out of a dam by a Millside ram and sold to Ben James, Tenbury Wells.

Selling for 1500gns was the reserve female champion from the pre-sale show, a Viewforth gimmer from John and Emma Lyle. This was JEL15/01894, a daughter of a Beili sire and out of Bishops Rebecca. She was bought by M V Hicks, Balsall Common, Coventry.

Another Millside gimmer then made 1400gns, with this one from David Alexander being by a Beili sire and out of a dam by a Craigalbert tup. She went home with N J Legge, Hatfield, Leominster.

And then at 1250gns was another from the same home and by the same sire. This was DJA15/01444. She is out of a dam by a Jonsland sire and was bought by David Roberts, Kenley, Shrewsbury.

Following her at 1200gns was a substitute entry from the same pen, with this one bought by J Jenkins, Thornborough, Buckingham.

Then followed an 1100gns sale for Hackney Yorkie from Paul Tippetts and Christine Williams. This shearling tup is by What're Wasp and out of a dam by What're Siren and found a new home with T M Kitching, East Hauxwell.

The final four figure call came at 1050gns, with this price paid for a ram lamb from Rhys Cooke's Nantyderri flock. This son of a Bishops sire is out of a Pen-Y-Bec dam which was Royal Welsh champion in 2014 and sold to Giles Hardman, Red Marley.

Averages; four aged rams £1134, 32 shearling rams £706.95, 41 ram lambs £514.63, 60 shearling ewes £654.50, 50 ewe lambs £496.44 (McCartneys).