

LONGHORNS TOP AT 4,800gns AT WORCESTER SPRING SALE

The Longhorn Cattle Society's Spring Show & Sale at Worcester again proved that quality pays and purchasers are more than happy to back their judgement when good, sound confirmation cattle are on offer.

Top call of the day went to Angela Blockley's Yorkshire based Southfield herd when the third prize yearling bull, Southfield Stalker a son of Southfield Panther, Breed Champion Great Yorkshire 2018 out of the 7,600gns Southfield Lyric classified Excellent 90 was knocked down at 4,800gns to Winterton Ltd, Syston, Leicester.

The Southfield prefix was very much to the fore with another yearling bull Southfield Spitfire having won first, Male and Overall Champion selling to a brisk demand at 3,000gns to J & P Stanley, Leicester for their Blackbrook herd.

Senior bulls topped at a very creditable 3,400gns for Carreg Oak, from James Winnington, a former Breed Champion at the Society's National Show 2015 and also taking first in the pre-sale show. The 5 year old bull was secured by R Edwards & Partners, Cardiff.

Females also enjoyed a close following on the day culminating in a top price of 2,600gns for B Facon's Junior heifer Genton's Sole a yearling heifer by Genton's 007 James Bond Bull of the year 2015, she took First, Female and Reserve Overall Champion in the pre-show and was knocked down to Riverside Livestock, Strabane, Northern Ireland. Her half-sister Genton's Sonnet out of Blackbrook Sonnet classified Excellent 90 having won second in the show class found favour at 1,300gns to ID & SS Backway, Wadebridge, Cornwall.

Cows & Calves recorded a full clearance peaking at 1,350gns for Fishwick Phi, a Fishwick Macavity daughter with bull calf at foot and back in calf to Stoke Paddy selling to G Gilder, Cheltenham, Gloucester.

Senior heifers peaked at 1,220gns for James Winnington's Heronbrook Ursula a Carreg Oak daughter and First prize winner selling to D G Bradshaw, Church Eaton, Stafford.

Averages:

8 Cows in Calf or calf at foot	£1,081.50
5 Senior Heifers	£1,008.00
2 Junior Heifer	£2,047.50
3 Senior Bulls	£1,932.00
4 Junior Bulls	£3,360.00

Auctioneers:

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Longhorn Breed Champion Southfield Spitfire – with handler Clark Blockley.