

A top price of 6,800gns was achieved at the Blonde Society early spring show and sale at Carlisle and bulls averaged over the £3,000 mark.

Leading the sale was local breeder Mike Harrison of the Shapfell herd based near Penrith. This 23 month old home bred bull, Shapfell Esquire,(pictured below), a son of Forthview Rosco and bred from a home bred daughter by Whistley Nazir. Esquire, a shapey muscly bull, caught the eye of Lancaster enthusiasts K & GJ Huck of Austwick who purchased him for 6,800gns.



Following at 5,400gns was the events senior champion shown by Peter and James Weightman of Peterlee, Co.Durham. Hallfield Empire (below) is a son of the 8,500gn herd sire Blackwater Ainsley and out of a Druk Lance sired mother. This stylish bull was sold to J King of Thorntonhall, Glasgow.



Reaching the 5,000gn price tag was a May 2009 entry from Northern Ireland breeder Richard Mowbray of Co.Tyrone. Droit Ethan is from the first batch of calves from the herds new stock sire Rayneside Brett and is out of Droit Vivi who is a granddaughter of one of the herds foundation cows Sornfallow Grace. Ethan was knocked down to NS & S Wood of Windermere.

First time exhibitors to the sale, Savage Bros & Son of Co.Down, Northern Ireland won the silverware in the bull classes by lifting both the junior and senior championship which led them to also receive the overall male championship. It was their junior champion, Shanvally Enter a 20 month old entry that led the prices

for their two bulls. Selling for 4,000gns, this son of Glenvale Billy and out of a Whistley Dollar bred mother, now travels to Derbyshire for Scriveton Manor Farm Holdings Ltd.



The second entry to the sale ring followed next in the price table selling for 3,000gns. Borders breeders G & A Hamilton of Duns sold Ramrig Eureka a homebred son by Ardmore Upgrade and bred from a Strathisla bred daughter by Druk Lance. Eureka was sold to J & J Mather of Kelso.

The sale included the Blonde Babe female show and was won by an entry from the Blackwater herd belonging to Mr & Mrs Ian Calderbank of Essex. Blackwater Fancy, a January 2010 born maiden heifer sired by Blackwater Jockey and out of a homebred mother by Blackwater Tensyn. Fancy sold for 2,300gns and travels to Caithness for J Anderson of Thurso. David Bowe from Wigton who runs the Calvo herd judged the pre sale show. Liz Rogerson judged the best turned out class presenting the Isabelle Mason Memorial perpetual Trophy to the Savage brothers of the Shanvalley herd for the turn out of Shanvalley Euro the reserve champion on the day.



Shanvalley Enter (Champion) and Shanvalley Euro (Reserve)

The Blonde Society trophy for the best entry from an exhibitor with ten or less breeding females went to Ian Calderbank from the Blackwater herd, Essex.

Averages – 13 bulls £3,267.12, 7 maiden heifers £1,380.00.
