LADIES MAN JULIAN 3RD TOPS CHELFORD HIGHLAND SALE AT 2200 GNS

A two year old Highland bull, described by his breeders as one that never lets a lady pass by, attracted considerable attention at the Annual Spring Show and Sale held by the Highland Cattle Society at Chelford last Saturday and achieved the day's top price of **2200 gns.**

Julian 3rd of Walton was put forward by his breeders Suzanne and Arthur Hill, of Much Wenlock, Shropshire as part of a Reduction Sale of their prize winning Walton Fold. The quality of cattle put forward by Mr and Mrs Hill certainly didn't disappoint the large number of Highland breed enthusiasts gathered at Chelford last week, all achieving prices well above pre-sale expectations.

Julian had been placed Reserve Champion in the pre-sale show by the day's Judge Stephen Hunter of Shotts, Lanarkshire and it was his easy temperament and obvious attraction to the females that provoked lively bidding at sale time, before he was finally knocked down for **2200 gns** to D & T Wood, Haverthwaite, Cumbria.



Julian 3rd of Walton – sold 2200gns

Show Championship went to the March 2010 born black bull, Uther Dhubh Chanaidh of Headlind, shown by Sally and Stephen Leighton, from near Chesterfield, Derbyshire. This bull won six breed championships during the last two years and made 1700 gns to M R Westcott, Minehead, Somerset.



Uther Dhubh Chanaidh of Headlind – sold 1700 gns

The long journey from Merthyr Cynog, Brecon paid off for Mrs Beverley Evans when her white yearling bull Conan of Yscirfawr, made **950 gns** to R Wain, Matlock, Derbyshire.

Highland females achieved a 100% clearance in the Sale with a leading price of **1000 gns** for the January 2011 born heifer Una Ruadh 45th of Pollock, part of the Walton Fold reduction sale. Having won shows last summer she has recently been served by the stock bull, and was purchased by Robin Chilton, buying on behalf of P Kennaway Llangollen, North Wales.

The leading priced cow also came from the Walton Fold reduction, this time Lady Mina 2nd of Cim, sold with her heifer calf at foot by the stock bull Alasdair, made **900 gns** to I H Walker, Stableford, Newcastle, Staffordshire.

The 2 year old heifer class was also dominated by a Walton heifer, being awarded first prize in the class with Ursuhla 36th of Walton making **850** gns to E Edwards, Melbourne, Derbyshire.

Yearling Heifers met strong demand throughout the sale, with several making over **600 gns**, and being led by another Walton heifer, this time Lady Mina 1st of Walton, a daughter of the stock bull Alasdair Ruadh of Auchtenny and already a proven show winner, making **700 gns** to C Klinger, Snetterton, Norfolk.

Averages:

10 Bulls	£1323.00
2 Cows in-calf	£693.00
2 Cows with calves	£892.00
1 Three year old heifers	£1100.00
4 Two year old heifers	£695.62
8 Yearling Heifers	£582.75

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Full Results and prices

Overall Champion & Male Champion

Uther Dhubh Chanaidh of Headland from Steve & Sally Leighton sold to Mr MR Westcott, Minehead, Somerset for 1700 gns



Show & Sale sponsor Stephanie Ryder – Advertising Manager from The Farmers Guardian presents Steve & Sally Leighton the overall championship award

Reserve Male Champion

Julian 3rd of Walton from Mrs S Hill sold to D Wood, Ulverston, Cumbria for 2200 gns

Female Champion

Gealbhan 4th of Cim from Mrs S Hill sold to IH Walker, Newcastle, Staffordshire for 800 gns

Reserve Female

Urshula 36th of Walton from Mrs S Hill sold to P Edwards, Melbourne, Derbyshire for 850 gns

Class Results & Prices

Bulls

Class 1

1st 201 Uther Dhubh Chanaidh of Headland from Steve & Sally Leighton sold to Mr MR Westcott, Mlnehead, Somerset for 1700 gns

2nd Julian 3rd of Walton from Mrs S Hill sold to D Wood, Ulverston, Cumbria for 2200 gns

3rd Angus 1st of Walton from Mrs S Hill sold to DM Thorp, Bakewell for 950 gns

4th Laochan Dubh of Kelby from TP Radford

Yearling Bull

1st Gruagach Riabhach of Kelby from TP Radford

2nd Conan of Yscirfawr from Mrs Beverley Evans sold to R Wain, Matlock, Derbyshire for 950 gns

3rd Ruadh Blizzard of Melkett from Mr & Mrs P Kettle

4th Julian 4th of Walton from Mrs S Hill sold to Mr J Ayres, Thetford, Norfolk for 500 gns

Cows

Class 3

- 1st Gealbhan 4th of Cim from Mrs S Hill sold to IH Walker, Newcastle, Staffordshire for 800 gns
- 2nd Caorach of Southmuir from Steve & Sally Leighton
- 3rd Lady Mina 2nd of Cim from Mrs S Hill sold to IH Walker, Newcastle, Staffordshire for 900 gns
- 4th Urshula 3rd of Eastol Moor from Mrs S Hill sold to D Wood, Ulverston, Cumbria for 700 gns

Three Year Old Heifer

1st Una Ruadh 45th of Pollok from Mrs S Hill sold to Mrs PM Kennaway, Wrexham for 1000 gns

Two Year Old Heifer

- 1st Urshula 36th of Walton from Mrs S Hill sold to P Edwards, Melbourne, Derbyshire for 850 gns
- 2nd Dhubh Raineach Chanaidh of Headland from Steve & Sally Leighton
- 3rd Skye 2nd of Loch Voil App B from L & L Braines sold to Wessex Lowline, Blandford Forum, Dorset for 600 gns
- 4th Cruinneag Bhoiodheach 2nd of West Edmondsley from L & L Braines sold to Wessex Lowline, Blandford Forum, Dorset for 600 gns
- 5th Chloe 2nd of West Edmondsley from L & L Braines sold to Wessex Lowline, Blandford Forum, Dorset for 600 gns

Yearling Heifer

- 1st Lady Mina 1st of Walton from Mrs S Hill sold to C Kilinger, Snetterton, Norwich for 700 ans
- 2nd Urshula 37th of Walton from Mrs S Hill sold to P Edwards, Melbourne, Derbyshire for 600 gns
- 3rd Margaret Fay Shaw from Mrs S Hill sold to JM Ayre, Thetford, Norfolk for 600 gns 4th Beanna 1st of Walton from Mrs S Hill sold to CH Hill & Son, Shropshire for 600 gns

Other Prices

Hilary of Seam from Mr & Mrs Simon Haley sold to J Blackshaw, Bakewell, Derbyshire for 420 gns

Janet of Seam from Mrs & Mrs Simon Haley sold to J Blackshaw, Bakewell, Derbyshire for 550 gns

Kate Dubh of West Edmondsley from L & L Braines sold to Wessex Lowline, Blandford Forum, Dorset for 550 gns

Beitidh of Fishrake from Mr Graeme Scott sold to J Blackshaw, Bakewell, Derbyshire for 420 gns

Judge's report

I would like to say it was an honour and a privilege to be asked to judge the Chelford Spring Show and Sale, the quality of the stock was better than I was expecting and apart from a couple of yearling bulls which shouldn't have been left as bulls, the quality was of a good standard.

The supreme champion bull from Steve and Sally Leighton was a big strong bull and had good locomotion. I was pleased he had been put forward and passed the bull assessment scheme. The reserve bull again was of a good standard from Arthur and Suzanne Hill and I was glad to see they both found new homes.

The champion female was a strong framed quality cow suckling a bull calf from the Hills. If she had a heifer calf at foot I feel she would have made a four figure sum. The reserve female which was a 2yr old was a big stretchy heifer that should turn into a good modern cow.

I would like to thank the North of England Highland Cattle and Gywn Williams from Chelford

Market for making myself, Rosie and Laura most welcome on the day.

Stephen Hunter