

# The Market Report

## FEBRUARY PONDERINGS

### Bletsoes Team News

#### **Chris Templar BSc (Hons), MRICS, FAAV - Partner**

The Partners are delighted to announce that Chris Templar has joined the Bletsoes partnership. Chris started work at Bletsoes almost 10 years ago and has established himself as an extremely competent and capable Rural Surveyor and Registered Valuer. Chris studied at Harper Adams University, graduating in 2010 and became qualified as a Chartered Surveyor and Agricultural Valuer in 2011, whilst working for an independent firm in Leicestershire.

Since joining Bletsoes in spring 2012, Chris has developed his skills and expertise particularly with property sales and acquisitions, valuation, compulsory purchase, subsidies, and grants, as well as negotiation of option and promotion agreements. Working out of both the Thrapston and Stratford offices, Chris undertakes work for individuals and businesses



across the Midlands, East Anglia, and Home Counties. Chris is well respected by his clients, peers and colleagues and will be an asset to the Bletsoes partnership.

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## **Rob Russell FdSc – Agri-Business Consultant**

Rob Russell joined the Agricultural team in November as an Agri-Business Consultant. Rob grew up on an arable and beef farm in South Northamptonshire where they operate a minimum tillage system combining cereals, oil seed rape and pulses with a beef unit buying in stores to finish. Rob studied Agriculture at Harper Adams University where he focussed on crop and livestock production and upon graduation, travelled to Australia to work on arable, beef and cotton farms before returning to work on the family farm. Rob has joined the Bletsoes Agricultural team at a time of huge opportunity for British agriculture and is involved with contract farming arrangements, BPS, Mid-Tier, Sustainable Farming Incentive, strategic business advice, budgeting and cash flows.



## **Lauren Alexander – Residential Lettings Administrator**

We have appointed Lauren Alexander who will join the team in late February. Our colleague, Lesley Barn has recently resigned as she is re-locating to live in Yorkshire and as a result we advertised the role and have appointed Lauren to join the Estate Agency team. Lauren has a background of customer service and administration and looks forward to meeting and speaking with our clients who are Landlords of the many residential properties which we manage, as well as Tenants and Contractors.

You may have seen our recent advertisements for a Rural Surveyor and a Planning & Development Surveyor. We are fortunate to have a strong and vibrant team of Surveyors working at Bletsoes and as a result of the continuing level of workload and new instructions, we wish to add to the existing professional team. We hope to appoint in this respect over the next few months and thereafter look forward to introducing these individuals to our clients, customers and other contacts. It is a busy and exciting time with rural property and the overall Bletsoes team are here to help and assist you to maximise the assets which you hold and maintain profitability and the integrity of your businesses as opportunities arise going forward. As individuals, we are all very much here to help and so please do pick up the phone if you think that there is something which we may be able to assist you with.

***Nicola Clayton-Bailey***

*Partner, Rural Surveyor and Registered Valuer*

# Stratford Forthcoming Events

## Friday 11th February

Dispersal Machinery Sale - Bucks

*See main advert for further information*

## Saturday 12th February

Hay, Straw & Fodder Sale

*At Thrapston Livestock Market*

## Tuesday 15th February

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Fur, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

## Tuesday 22nd February

Sale of In-Lamb Sheep

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Fur, Produce & Misc - 10.00am

*For further information regarding any of the sales  
please contact the Market Team*

### **SALES OF BPS ENTITLEMENTS & TRANSFER OF LAND FOR BPS PURPOSES**

The window to transfer entitlements opened on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and will remain open up to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022. If you have entitlements to sell, or wish to purchase new entitlements please register your interest with Grace Millbank in the Agricultural Team on 01832 732241 or [grace.millbank@bletsoes.co.uk](mailto:grace.millbank@bletsoes.co.uk)

If you have taken on new land since 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021 it is worthwhile checking whether you need to transfer the land into your RPA registered business, if you intend to claim BPS on the land. The deadline to transfer land between businesses has been set as 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

## REPORT FOR TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

A shortage of Sheep in the shed today, saw a very similar average to last week at 267p. Hoggets topped at £137.70 or 280p on a couple of occasions. Cull Ewes sold to £122.50 and Store Hogs to £115. We also had twenty In-Lamb Mule Theaves which sold to £200.

More are needed each week, in all sections, we have the buyers, if you have some to market, please contact us, we are here to help.

### **262 Prime Hoggets**

**Light** – Just the one forward, a smart Beltex hogg weighing 31kg from W Bartlett & Son which sold to 280p and realised £86.80.

To		From		Average	
280p	£86.80	280p	£86.80	280p	£86.80

**Standards** – Hadley Farms Ltd topped this section at 280p for 36.5kg hoggs; F Hadley sold 37.5kg hoggs to 278.5p; W Stock & Son sold 35.5kg hoggs to 268p; Gipsy Hall Farms Ltd sold 36.5kg hoggs to 265.5p; PD Bird sold 37kg hoggs to 265p; Fisher-Pinfield sold 34kg Easycare x hoggs to 265p; MJ & IJ Gibbs sold 37kg Suffolks to 265p; Mark Taylor saw 264p for his 37.5kg Charollais x hoggs; and WW Steele sold 37kg Easycare rams to 260p.

Top price per head sold to £104.44 for F Hadley; Hadley Farms Ltd returned £102.20; and Mark Taylor sold his to £99.

To		From		Average	
280p	£104.44	260p	£90.10	267.3p	£96.18

**Mediums** – Hadley Farm Ltd also topped this section with 43kg Texels to 270p; MJ & IJ Gibbs sold 41kg Suffolks to 269p; Dancer Brothers sold 44.5kg hoggs to 268.5p; RG Dancer sold 45kg & 41kg Charollais to 268p; R & EM Prentice sold 43.5kg hoggs to 266.5p; Kelly Burrows sold four 45.5kg hoggs to 265.5p and 41kg hoggs to 265p; and Gipsy Hall Farms Ltd sold 41kg hoggs to 264p.

Top price per head sold to £120.80 for Kelly Burrows; RG Dancer sold to £120.60; and Dance Brothers sold to £119.48.

To		From		Average	
270p	£120.80	257p	£105.37	266.4p	£112.57

**Heavies** – DM Harris sold 47kg Bleu Du Maine hogs to 269p; RG Dancer sold 47kg hogs to 266p; Dancer Brothers sold six 46kg hogs to 264.5p; DC Wiggins sold 50kg hogs to 255p; and PD Bird sold 50kg hogs to 254p. Top price per head sold to £127.50 for DC Wiggins; PD Bird sold to £127; and DM Harris sold to £126.43.

To		From		Average	
269p	£127.50	254p	£121.67	261.3p	£125.29

**Over 52kg** – Topping at 257p for DM Harris with 53kg Bleu Du Maine hoggets; and RG Dancer sold a 54kg hogg to 255p. Top price per head sold to £137.70 for RG Dancer; and £136.21 for DM Harris.

To		From		Average	
257p	£137.70	255p	£136.21	256.7p	£136.46

**141 Store Hoggets** – More than double what was expected, which discouraged a few buyers from coming to the market, when advertising the night prior to the sale. A mixed bunch of end of the season sheep forward, even so prices soared £115 for some big but lean hoggets from DC Wiggins with others at £111; C Lockton saw his Suffolk sell to £90; MJ & IJ Gibbs sold theirs to £88; KR Evans sold his to £86.50; Peter Dowding sold his mixed bunch to £81; and W Stock & Son sold to £80.

To		From		Average	
£115.00		£54.00		£79.88	

**92 Cull Ewes & Rams** – A shortage at the moment, which is causing trade to hold firm. Prices topped at £122.50 for E & M Wainwright; W Bartlett & Son sold to £120 and £117.50 for Beltex; Suffolks from PE Dickin sold to £116. Mules from E & M Wainwright sold to £97. Rams, a Jacob sold to £50 for E & M Wainwright.

To		From		Average	
£122.50		£10.00		£81.84	

**20 Breeding Sheep** - Twenty quality North Country Mule theaves (not had lambs) were entered by LS Hammon and sold to £200. Twenty more will be forward this week. Please contact us for more information.

To		From		Average	
£200.00		£200.00		£200.00	

## **SPECIAL ENTRY**

**Tuesday 15th February**

L S Hammon  
20 North Country Mule Theaves  
Scanned with Doubles, Due Early April  
Received treatments of Heptavac P, Wormed, Fluked & Copper Injections

## **WORK WANTED**

Available for 2 days work per week on livestock farm.  
Contact Matt on 07951 266487 for further information

Our chaplain Rev. Richard Wilde, Methodist Minister, member of the Agricultural Chaplains Association and the Farming Community Network will be in attendance at the market on Tuesdays for a chat, if you need to talk.

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### **Advertising Charges**

1/8 Page	£10 Per Week
1/4 Page	£20 Per Week
1/2 Page	£30 Per Week
Full Page	£50 Per Week

+ VAT

### **Discounted Rates Available**

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**Friday**  
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**COLLECTIVE SALES OF  
HAY, STRAW & FODDER  
2022**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**In the main cattle sale ring at 11am**

All types of Hay, Straw, Silage & Haylage required.  
Please forward your entries as soon as possible,  
for advertising & cataloguing purposes

For Entry Forms and Catalogues, visit [www.bletsoes.co.uk](http://www.bletsoes.co.uk)  
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