

The Market Report

Professional Ponderings - June 2024

In this Month's ponderings we were planning to let you know how far the Renters (Reform) Bill had progressed through the parliamentary process. The Bill was in the House of Lords awaiting the Committee stage. Whilst it still had a few stages to go through, things did seem to be progressing.

However, as I am sure you are all aware, towards the end of May, Rishi Sunak called a general election for this summer. This meant that, before Parliament dissolved on the 30th May 2024, there was what's called a "wash up" period, where the UK Government and the official opposition agreed privately on which Bills would make it through to the statute book, and which would not.

Propertymark, (whom Bletsoes are a member of) understand from the Lords Whips' office that the Renters (Reform) Bill will be dropped and will not go any further in the legislative journey.

If this is the case then this will be very frustrating for landlords, agents and tenants alike, as there have been months of planning and negotiations to shape the Bill to create something which all interested parties could work with.

There will be a lot of uncertainty as to how a new Renters (Reform) Bill might take with the next UK Government, if it is introduced at all. However, the Bill will have to start from the beginning and will again be debated and discussed fully, before reaching its final stages.

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Propertymark have built strong relationships across the political spectrum, inputting into manifesto creation, and will publish its key requests for the next UK Government on behalf of its members and will continue to represent members and to lobby on our behalf, to ensure legislation is evidence based and workable.

As a member of Propertymark, Bletsoes will be kept abreast with full details of any suggested legislation that may be proposed by the next UK Government and this information will be readily available to our landlords.

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If you would like some more information on the types of service which the Bletsoes Lettings Team offer, then please do get in touch and a member of the Team will be more than happy to help.

Residential Lettings Manager
Teresa Mutton



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Thrapston Forthcoming Events

Thursday 6th June

Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 8th June

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

Thursday 13th June

Prime & Cull Sheep

Saturday 15th June

Machinery Reduction & Vintage Sale - Banbury

Store & Breeding Cattle, Sheep & Pigs

Thursday 20th June

Prime & Cull Sheep

*For further information on any of the sales
please contact a member of the Market Team*

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REPORT FOR THURSDAY 30TH MAY

Prime Lambs

A steadier trade again this week as demand definitely eased. Good lambs still reaching a premium but not the highs of the last month. Optimum weights range from 38kg to 44kgs. SQQ 351.82p/kg. R Swinfen & Son topped the day with best end Texel lambs to 376p/kg for 42.5kgs, also topping the day overall at £172 for 51kgs.

Highlights - DM Cutmore & Son saw a high of £160 for good meat Texel Mules at 44.5kgs; Cartwright Farms saw the usual stamp of quality with Charollais to £155 for 44.5kgs; W Hammon penned a best end showing of Beltex crosses at 42kgs selling to £155.

To		From		Average	
Standards (32.1-39kg)					
335p	£129.00	335p	£129.00	335p	£129.00
Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)					
376p	£160.00	333p	£135.00	353p	£150.90
Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)					
347p	£172.00	327p	£165.00	337.8p	£168.20

Prime Hogs

Meat is at a constant level with a larger showing of lean hogs forward once again. SQQ 278.15p/kg. S Hobbs topped with 42.5kg Beltex types to 308p/kg; TJ Collins & Sons saw a high of £173 for big framed Charollais hogs at 58.5kgs with 52.5kgs to £140; Guilford & Sons saw smart Continentals at 58kgs top to £158.

To		From		Average	
Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)					
308p	£131.00	268p	£107.00	278.2p	£113.00
Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)					
289p	£140.00	258p	£120.00	279.3p	£136.36
Over 52kg					
269p	£173.00	233p	£134.00	276.9p	£150.89

NOTICE

If you would like your stock to be included in the weekly report presale, please contact the office before 12 noon on Monday.

Cull Ewes & Rams

Extreme ends of the spectrum forward, with feeding ewes and smart meat both selling extremely well for the quality forward. Averaging £90.38. Newton Lodge topped the day with best meat Continental ewes to £157; J Patrick saw big framed thick meat Continental crosses to £137; W Hammond penned a smart show of Texel ewes seeing the best shape at £132; D Sansom saw the best of the Mule trade with £120. All meat was seen over £100. Lean/feeding ewes were in the £70's. True feeders were around £65 for Swale ewes.

To	From	Average
£157.00	£42.00	£90.38

NOTICE

To ensure your entries are listed in the Saturday Store Sale Catalogue, please book in your stock by 4pm on Friday.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY

Land off Walgrave Road, Old, Northamptonshire
0.64 acres (0.26 hectares) of Paddock Land, Village location,
Suitable for a variety of uses and may have longer-term development potential
subject to obtaining the necessary planning consents.

Contact Alex Abrahams - 01832 732241

FREE HEALTH ADVICE FOR FARMERS TO CONTINUE AT THRAPSTON MARKET

Parish Nursing Ministries UK will be offering health screening, information, and advice to farming families at Saturday markets. Their nurses will be based in the Bletsoes mobile unit, next to the market office.

The nurses will next be in attendance on Saturday 8th June 8.30am – 12.30pm. There is no need to book, just turn up and wait to be seen.

This free support can include • Blood pressure readings • Health discussions and advice on issues including joint/back pain and pain management, medication explanations, weight management, baby health issues, prostate concerns, restless leg syndrome, arthritis • Wellbeing discussions and advice on subjects including stress management, bereavement and dementia

For further information contact Andrea 07866 803798 Andrea@fcn.org.uk

REPORT FOR FRIDAY 31ST MAY

Collective Machinery Sale

Another massive sale of over 1000 lots going under the hammer, saw a very good clearance. Our next sale is Friday 28th June and the closing date for advertising and catalogue entries is 10 days prior. (Tuesday 18th June)

Top prices achieved

£6,100.00	Mini Digger
£4,500.00	John Deere Gator
£3,000.00	Kuhn Mounted Mower
£3,000.00	Ifor Williams T/A Stock Box With Decks
£2,800.00	Tsubishi Mt25 Tractor
£2,400.00	I/W 14' Flatbed Trailer
£2,200.00	Elho Sideliner Bale Wrapper
£2,150.00	Griffith Muck/Grain Trailer
£1,850.00	Concept Flail Topper
£1,700.00	International Tractor & Topper
£1,600.00	Ifor Williams Tri-Axle Stock Box
£1,500.00	John Deere R-O-Mower
£1,500.00	Fordson Major
£1,500.00	Pottinger Single Rotor Rake
£1,500.00	Diesel Bowser
£1,500.00	Trailer
£1,400.00	Mitsubishi Shogun
£1,300.00	Curtain Sider
£1,200.00	Red Triple Press Cultivator
£1,150.00	Tri-Axle Artic Trailer
£1,100.00	Ifor Williams Horse Box
£1,050.00	Wessex Topper
£1,000.00	Iveco Tipper

COLLECTIVE MACINERY SALE - POLITE NOTICE

When delivering your items please ensure you report to the mobile office prior to unloading and obtain your computer number, this is to be clearly displayed on your lots prior to leaving the site. Reserves and payments will not be processed if unidentifiable.

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Saturday 15th June, 10.30am

at The Warriner School Farm, Bloxham,
Banbury, Oxon. OX15 4LJ

Machinery Reduction & Vintage Sale



To Include:

1998 **CASE** MX100 Tractor - 1000 hours
MASSEY FERGUSON Baler, **KUHN** Mower Conditioner,
SPEARHEAD Topper, Grass Harrows, **TEAMS** Sprayer,
LELY Power Harrow

Vintage Hand Tools, Station Engines, Horse Drawn Ploughs, Threshing Box,
MASSEY HARRIS Reaper & Binder

on behalf of The Warriner School Farm

The sale is due to farming restructure

Additional Entries are Welcome

Contact Jake Wagstaff 07487 526803

Catalogues will be available online or by request

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REPORT FOR SATURDAY 1ST JUNE

Store & Breeding Cattle

Starting the sale well a 10 year old Dexter cow sold to £575 from JC Agriculture Ltd.

Cows & Calves - Prices topped at £2030 for a Limousin cow with a month old Angus calf at foot, a Simmental x cow with a month old calf at foot sold to £1470 and a 10 year old Hereford cow with a month old Angus at foot sold to £1340 all from TEW Farming.

Store Cattle - Starting well with Store cattle sold to £1925 for a 22 month Charolais steer; H Houghton & Son sold Blue steers to £1250 and heifers to £1045; JC Agriculture Ltd sold a 12 month Dexter steer to £400 and a heifer to £410; JP Watts sold Limousin steers to £1650 from £1160 to average £1267.50.

218 Store & Breeding Sheep

Store Lambs - first show this year of new season lambs with M Kirbyshire selling a run of Continental lambs to £81. Old season lambs saw a tremendous high with K Beck topping with Black Valais ewe lambs selling to £290; RD White topped with good meat Continentals at £103; Webb Hatherley Livestock saw Texel cross Jacob ram lambs to £94; H Houghton & Son saw the top of true stores at £79 for Suffolks. Native bred lean types sold around £40.

Feeding Ewes - K Beck topped at £330 for Black Nose Valais ewes for double theaves; T Cushion topped the rams for the day with best meat Continentals at £157, £145 and £136; H Houghton & Son topped the Texel Mule ewes to £131 with Mules at £115 for big framed and meat. Lean meat types were seen in the £90's with true feeders in the £70's. Shetlands and Manx were seen around £30.

Ewes & Lambs - a two tier trade with quality selling extremely well. I Birden topped the day with Dutch cross ewe lambs with Dutch singles at foot selling to £152 a life, with their twins at £309 an outfit; R Spurgeon saw £125 a life for Dorset horn ewes and single lambs at foot; R Walvin saw Mule theaves with late born Dutch singles to £100 a life with doubles at £80 a life; R Weston saw Rough Fell 6 tooth ewes and single lambs to £60 a life. Manx and Shetland ewes with singles sold to £36 a life.

Pigs

A White breeding gilt sold to £70; Saddleback weaned pigs sold to £70; Two Micro Pigs sold to £60 each and KuneKune x sows with litters sold to £60 from £45.

Calves

Hereford bulls sold to £485 and heifers sold to £395 for JE Parsons.

Goats

A great entry of goats this week saw prices selling to £260 for a Dairy bred Nanny and kid, and £250 for a Pygmy Nanny and a billy kid, other Pygmy Nannies sold to £90. Two young Pygmy wethers sold to £90. Dairy bred goats sold to £100 from £50. Billies sold to £75 from £55, a run of Pygmy x Nannies sold to £115 from £70.

Equine

A good trade on ponies this week topping at £900 for a Coloured 11hh riding pony; A tiny Shetland colt sold to £400, other colts sold to £400 from £220.

Poultry

The return of the Poultry saw a large crowd gather, to match the large entry of poultry forward. Bidding was strong from the start with vendors going home very pleased with the prices they had achieved.

Our next sale of Poultry will be on Saturday 6th July. All poultry must be pre-booked prior to the sale. Please contact the office to reserve your cages.

Top Prices Achieved Per Head

BUFF ORPINGTON COCK	£90.00	GOLDEN PHEASANTS	£30.00
INDIAN BLUE PEAHEN	£80.00	5 DUCKLINGS	£30.00
INDIAN BLUE PEAHEN	£72.00	SILKIE HENS	£29.00
RED BREAST GOSLINGS	£60.00	LAVENDAR ORPINGTONS	£28.00
BL TURKEY STAGS	£52.00	2 CREAM LEGBAR CHICKS	£28.00
INDIAN BLUE PEACOCK	£45.00	GUINEA FOWL KEETS	£28.00
4 DUCKLINGS	£45.00	PEKIN HENS	£27.00
WELSUMMER HENS	£42.00	GANDERS	£26.00
MINITURE SILKIES	£38.00	FEMALE CALL DUCKS	£25.00
SILVER PHEASANTS	£38.00	LIGHTS SUSSEX HENS	£25.00
CROFLIZER HENS	£37.00	SHEAR PHEASANTS	£25.00
PAIR OF GAME	£35.00	POL AYAM	£25.00
BL. TURKEY STAG	£34.00	MANDERINE DUCKS	£24.00
BUFF ORPINGTON HENS	£33.50	OEG	£24.00
LIGHT SUSSEX BANTAMS	£32.00	SIZZLES	£24.00
BLUE TURKEY HEN	£32.00	GREY SILKIE PULLETS	£23.00
RED TURKEY HENS	£32.00	CALL DUCKLING	£23.00
PR CREAM LEGBAR CHICKS	£32.00	WELSUMMER HENS	£22.50
SPANISH	£30.00	SILVER APPLEYARD DUCKS	£22.00
SPLASH BRAHMAS	£30.00	ASEELS	£22.00
POMERANIUM GOSLING	£30.00	5 JAPENESE QUAIL	£22.00

PROFESSIONAL ADVICE CLINIC / DROP IN AT THRAPSTON MARKET

On Saturday 22nd June, between 10.00am - 12.30pm we will have two of the Bletsoes Professionals stationed in the Mobile Office, down by the Market Office.

This Month's Professionals:

Andrew Middleditch will be available to talk about Developer Option and Promotion Agreements, conversion of buildings and general planning matters



&

Chris Templar will be available to talk about Farm Agency, Developer and Promotion Agreements, Compulsory Purchase and Utilities and Agricultural Tenancy matters



Why not pop in and see them, no need to call or book!

HARBOROUGH RURAL GRANT SCHEME

Harborough District Council has been allocated funds from the Rural England Prosperity Find (REPF) to be spent between April 2023 and March 2025.

Eligible applicants can benefit from grants between £5,000-£20,000 to support their business to diversify, innovate and grow. The council is keen to support exciting projects that will help local businesses and the wider economy and community.

Applicants must be based in rural areas in the Harborough District which can be identified in the grant policy.

The grant will cover four different themes:

- Farm Business Diversification
- Innovation & Growth
- Green Technology/Infrastructure
- Rural Tourism

The application window will close on Friday 27th September 2024.

For more information please follow the link –

<https://www.harborough.gov.uk/rural-grants>

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE
STORE & BREEDING CATTLE

J P Watts

17 Limousin Heifers

24 Months

S A C Holgate

39 Store Cattle

15-25 Months

C E Hancock & Son

18 Store Cattle

17-27 Months

CALVES

A G Burton - TB4

9 Angus x Bulls

3 Angus x Heifers

1 British Blue Bull

All 3-5 Weeks

NOTICE

Please ensure Entry Forms and all relevant paperwork accompany your entries when bringing livestock into the Market.

Entry Forms can be found on our Website, in the Market Office or alternatively please contact the Main Office.

LAND TO LET

CASTOR, PETERBOROUGH

Approx. 5 acres of Permanent Pasture at Castor, Peterborough available on a short term Farm Business Tenancy agreement or Grazing Licence.

For more information, please contact Verity Garlick at verity.garlick@bletsoes.co.uk



Our chaplain Rev. Eddie Smith, Church of England Minister, member of the Agricultural Chaplains Association and the Farming Community Network will be in attendance at the market on the 1st & 3rd Saturday each month for a chat, if you would like to talk.

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**Parish Nursing
Ministries UK**

COLLECTIVE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALE

Thrapston Auction Centre
Haldens Parkway
NN14 4QT

Friday 28th June at 10.30am

For Entry Forms please visit our website
Or Contact the Main Office on 01832 732241

Important, entries must be returned by
Tuesday 18th June to be included in the catalogue

Auctioneer in Charge: Alastair Brown 07885 804450

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An Auction



NO entries will be accepted after this date

For further information contact Beth Kitchener

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Anglian Water – Fens Reservoir

Anglian Water, working in partnership with Cambridge Water, is proposing a new reservoir in the Fens.

The proposed site is between Chatteris and March, near to Doddington, Wimblington and Manea. During times of high rainfall, river flows from the Great Ouse catchment would feed the reservoir with water which will then be treated and transported to supply homes and businesses.

Anglian Water are engaging with local landowners, homeowners, communities and other stakeholders as they develop their proposal. The Phase Two Consultation will start on **30th May 2024** and is an opportunity for people to have their say on the developing proposals.

If you think you may be affected by this new development and would like guidance or assistance, please contact a member of the Agricultural Team on 01832 732241

Further information is available on www.fensreservoir.co.uk

Grants Available in 2024

DEFRA have published a summary of grants available to look out for in 2024.

Grant	Important Dates
SFI Annual Health & Welfare Review	Applications Open
Laying Hen Housing for Health & Welfare	Open in Spring-Summer 24
Cattle Housing for Health & Welfare	Open in Autumn 24
Farming Equipment & Technology Fund 2024:	
Grant to Improve Productivity	Two application windows will open later in 2024
Improve Slurry Management	Two application windows will open later in 2024
Improving Farm Productivity (Round 2)	Those invited to make a full application have until 30 June 2025
Slurry Infrastructure Grant	Closed. Open again later in the year
Water Management Grant	Round 2 - Deadline for Full Applications end October. Round 3 open later in the year.
Harborough Rural Grant Scheme	Applications close 27 th September

Contact the Agricultural Team on 01832 732241 for more information.



THRAPSTON AND DISTRICT FAT STOCK SHOW SOCIETY

Saturday 30th November 2024
Thrapston Livestock Market

The Fat Stock Show is an important date in the calendar at **Thrapston Livestock Market**. It is a day when everyone is welcome from competitors, to Young Farmer stock judges to spectators. It is an opportunity for all generations in the rural community to get together.

It may seem a long way off, but when it comes to the Fat Stock Show, planning is already in full swing!

This year we are going big, with our **Prize Money** for the Champion Beast increasing to a whopping **£1000** with the Reserve Champion receiving **£500**! Our Champion Sheep haven't been forgotten and this **Prize Pot** is also increasing in 2024. Exhibiting livestock at the Show isn't just for those who have done it for years. Why not enter animals this year and you could win one of the many monetary prizes on offer for cattle, sheep, pigs and non-livestock classes. You could enter as an individual, as a pair, as a group or even as a Club, enabling you to share the responsibilities, support each other or even have a little bit of healthy competition between friends.



The Society is always looking for new committee members with new ideas and suggestions.

If you would like to get involved with the Show including advice about livestock you could enter, please do get in contact.



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