

7TH ANNUAL COLLECTIVE SALE SATURDAY 16TH JUNE 2018 WARREN FARM WETHERDEN

Peter Crichton reports an excellent turnout of over 200 registered buyers at his popular Annual Collective Sale held at Warren Farm Wetherden by kind permission of Bob and Trish Baker and with the invaluable help of Gerald Seeley who set everything out in record time beforehand and cleared most of it away afterwards with his trusty Telehandler.

The sale included a wide cross section of agricultural machinery, vehicles, plant and equipment, bygones and sundry miscellanea from 70 different vendors. The sale started at 11 am and finished at 5.30pm thanks to additional auctioneering help from Jimmy Boreham who shared the selling with "the ancient auctioneer" Peter Crichton and a big special thanks goes to Caroline Chamberlain who handled all of the pre and post-sale administration as well as booking next to the auctioneers without a break for 6½ hours!

The sale included a number of tractors of varying ages with a top price of £11,200 paid for a 1997 Renault 610RZ 4WD Tractor with less than 3500 hours recorded. A 1990 MF3070 Tractor met plenty of competition selling at £6,500 and other machines included an Allis Chalmers 10ft cut Gleaner Combine of late 1950s vintage and almost a collector's item sold remarkably well at £1,850 and other tractors in need of a little TLC included a 1962 Fordson Super Major Tractor at £1,600, a 1972 Ford 4000 £1,900, a 1976 MF40 Digger £2,900, a 2008 Linde H20 Forklift Truck £3,000, a Shelvoke & Drewry 1950's Forklift fetched £1,600 and a Hyster Forklift £1,050.

Collectors' tractors also included an immaculate Allis Chalmers Model B which had been lovingly restored and looked after by Keith Flack of Culford and made £1,300. A Ferris 61" cut diesel ride-on mower (2002) doubled expectations selling at £3,400. Machines rescued from the brambles and undergrowth included an AEC 6 Wheel Flat Bed Lorry in very poor condition selling at £550 and a David Brown 990 Tractor (incomplete) sold well at £500, a Thwaites 2t Dumper £680, a Ford Transit LWB Twin Cab Tipper (2005) £1,900.

A wide range of farm machinery and implements sold readily with export buyers present and a Teagle 505 2 year old bale shredder selling for £4,000, a Kverneland Topper £600, an MF/Bomford Chisel Plough £880, an SKH 4m Crumbler £600, a Brian James 5m tilt bed tri axle trailer £2,050, an NH Conventional 378 Baler £1,200, Champion 18" rotary mower £600, Vibra Flex Harrow £820, Iveco Irrigation Pump £600, Lely Power Harrow at £400, a Master Cut Mower £2,500, a 750 gallon Bowser £500, a Samasz 210 2 Drum Hay Mower £500, a Kubota ride on mower £680, a Vortex Topper £700, Mole Drainers realised between £600 and £950, a Sutton Hydraulic Brush £600, Post Drivers sold to £500, an NH648 round baler (net) £2,500, Kverneland LB85 5 furrow vari plough £1,850, a Honda HF2315 Garden Tractor £1,100, 2 Bunnings Tankers realised £1,100 and £1,550, Browns Straw Chopper £500, a Peco Seeder £480, a Kaeser HBC Portable Compressor £3,500.

A whole range of smaller equipment met plenty of interest with an almost total clearance.

Looking ahead, next year's Wetherden auction is already booked to take place 3 weeks after the Woolpit Steam Fair on Saturday 22nd June 2019 with entries taken on a "first come first served" basis so for those of you who want to make sure that your lots are in a good position in the catalogue and not sold in the dark, the earlier we receive your details the better!