

**MID DEVON COLLECTIVE MACHINERY SALE****Held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

Hearde RPS returned to Edbury Farm, Pennymoor for 2016 where we were once again welcomed by our host, Jillie Witcombe. A bracing wind (complete with snow flurries!) greeted the large crowd of ardent sale goers in attendance. A massive entry of 905 lots were offered for sale in two concurrent auctions and we thank Michael Pedrick of Rendells for his assistance with auctioneering duties.

Trade throughout the sale was variable in relation to the quality of the lots on offer. Seeing the most consistent trade would have been the smaller non-vatable sundry items on offer. In this section Mr J. Symonds, Rackenford was pleased with his Cast Iron Trough that achieved £95. Mr D. Penfold, Braunton sold a Disk Cutter at £70. Mr P. Pyle, Hatherleigh also sold a collectable Pepsi Box at £60. Mr S. Holder, Braunton was very pleased with his good quality trees and shrubs which peaked at £48 for a Cherry Tree.

Also included in the sale was the dispersal on behalf of Mr C.A. Grant, Pennymoor removed for convenience. Topping Mr Grants' entry was the David Brown 996 2wd Tractor (M reg) c/w David Brown Loader that reached £980. Other David Brown Tractors from the same farm sold at £700 & £550.

In the general lines, B.G. & J. Dallyn, Puddington had the top price of the day with their John Deere 340A Mower Conditioner selling at £3,400. Messrs. Parker & Burnett, Templeton also scored with their 60' x 30' Shed Frame selling at £2,000 and their MF35 Tractor which sold at £1,150. Other items of interest included a Kawasaki Mule from Hill Contracting Services, Witheridge selling at £950.

Despite the general gloom in the livestock sector, quality livestock equipment continues to attract considerable interest and today was no exception. Following their success with the Mower, B.G. & J. Dallyn also topped this section of the sale with an IAE Cattle Weight Crush generating much interest before selling at £1,100. The best of several Sheep Turnover Crates sold at £310 from Mrs I. Wotton, Stoodleigh and Sheep Hay Racks to £95 from Mr D. Pearce.

Our thanks go to all who supported the sale in any way and made it such a success. Future sales include the Exeter East Collective Sale at Aylesbeare on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May and the dispersal for Mr & Mrs J. Norton at Lower Coombe Farm, Tipton St. John on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May. We look forward to seeing you there.