

## PRESS RELEASE

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2009**

### **Chelford Rare Breeds Sale**

Nearly a full house for the Chelford Spring Rare Breed Survival Trust sale met with a large crowd, many of whom intent on buying from the large variety on offer. The top price of the day was for a pair of Red Breasted Geese at £130 each, (£260 / pair.) The second highest price was also for a pair of Red Breasted Geese at £95 each, £190 /pair)

**Large Fowl Section.** This was the largest of all the sections with a total of 130 pens. The trade for quality birds was clear from the outset when the first Light Sussex made £24 each.

Many lots on offer caused much interest with some of the rarer birds as you would expect being the highlight of the sale. Notably Splash Orpingtons at £45 each (£90/pair). The well respected breeder Mr. Broadhurst from Market Drayton had the highest average of all breeders (over £30 per bird) with many of his lots being sought after by other well respected breeders.

**Prices.** Light Sussex £24; Rhode Island Red £20; Indian Game £20 (£60/trio) Copper Green Maran £26; Black Legbars £42 (£126/trio) New Hampshire Reds £28 per pullet; Welsummer Pullets £30; Splash Orpington £40 (£120 /trio); Cream Legbar £32 (£96/trio); Arcanas £38 (£114 /trio); Splash Buff Laced Wyndottes £45 (£90/pair). Black Leghorns £42 (£126/trio)

**Domestic Water Fowl.** A much smaller entry than the large chicken fowl only made for keener bidding within the domestic waterfowl section. Chinese Geese were in good demand, and only one lot on offer, trade topped at £36 per head.

A strong trade throughout the day for Call Ducks topped at £28 per head and some Bibbed Ducks and Mini Appleyards being keenly sought after the £26 per head.

**Prices.** Mini Appleyards £26; Buff Geese £24; Chinese Geese £36; Call Duck. £28

**Ornamental Waterfowl.** It was as with most Rare Breed Sales at Chelford that the highest prices of the day were in the Ornamental Waterfowl Section. The Red Breasted Geese at £130 each topped the sale with the second highest price Red Breasted Geese at £95 per bird, both lots being bought by Chelford regulars.

The trade for Mandarins in recent weeks has been very strong and was continued on Saturday with the top price of £44 per bird (£88 per pair).

The other high prices of the sale were also for the Ornamental Waterfowl section, this time it was Geese from the well respected Sam Coxhead. African Goose at £50 per head (£100 / pair) as well as Barnacle Geese also at £50 per head (£100 /pair).

**Prices.** Red Breasted Geese £130 (£260 /pair) Teal £22 (£44 / pair) Mandarins £44 (£88/pair) Widgeon £34 (£68 /pair) Pochards £28 (£56/pair).

**Bantams.** The second largest section was the Bantam section with nearly 100 pens. Trade was very varied for these birds with only very sought after lots making big money. The sought after lots did however sell well beyond vendors expectations leading to many happy vendors.

It was the “Marmite” (you like them or hate them) breed of Polish that led the Banty trade at £74 (£148/pair) followed by a second pen of Polish at £56 per head (£168/trio).

As with most Rare Breed sales a day could not pass without a pen of Silkies making the headline. This year was no exception and it was a trio of Mini Whites at £70 each (£210/trio) that took the top spot in the silkie breed.

Prices. Blue Orpington Banty £30 (£60/pair) Partridge Wyandotte £24 (£72/trio) Polish £74 (£148/pair) Partridge Pekin £26 (£52/pair) Silkies £70 (£210/trio).

**Sundries.** A good mix of incubators and equipment met with a good trade with an Auto Turning Incubator making £190.

**Eggs.** A small entry of eggs in comparison to the weekly sale met with a varied trade and by far the cheapest way to buy in good genetics when compared to the live fowl trade.

Overall, a busy day at the spring Chelford Rare Breed Sale with most people going away happy that they had purchased some good birds and the vendors happy that the trade has been strong and their hard work had been rewarded.

The next big sale at Chelford is of course

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2009**  
**Easter Bank Holiday.**

Closing Date for Reserving Pens: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009

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