

The Market Report

Stratford Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 10th December

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Plants, Produce, Poultry & Misc - 10.00am

Sale of Pet Food & Sundries

Sale of Horse Drawn Carriages

Tuesday 17th December

Prime, Cull & Store Sheep - 10.30am

Plants, Produce, Poultry & Misc - 10.00am

Christmas Poultry Sale - 12 noon

Saturday 21st December

Christmas Poultry Sale - 12 noon

Thrapston Livestock Market

Tuesday 24th December

No Market

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Press Release

Bletsoes announce withdrawal of full time Auction Services from Stratford-upon-Avon Livestock Market After 15 Years of Service

It is with a mixture of sadness and gratitude that we announce the withdrawal of our full time Auction Services offering at Stratford-upon-Avon Livestock Market, which has been under our management since January 2010. This decision has not been taken lightly, but after careful consideration and monitoring over the past few months, we must adapt to the significant challenges currently facing the livestock sector. Our final sale will be held on 17th December 2024 though we hope to continue annually with outdoor breeding sales in late Summer / early Autumn.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all buyers and vendors who have supported us over the years. Your loyalty and dedication have been the cornerstone of the market's operations and successes. We hope that you will continue to support us with our outdoor breeding sales.

We would also like to express our deep appreciation to the Cook family, the owners of the Market, who have been instrumental in supporting the market throughout our tenure. The Cooks opened the market in 2003 after Foot and Mouth and following the closure of the old Market in Stratford town centre; Tony Cook has manned the trailer wash during the past 21-years. The Cooks partnership has been invaluable, and we are profoundly grateful for their collaboration. We wish to make it clear that the Cook family are not at all to blame for our decision to withdraw our full time Auction Services offering at Stratford.

A special note of thanks goes to our incredible staff, whose unwavering efforts and professionalism have been essential to running the market over our 15-year tenure. Their hard work and commitment have ensured the highest standards of service for our clients. The Cook family have asked us to pass on their thanks to the late Craig Thompson who was their first auctioneer and helped to build the market, and also to Ed Cox who was a highly-regarded auctioneer at Stratford.

The withdrawal of our full time Auction Services at Stratford reflects the reality of reducing stock numbers nationally and the increasing financial pressures on the agricultural industry, including the recent announcement by the Government to increase national insurance contributions by Employers. These factors have made the continuation of this market unsustainable.

While this aspect of our offering at Stratford comes to a close, we remain fully committed to providing professional services from Stratford and intend to continue having a physical presence in Stratford, either at the Market or elsewhere close-by.

We are pleased to report that professional services offering continues to grow, so much so that both Chris Templar MRICS and George Pullin MRICS are regularly engaged with 'Stratford based' professional work.

Furthermore, our dedication to Auctions remains unwavering. We are proud to highlight our significant recent investment in the Thrapston Auction Centre, just off Junction 13 of the A14, which stands as a testament to our firm's long-term commitment to the auction industry.

As a business, we continue to grow and evolve, focusing on new opportunities and expanding services to meet the needs of our valued clients and provide advice on agricultural, rural property and planning matters.

We thank you all for your understanding and support as we transition through this change and look forward to continuing our work with you in new and exciting ways.

The Partners

2nd December 2024

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 would like to talk.

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Water and daily checks available.

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PUPPIES FOR SALE

Border collie pups for sale from working parents - all black and white, litter of five, four available two bitches and two dogs Born 02/11/2024, ready to go 28/12/2024 All puppies will be microchipped, vaccinated, wormed and health checked by vet. Please contact Robert Sheppard on 07972720731 for further details and viewing.

REPORT FOR TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER

156 Prime Lambs

The Christmas Prime Stock Show saw a fantastic showing of lambs, alongside the commercials. P & M Careless topped the day with their Champion lambs at £230 or 438p/kg for 52.5kgs. The Reserve Champions sold to £170 for 46.5kgs from C Welsby; AV Taylor topped the lighter Suffolks with 38.5kgs to £114; TO Withers saw their Charollais lambs to £114 for 37kgs and £112; R Hall & Sons topped their Texel Mules to £129 for 44.5kgs; JD Weaver saw their Texels to £129 for 44.5kgs; JE Lea & Son saw their Charollais at 49kgs to £140.

To		From		Average	
<i>Standards (32.1-39kg)</i>					
308p	£114.00	243p	£90.00	285.4p	£103.79
<i>Mediums (39.1 - 45.5kg)</i>					
290p	£129.00	261p	£110.00	281.2p	£120.71
<i>Heavies (45.6 - 52kg)</i>					
366p	£170.00	283p	£130.00	314.6p	£150.00
<i>Over 52kg</i>					
438p	£230.00	279p	£155.00	351.2p	£187.29

307 Store Lambs

Another strong showing of all grades of lambs averaging £93.41. D & S Hutsby topped the day at £109 for Texel crosses; DT Rand & Son saw the same highs. LA Gibbs topped to £108 for Suffolk ram lambs with Texel cross clean lambs of mid frame at £105; DM & A Andrews saw their usual stamp of smart Texels to £100; R Hall & Sons continue to draw a well grown run of Texel Mules selling to £99 and £96. Any lambs with frame sold in the £90's. Longest term lambs were in the mid £80's, Jacob ram lambs sold to £38.

To	From	Average
£109.00	£38.00	£93.41

55 Cull Ewes & Rams

A strong showing of quality, trade continued on a high averaging £115.69. P & M Careless topped to £168 for best shape Charollais ewes; LA Gibbs topped at £160 for meat Texels, and topping the Mules at £140; GF Heath & Sons saw similar trade with meat Mules to £135; Lambs End Ltd saw small frame smart Beltex ewes to £132. All meat ewes sold at £110 plus with feeders in the £80's. Leanest Mule ewes sold at £50.

To	From	Average
£168.00	£50.00	£115.69

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A Very Interesting & Unique Dispersal Sale

18 Fantastic Horse Drawn Carriages along with Harness & Accessories

Tuesday 10th December at 10am

At Stratford Livestock Market, Stratford-upon-Avon. CV37 8LP



A one-off opportunity to purchase some genuine
quality carriages & harness

All Sold without Reserve

Online Bidding at 12noon will be available for the 18 Carriages only
at Auctionmarts.com <https://bletsoes.auctionmarts.com/>

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Christmas Dressed Poultry Sale

*Tuesday 17th December
at 12 noon*

To be held at Stratford Livestock Market

Entries are invited to include all types of oven ready birds and meats.

Sections include: Turkeys, Chickens, Guinea Fowl,
Ducks Partridge & Pheasants.

Long Legged & Other Poultry sections will also be available.

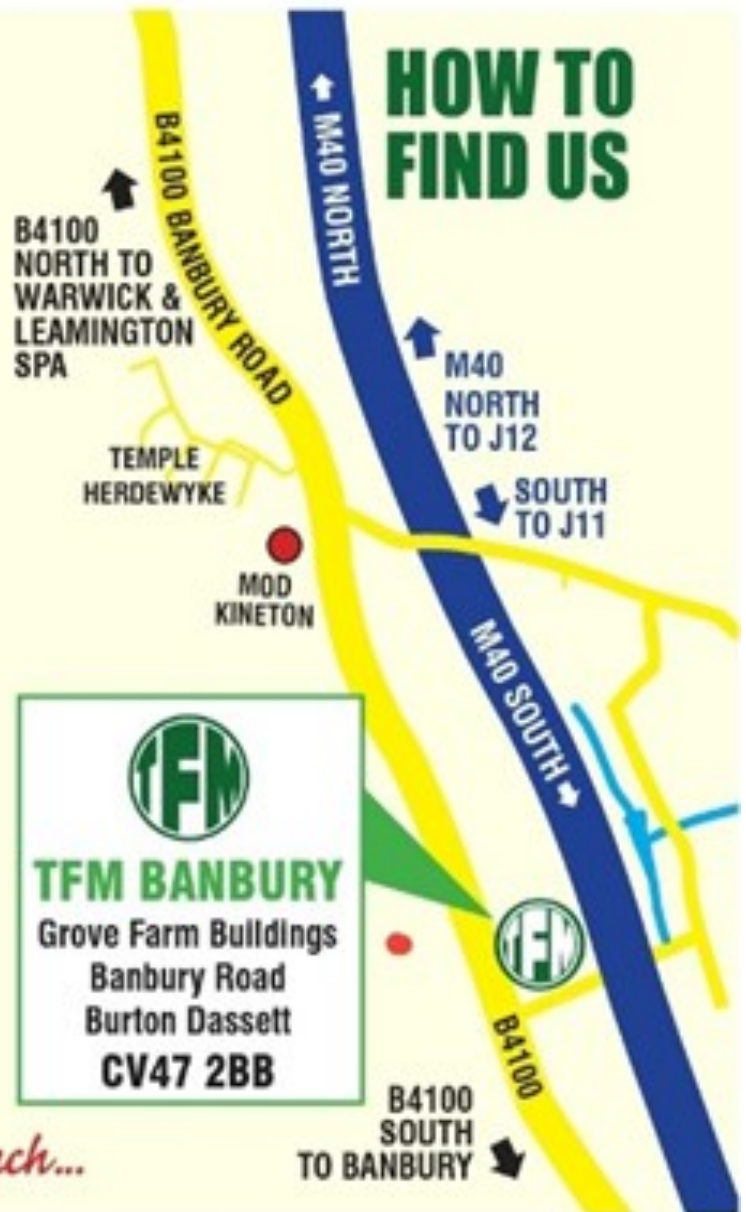
Entry Forms available online or from the Market Office



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