



## NEW DAIRY CHAMPION AT SKIPTON

SKIPTON Auction Mart's March Craven Dairy Auction championship was scooped for the first time by Eastby farmer Andrew Ayrton with his newly calven heifer giving 32 litres.

The heifer went on to fetch £2,050 in the sales ring. This was followed closely by four-times-in-a-row defending champion, Malcolm Swires, who this month sent out the reserve champion newly calven heifer, sold for £2,030. Both were bought by Skipton regular Geoff Bleazard, Ribchester.

Mr Swires, of Haverah Park, Harrogate, also achieved top price of the day when his first prize newly calven cow went under the hammer for £2,120 to T Green, of Wigan. His second placed newly calven cow went for £2,010 to the same buyer.

Four newly calven heifers brought by Mr Swires averaged £2,020 in the ring.

Third prize in the newly calven heifers class went to RA & HE Simpson, of Easingwold, with the third prize newly calven cow shown by GB Jennings, South Stainley, Harrogate. Average prices for these categories were £1,814 and £1,371 respectively.

First and second prizes for in-calf heifers were awarded to Mrs M Isherwood, Denton. A consignment of Jersey and Jersey-X yearling heifers saw a top price of £315.

The March show was sponsored by BOCM Pauls, Farmers & Mercantile and Yorkshire Bank.



The Craven Dairy Auction March champion with, from left, exhibitor Andrew Ayrton, Yorkshire Bank's Nick Marsh, Farmers & Mercantile's Tony Allanson, BOCM Pauls' Keith Colley and co-judge George Emmott.