

# Hard to Believe

While attending the recent 2020 Blackpool Show in the UK I was privy to attend and watch one of the many auctions that take place over the show weekend. This particular auction was organised by PIPA and Les Green and was hailed as the most successful auction ever held as part of the Blackpool Show weekend. 27 youngsters were auctioned at an average price of 4,650 EURO each!

On the Saturday evening, according to tradition, the public auction of PIPA and Les Green (Northern Premier Auctions) took place during the exhibition in Blackpool. Every year a special group of young pigeons are sold. Again this year it was a great success, it became the most successful auction ever in Blackpool, and with a total of no less than 125,000 EURO (107,100GBP) being paid for these 27 youngsters. (An average of 4,650 EURO/3,962 GBP each).

The auction started immediately at a high level, with a direct daughter of "Romee" from Jelle Jellema, perhaps the last ever to be sold because Romee has not been able as yet to lay an egg this season. This young bird went for 9,350 EURO (8,000 GBP). A total of 20 of the 27 pigeons were sold for 2,500 EURO or more. The two most expensive youngsters were the last to be auctioned, one a youngsters of "Best Kittel" X "Shakira" that was sold for 19,800 EURO (17,000 GBP) to Krzysztof Szkolny of Poland, the other a youngster off "Junior" X the mother of "Best Kittel" that sold for 15,200 EURO (13,000GBP) to Sangers Pigeons of the Netherlands.



The weather may have been cold, but the bidding was very hot.

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