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Machinery auction looks ahead to next 25 years

Auctioneers Brown & Co and machinery agents Peacock and Binnington celebrated 25 years of their Annual Collective Machinery auction at Brigg with a dinner at the Courtyard Barn Restaurant at Elsham Hall.

A hundred and twenty local farmers and machinery dealers attended the charity fund raising dinner, which raised £940 for the Lindsey Lodge Hospice and Macmillan Cancer Support. Guests included Geoff Harrison the first auctioneers at this popular annual collective sale.

After dinner speakers Martin Robinson and Michael Hansard, both seasoned auction goers, kept guests amused with stories of early auctions. Guest speaker Peter Slack, a farmer in the heart of the Peak District, recounted hilarious tales about the challenges of farming in a national park.

The annual collective auction continues to prove a popular event in the national farming calendar. This year's sale drew in local farmers and machinery dealers as well as attracting interest from as far as field as Northumberland, Shropshire, Wales and Ireland.

After competitive bidding a 2004 Massey Ferguson 5465 tractor fell to the hammer for £18,400 while a 2002 Massey Ferguson 4355 model fetched £16,800.

Auctioneer Ken Pritchard, from Brown & Co's Brigg office said; "it is great to see that the sale still attracts a big crowd and is set to go from strength to strength in the next 25 years. The current rise in commodity prices has injected an air of optimism in to the market with farmers prepared to bid confidently for quality arable machinery"

Picture Caption: Auctioneer, Ken Pritchard of Brown & Co taking bids.

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