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SALE REPORT

RECORD PRICE FOR GYPSY ANGEL LAMPS AT SALE IN YORKSHIRE

THE JO & CATH CARR COLLECTION

SATURDAY 19th JULY 2008

Scawton Park Farm, Scawton, Thirsk, North Yorkshire



Ice Cream Cart - £8,700



**Part of the set of angel lamps
which sold for £7,400**

A new record price of £7,400 was set for a set of angel lamps from a gypsy or showman's wagon on Saturday 19th July at the Carr Collection dispersal held on site at near Scawton, North Yorkshire.

Although the elements conspired to keep clients away, with the access being muddied due to the persistent rain, enthusiasts showed true British grit and made it across the fields to attend the auction site on top of a North York moor. The most spoken about lot of the day was the set of superb angel lamps which had also created a great deal of pre-sale interest. Their condition was near perfect and it was an added bonus to have the table lamp in the set as well. Sold towards the end of a long day, the bidding was fast with the hammer coming down at £7,400 (792). Purchased by a former racing driver who owns a remarkable collection of cars, the lamps will adorn his unusually high showman's wagon.

In close contention for the most sought after lots of the day was the wonderful and original Ice Cream Cart (942) which had been built for and used by J Durkan's of Moss Road, Askern. Decorated on the inside with four Yorkshire castles and abbeys, bidding came in fast and furious from telephone and foreign buyers. However, it was sold for £8,700 to an ice cream enthusiast from nearby North Humberside who hopes to restore it to its former glory.

With over 800 lots to get through in the day, auctioneers Sarah Needham, Richard Dance and Marc Anderson had their work cut out for them. The start of the sale was delayed by half an hour to allow clients to get onto the sale site, across what had become some very muddy fields and tracks.

Early highlights in this marvellous collection were a fine Victorian old lamp at £300 (74), a stitch marker with spare wheels at £120 (78), an inglenook fireplace fitting which sold for £260 (79), a penny farthing stand at £200 (100), a fine pink glass Victorian oil lamp at £420 (121) and a dashboard carriage clock which sold for £320 (192). A rare and large tow board lamp from an Omnibus made £410 (205), a Victorian child's basket saddle made £220 (251), a Musgrave side saddle bracket made £220 (303), two harness horses sold for

£500 (325 & 327) and a fine and rare Musgrave folding top harness horse made £2,300 (326), followed by a superb circa 1900 mahogany whip and stick rack which sold for £1,200 (329). A pair of brown gents riding boots and trees made £230 (344) and a bucket shaped hat box and hat made £290 (365).

There was a superb selection of pictures of all sorts on offer. A charming Stevengraph of an early fire engine with horses & attendants went to a commission buyer for £160 (405), an enamelled sign dated London 1898 sold for £145 (410), a pair of fine cut glass and painted mirrors for a gypsy wagon made £130 (446), a 'Californian Borax' poster sold to a commission bidder for £240 (454) and an early and rare York to London Four Day Stage Coach poster dated 3^d June 1706 sold for £480 (458). An equally interesting selection of models were available with prices such as £240 for a Beswick model of a lady riding side saddle, jumping a fence (496), £420 for a lovely scale model after a Bill Wright Pot Cart (510), £240 for a model of a Pantehnicon (511) and £160 for a Border Fine Arts Model of Gordon Boswell and a Pot Cart (518). A rare and sought after Victorian wicker dolls pram sold after the sale to a collector for £700 (512).

Jo & Cath Carr had a particularly fine library of driving and equestrian books, much of which was included in this fascinating sale. The top priced book, 'The New York Coach Makers Magazine', June 1865-May 1866, went to the USA for £2,200 (600). A German book entitled 'Prunkwagen und Schlitten' by Henrich Kreisel sold for £200 (599), an 'Equine Album' by G Wade of Lincoln made £190 (556), T Fuller of Bath's 'Essay on Wheel Carriages', 1828 made £120 (614), as did the 1926 'General Export Catalogue – International Harvester' (632) and 'The Gypsies – Wagon Time and After' which was signed by the author, Denis E Harvey (687)

The sale included about 60 lots belonging to the famous author and Carr family friend, Tom Ryder. His small collection got off to a cracking start when three albums each containing 50 various coaching photographs sold for £250 each (711-713). A box of 72 hard back catalogues from the London Hackney Show, 1900-39 made £300 (727), a coaching card from the Old Times, dated 1907 sold for £160 (746), another from the same coach dated 1891 with J Mansfield as coachman made £140 (751), and another two Old Times cards from the 1911 London to Brighton road (755) and Chester to Shrewsbury road (1906) sold for £100 each. A large box of assorted bits made £220 (763) and the British Sports & Sportsman book, 'Polo and Coaching' made £160 (764).

With a good selection of items for gypsy wagons on offer, as well as the angel lamps, a pair of amber handles made £240 (781) and a pair of all brass Art Nouveau angel type lamps sold for £250 (786). In the travelling, horn and whip section, a hunting horn by Swaine with a unique inscription sold for £280 (804), a spirit flask in case made £160 (805), a jointed measuring standard sold for £140 (811), a rather grotesque whip cranes foot and leg made £140 (828), a cane with finely crafted bent horse leg end sold for £210 (839), a ladies whip with greyhound head made £190 (841), a very delicate and high quality ladies blackthorn driving whip sold for £300 (846) and a holly whip with 1880 Birmingham hallmarks made £270 (848).

The last few lot numbers were reserved for the sets of harness and carriages. There were ten beautiful sets forward, the Carrs having particularly liked pre-war brown sets. An unusual set of Yorkshire van harness sold for £900 (904), a delightful mahogany coloured set of Shetland harness was hard fought over and made £820 (906), a brown set to fit a section C made £500 (907) and a lovely brown set by Whippy made £580 (909).

Perhaps the only sticky part of the day's selling were the carriages, which seem to be an early victim of the credit crunch. An old wicker ladies phaeton by Albert Christmas which needed full restoration made £460 (925), a rare Hooper & Co. Spindle Sided Governess Car was good value at £350 (930), an original and collectable Park Phaeton by Bell of Lambourne made £1,900 (936), a C-spring Cabriolet sold for £2,600 (938) and the wonderful Boston Booby Hut Sleigh made £3,300 (940).

The above prices do not include the 6% plus VAT buyer's premium.

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