

Thimbleby & Shorland

SALE REPORT

The Midland Carriage Sale – 1st July 2009

Naturally things were always going to be a little tighter this summer as people remained cautious in the currently economic climate. This was reflected in the number of carriages entered into the Midlands sale that was slightly less than previous years, although the other sections of the auction were on a par. Nevertheless, an enthusiastic crowd gathered at the Solihull Riding Club and there were some results to remain optimistic about.

In particular, the sale of the wonderful Yorkshire Ice Cream Cart (lot 556) generated good interest. Co-incidentally, the third one of its kind to be offered by T & S in the last year, this came from the same home as the similar lot entered into the May sale, which went back to the Doncaster area. The same purchaser battled hard with a well-known collector of trade vehicles and ultimately it was the latter who was the stronger bidder, the hammer coming down at £6,500. The cart had originally been used by Mazarellas of Doncaster and although in need of full restoration, was decorated with well painted scenes from landmarks in the Doncaster area on the inside of the canopy roof.

A Landau which was ideal for commercial use sold for £2,500 (lot 572), a Polish built marathon vehicle for a pair made £1,450 (lot 567) and a well presented marathon vehicle for a single horse sold for £1,100 (lot 568). A Victoria, in need of restoration, went to a renowned restorer who had previously owned it for £600 (lot 558) and a Sociable Phaeton sold for £400 (lot 562).

Trade in the sets of harness was uncharacteristically steady, with the top price being £520 for a set of Hackney harness (lot 52). A set of show harness by Millers of Leicester sold for £380 (lot 51) and cob size set made £185 (lot 34).

The sundries attracted the usual big crowd and an Australian stock saddle sold for £190 (lot 79), a full size Western saddle made £160 (lot 80), a dealers whip with brass ferrules sold for £100 (lot 158), a decorative side saddle whip made £80 (lot 306), a pair of lamps to suit a dog cart sold for £180 (lot 376), a gypsy wagon interior lamp £110 (lot 378), a pair of gig lamps sold for £200 (lot 397), a 23" patent collar sold for £90 (lot 391) and a coach horn for £200 (lot 275)

At the end of the auction, there were a few carriage parts and a pair of alloy wheels sold for £100 (lot 504) and a pair of adjustable pony shafts made £85 (lot 505).

The next Reading sale is on Wednesday 2nd September 2009 and entries are now being accepted. Please contact the auctioneers for an entry form, or download one from the web site.

For further information on the above sale or any future sales, please call 0118 950 8611 or email carriages@thimbleby-shorland.co.uk