

# Thimbleby & Shorland

## SALE REPORT

### **THE READING CARRIAGE SALE – WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009**

In spite of the doom & gloom in the media and economy at large, a bright ray of sunshine shone on Reading Market for the first carriage sale of the year. March is always a busy, buzzy sale, being one of the first meeting places for enthusiasts of the year, and this sale was no exception.

The top price of the day went to an interesting and early Coach which had been in a collection for many years. Thought to be by Holland & Holland, and in need of complete restoration but with particularly good unders including three Holland & Holland hubcaps, it went to a Yorkshire based collector for £14,500 (30).

In the first section for the carriages, a four-wheeled Exercise Cart sold for £1,240 (6), a four-wheeled Competition Vehicle to suit a single or pair made £1,550 (18) and a smart three phase vehicle sold for £2,800 (20).

A pretty Spindle Back Gig by Barry & Richard Wheelwright went to Scotland for £2,350 (22), a stylish and original Gentleman's Phaeton by T F Reynolds of St. Louis, USA went to a family of Hackney enthusiasts for £2,350 (28), a Cut Under Gig to suit a small pony sold for £2,150 (34), a Park Phaeton by May & Jacobs of Guildford made £1,250 (35) and a well painted London Trolley on pneumatics sold for £4,000 (37).

From the late Mr Fox's of Dorchester collection, an attractive light Farm Wagon sold for £3,200 (48) to the USA, a fine example of a Private Omnibus partially restored sold for £3,100 (49), a Spindle Bodied Phaeton by Thos. Jackson of Edinburgh sold for £2,950 (50), a partially restored Hooded Spider Phaeton by Hollingsworth of Northampton sold for £1,500 (51), a Bent Sided Phaeton by McMullen & Son sold for £1,700 (52) and a Tonneau Phaeton sold for £2,400 (54).

In the harness, a fine set of black patent show harness to fit a pony pair by J Houghton & Son of Darwen sold for £2,000 (178), a black patent set of show harness with breast collars sold for £1,750 (184), a late entered set of brown/red trade harness made £1,700 (171), a fine quality set of black patent show harness to fit 14-2 to 15-2 including calf leather folded reins sold for £1,250 (210) a set of black/red/whitemetal harness made in Walsall and in show condition made £1,000 (259), a set of black patent harness to fit 14 hh and over in show condition sold for £600 (193), a set of cob trade harness sold for £620 (241) and a set of black patent harness with a 22" collar made £510 (274).

In the parts, pairs of springs sold for £95 (314), pairs of wheels made up to £170 (429), shafts made up to £180 (375) and a pair of lancewood Shafts sold for £250 (347).

Top priced lot in the sundries was a pair of lamps by Marston of Birmingham which sold for £1,400 (1200). Two 22.5" collars with hames each sold for £480 (612 & 613), a pair of gig lamps sold for £240 (655), a footboard or pole lamp by Geo. Grou & Son of London sold for £320 (681), a copper and German silver coach horn made £170 (690), a carriage rug sold for £200 (699), the coaching kit bag which belonged to the late Bertram Mills made £520 (709), a hunting kit bag made £250 (710), a side saddle with two girths made £340 (871), a Peterborough whip sold for £250 (978), a 16.5" side saddle sold for £1,200 (983), a pair of funeral drapes made £200 (1004), a leather splitter by Joseph Dixon sold for £200 (1013), a holly whip with ivory handle sold for £240 (1118), a fireman's helmet made £250 (1161), a pair of French brollars sold for £230 (1191) and at the end of the sale, a pair of trade lamps sold for £250 (1233).

A limited edition Border Fine Arts model entitled 'The Fortune Teller' sculpted by R J Ayres with box and certificate sold for £1,000 (1417), a rare Beswick model of Arkel with Pat Taffe sold for £450 (1431), models of a huntsman on a bay horse and a girl on a skewbald pony each sold for £300 (1422 & 1423), three Beswick fox hounds and a fox made £160 (1420), as did a skewbald Pinto pony (1429) and a grey Beswick horse made £120 (1438). A 'London Illustrated Catalogue of Saddlery & Harness' sold for £50 (1533), an interesting old book about dairy farming made £60 (1535), three volumes from 'Mr Punch' and another book made £60 (1564) and a late entered book about British sports, sportsmen and hunting sold for £75 (1586).

***The next Reading sale is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009 and entries are now being accepted. Please contact the auctioneers for an entry form, or download one from the web site.***

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