

Thimbleby & Shorland

SALE REPORT

THE READING CARRIAGE SALE – WEDNESDAY 7th MAY 2008

As has become customary for the May carriage sale, it fell the day before the Royal Windsor Horse Show, enabling clients to travel to both events, and as a result there was a good smattering of enthusiasts from the Continent at the auction.

The top priced carriage of the day was a commercial one, a recently built Continental Hearse which sold for £6,600 (43). A much admired and fine Butchers Delivery Van consigned from East Anglia sold for £4,800 (44) and a very unusual Continental hand pumped Fire Engine sold to a collector of trade carriages for £4,100 (60). Its companion, from the same vendor, was a Tilley & Co. hand pumped Fire Engine which went to America for £1,950 (59). The three carriages consigned by the Vine family sold - the Landau by Lawton of Liverpool in need of refurbishment made £2,800 (39), its lamps sold for £450 (1939), the Roof Seat Break built by Mr Vine sold after the sale for £4,000 (40) and the American style T-Card Phaeton which had been Mr Vine's first carriage made £1,000 (41). A modern Wagonette sold for £2,200 (69), an attractive four-wheeled Ralli Car by John Bryant of Bromsgrove sold to Holland for £2,200 (82), a pretty Cut Under Gig with good show ring potential made £1,800 (85) and a modern Presentation Phaeton sold for £2,000 (87). A show Trolley on pneumatics sold for £1,825 (30) and another Trolley in the outside section made £1,020 (8).

A set of Zilco pair harness to fit cobs made £1,000 (232), a set of show harness with a collar made £800 (186), a set of cob size trade harness sold for £600 (216), as did a set of cob pair harness with German silver fittings (255) and a set of light trade harness with yellow trim sold for £620 (268).

In the parts department, a sack truck sold for £210 (340), a hollow auger made £95 (414), a boxing engine made £260 (462) and the body and various parts for a Governess Car sold for £230 (574).

In the sundries, a team or tandem whip by Schomberg sold for £250 (644), a pair of brass trim lamps made £260 (760), a fine Edwardian walking stick sold for £350 (771), two black silk top hats each made £210 (806 & 808), a leather case for a coach horn made £250 (863), an ivory handled holly whip sold for £250 (869), a fine dealers whip in good condition sold for £470 (908), a dumb jockey made £240 (925), a collar and hames by Huskissons sold for £280 (944), a pair of patent collars with brass hames made £480 (983), another patent collar with hames made £320 (1105), two dealers whips by G Holland of London made £290 (1124) and £300 (1125), a set of flashers made £330 (1382), a dashboard lamp made £200 (1460) and towards the end of the sale a good brass carriage clock sold for £260 (1493).

A large coaching print in frame sold for £100 (1574) and in the models, a well detailed scale threshing machine sold for £500 (1676), a Border Fine Arts limited edition black Welsh Cob sold for £750 (1709), a Beswick piebald horse made £105 (1729) and a Border Fine Arts limited edition Bow Top Wagon after an original by Bill Wright made £1,350 (1738).

The next carriage sale is the Midlands Carriage Sale on 3rd July in Solihull. The next Reading sale is on Wednesday 3rd September. Entries for both sales are now being accepted. Please contact us 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