

# Thimbleby & Shorland

## SALE REPORT

### **THE BROOKFIELD HACKNEY STUD DISPERSAL, SOUTHAMPTON – SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE THE MIDLANDS CARRIAGE SALE, SOLIHULL – WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY THE CORNISH CARRIAGE SALE, ST. GENNYS – SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY**

Its been a busy few weeks for specialist carriage and equestrian auctioneers, Thimbleby & Shorland – and its not over yet.

The summer sale season got off to an excellent start with the dispersal sale of purebred Hackney horses and ponies on behalf of the Peters family of Brookfield Stud, Southampton. Pauline Peters, assisted by her brothers Jimmy and Joe, with a team of willing helpers, ensured that the farm and the animals were presented in immaculate order. Such was the quality of the coats on the horses and ponies that they positively glowed in the summer sun. And they had been so well trained that they all came out to the paddock from the stables, behaved beautifully and trotted out freely to show their superb natural action.

Several hundred clients, enthusiasts and potential purchasers turned out to support this popular and highly regarded family and bidding on the twenty-five animals offered was good and free flowing. One of the finest horses on the day was the black stallion, Brookfield Joe's Legacy, a four year old who showed himself brilliantly and was sold for 9,600 guineas (£10,080). The pretty pony mare, Brookfield Classic Lady, a ten year old with smart colt foal at foot made 4,000 guineas (£4,200), the bay two year old filly, Brookfield Pretty Woman made £2,150 (£2,275.50), a four year old black mare, Brookfield First Edition sold for 2,600 guineas (£2,730) and the six year old dark bay mare, Brookfield Golden Jubilee, sold for 2,500 guineas (£2,625).

The following Thursday, the team were at the Solihull Riding Club in the West Midlands for the annual Midlands sale. This popular summer fixture attracted a good range of carriages and harness and trade on the day was steady. A total of fifty carriages were forward, including late entered items. Top price of the day was £2,500 for a very well presented London Trolley (586) to suit 14 to 14-2 hh. An original and unusual Drop Front Phaeton went to a commission bidder for £2,000 (607), a smart Four-Wheeled Ralli Car made £1,350 (615), a modern Pleasure Driving Wagonette sold for £1,750 (618) and a late entered London Trolley made £1,350 (624).

There were some good sets of harness forward and this was reflected in the prices achieved. A set of trade harness by Huskissons, used with the Trolley lot 586, sold for £1,250 (14), another set of Huskissons show harness made £700 (11), a set of trade harness by the same maker made £660 (45), a set of Welsh Cob harness made £520 (48) and at the end of the section a set of cob size harness by Tedman made £600 (58). In the sundries, an original angel lamp sold for £540 (145), a cob size brollar made £100 (117), a Zilco back band made £140 (126), a spirit flask and case made £105 (155), a folding boot jack sold for £80 (170), a bucket shaped hat box sold for £80 (310), assorted whip thongs made £100 (314), a Peterborough whip made £80 (413), as did a gypsy wagon stove (416) and a holly whip sold for £150 (435). A limited edition print after Lionel Edwards of a tandem sold for £40 (519) and at the end of the sale in the carriage parts section, a pair of 19" wheels with tyres and tubes sold for £140 (553) and a planer thickener made £300 (563).

After packing up all the equipment, the auction team headed off down the M5 to the Cornish carriage sale to be held on the Saturday, just south of Bude in a hamlet called St. Gennys. It was

very picturesque on the Friday, being just on the coast, but come Saturday the weather had changed to fierce horizontal rain and gale force winds. However, the hardy Cornish turned out in their droves to support this sale, most of which took place under cover, except the sale of the carriages which was outside, exposed to the elements. With an interesting selection of sundries forward, a dealers whip sold for £200 (35), an old horse whip made £70 (54), as did a sewing machine for leather work (58), a Swaine & Adeney holly whip sold for £165 (73), collars made £70 and £80 (82 & 85), another holly whip sold for £110 (91) and lamps made £100 and £120 (99, 106 & 127). A conical milk churn sold for £220 (201), four small wagon wheels made £100 (209), a pair of 38" wheels with axle made £80 (230) and a pair of nutcracker springs sold for £70 (234). In the harness, a set of pony show harness made £480 (257), a bigger show set made £420 (265), a set thought to be by Giddens made £460 (282), a set used with a milk float sold for £380 (285) and a collar set made £400 (309).

In the carriages, a Gig by the Harewood Carriage Company sold for £980 (383), a Wagonette by Robert & Sons of Quebec, Canada made £1,750 (390), a Hooded Phaeton sold for £1,000 (391), a Glass Clarence for weddings in need of some attention sold for £1,050 (392), a Victoria made £1,550 (393), a third scale Burton Gypsy Wagon for restoration sold for £1,600 (395) and a late entered Phaeton also by Robert & Sons sold for £1,500 (405).

***The next Reading sale is on Wednesday 3<sup>d</sup> September. Entries are now being accepted. Please contact us for an entry form, or download one from the web site.***

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