

# Thimbleby & Shorland

## **SALE REPORT - THE 35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HEAVY HORSE SALE HELD AT THE EAST OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND, PETERBOROUGH FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009**

There had been much speculation as to whether moving Thimbleby & Shorland's annual heavy horse sale to the East of England showground was going to work. Well, it did. As part of the events of the first day of the Shire Horse Society's annual spring show, it attracted clients to the showground a day early as well as offering a service to those who had arrived for the show itself.

There was a larger than usual section of sundry harness and accoutrements with nearly 500 lots available, displayed on barriers in the hound ring. Thankfully the heavy horse clients are by and large an honest bunch, as keeping all the lots secure with so many people in a small place was a challenge.

Overall, prices were excellent. A team holly whip which had come from the Vaux Brewery in Sunderland sold for £350 (41), another whip with brass ferrules sold for £210 (47), a 28" patent collar made £210 (117) and a set of hames to fit the collar sold for £220 (120), a 27" show collar sold for £320 (224), two collars with hames sold for £500 (399), a driving saddle with breeching made £190 (608) and at the end of the section, a late entered pair of black/brass bridles made £250 (619).

A B Charlton's book 'The Shire Horse Society 1878-1928' sold for £140 (445), three books about Shires sold for £75 (444), a model of the Whitbread Dray sold for £150 (446) and a collection of 51 Shire Horse Society stud books (1900-45, 1948-59) made £160 (453).

A set of black/brass decorated show harness sold for £1,300 (465), two sets of black/brass pair show harness made £750 (463) and £800 (464), a set of light vanner pair harness which had been owned by Sanders Watney sold for £700 (480), two sets of American pair harness which had could also be used for a team made £620 each (484 & 485), a set of show pair harness sold for £800 (486) and a set of breastcollar show harness made £620 (487).

The implements sold well. A horse-drawn muck spreader made £880 (501), a seed drill for a single horse made £350 (502), a Ransome RNDH7 plough sold for £220 (504), a ride on cultivator by Nicholsons of Newark made £800 (507), two more Ransomes ploughs each made £300 (508 & 509), a thistle cutter made £360 (514) and a two wheel seed drill sold for £220 (515).

There was a very good entry of wagons and vehicles which attracted good interest. The Bottle Dray which was in the Theakstons livery sold for £4,000 (533), a Market Dray by Arbon & Son of Monewdon sold for £1,900 (534), a 1920s Bullock Cart sold for £1,500 (538), a French Trade Cart made £780 (545), a smart Brewers Show Dray went to the USA for £5,400 (546), the Delivery Dray in the Youngs Brewery livery went to Austria for £4,800 (548) and a modern Wagonette sold for £2,000 (550).

Of the five horses entered and forward, only one sold. Brickell Perfection, a 17-1 hh gelding, rising two, made £1,450 (571).

So the verdict – a great success. The venue lends itself well to hosting an auction and there was certainly a larger crowd than usual at the sale, with many new faces. There were a number of comments about the timing of the auction and it was agreed that the sale of the horses at 7.30 pm was too late for most, so another year it is hoped that things can be moved forward.



Lot 195 – Skewbald horse & harness - £750



Lot 196 – Piebald horse & harness - £1,100



Lot 546 – Brewers Show Dray - £5,400



Lot 548 – Delivery Dray - £4,800

*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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