

# Thimbleby & Shorland

## SALE REPORT

### ANNUAL AUTUMN SALE OF HORSE BRASSES

### SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2008 – READING MARKET

For some years now, Reading auctioneers Thimbleby & Shorland have been running popular auctions of horse brasses each April & October. A small but enthusiastic band of followers and collectors religiously attend the sales and are happy to pay whatever it takes to attain a rare or sought after piece of British countryside history.

This autumn sale is held in conjunction with one of T & S's monthly antique and furniture sales and although not flushed with quantity – only 200 lots – the quality spoke for itself. The majority of the sale was made up with the reduction of one well known enthusiast's collection, which was being downsized due to relocation.

Two individual brasses sold on commission for £500 each, near record prices for single brasses. Both brasses were unique presentation brasses, given at specific events. The first was lot 571, was inscribed 'DUDC Best Kept Harness 1929, Awarded by R Ling & Son, London E14' and the second was connected to the Royal Ancient Order of the Buffalo and inscribed 'RAOB Worthing Nos. 1-2 Lodges, G.L. Sx Horse Parade 1901, 1<sup>st</sup> Prize' (577).

Elsewhere in the sale, a harness breast strap with a crescent brass and two unusual pierced bell shaped brasses each mounted with two bells sold for £260 (549), a solid hide shaped brass mounted with a solid bottle & stopper made £110 (561), a solid heart cast brass with Queen Victoria's head marked 'Victoria the Good 1837-1897' made £210 (581), an unusual crown centre brass sold for £260 (590), a triple bell brass in bell surround sold for £170 (597) and the next lot, a bell centre brass with bell shaped surround with stars also sold for £170 (598) and two brasses on leather, one marked 'R Bailey, Hinton' made £210 (612). Towards the end of the sale, an old leather martingale with brass buckles and four crescent brasses and a maker's brass marked 'Joy Bros., Makers, Rochester' sold for £200 (671).

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**Buyer's premium 11.75%**