

## On Line Antiques & General Sale a Great Success

Thimbleby & Shorland's first live and on line monthly sale proved a great success, with about 250 bidders registered on line, and some new faces both viewing and bidding 'live'. There were also a number of bidders on the telephone during the sale.

The interest in the sale was undoubtedly fuelled by a good number of high quality lots on offer, and there were also bidders on line for the modern furnishings from a House Builder's Show Homes.

Principal prices achieved were:

A Hemmington upright piano £220 (2); a Globe Vernicke style bookcase £220 (29); an 'as new' oak side table £220 (51); a Christian Lacroix rug £190 (81); an 'as new' Sofa & Chair Company sofa £450 (145); a turquoise upholstered 'as new' tub chair £200 (147); an Edwardian mahogany tripod coat and hat rack £200 (192); an oak metamorphic table/chair £180 (195); an oil on canvas of a racehorse signed John Beer £500 (202); a set of 3 small oils by Robert Hughes £170 (243); a 17<sup>th</sup> century manuscript of medical cures the back of which had been used as a Victorian scrap book including an invitation to Queen Victoria's coronation £850 (287); a King James's version Holy Bible dated 1683 £320 (289); a collection of 31 books many of local interest including Plot's Natural History of Oxfordshire 1677 £2,850 (300); a 19<sup>th</sup> century French gilt bracket clock £180 (350); a pair of rococo pattern Georgian candlesticks £420 (362); a Georgian silver 2 handled cup presented to the winner of the Jockey Club Cup in 1911 £850 (368); a pair of silver sauce boats by Shapland of London £320 (369); a miniature travelling toilet set in red leather covered case £420 (376); a pair of 18ct gold cufflinks, sold to a buyer in Australia, £320 (378); 5 gold-mounted egg pendants, 2 with Russian marks £320 (382); an 18ct gold, platinum & diamond cluster ring £350 (418); Border Fine Arts model "The Fergie" £450 (516); Border Fine Arts model "Threshing Mill" £800 (520); oak and glass cased electronic regulator clock £260 (553); a collection of brass and pewter measures including a quart measure marked ER £80 (586); a 19<sup>th</sup> century Swiss Army shako £180 (599).

There was an 80% clearance rate, so we are very keen to hear from potential vendors for the next sale, which is on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Auctioneer and Thimbleby & Shorland Director Chris Boreham said " It has been a lot of hard work changing our systems to make sure that everything was ready for the fully illustrated catalogue to be online a week before the sale, but the team put in a great effort and it went very smoothly. Given the number of high quality lots we had I am delighted that we were on line as it broadened the market considerably and there is no doubt that the best lots made more as a result."