

Reading Antiques and General Sale Saturday 17th August 2019

The "Golden" Days of Summer

It may have been peak holiday season, but Thimbleby & Shorland's monthly Antique sale on Saturday 17th August saw a crowded auction room offer very lively bidding against often fierce online competition.

With a good mix of quality furniture, collectables, jewellery, silver and art; and with valuable lots spread throughout the sale, there was a buzz of excitement in the room from start to finish.

Some of the highlights of the sale included a stunning 1.97ct diamond and 18ct white gold brooch selling for £4,200, and a cased set of gold sovereigns making £4,500 to a room bid, despite there being three determined telephone bidders.



One of the most eagerly anticipated lots was a very rare ivory chess set by Jaques dating from 1849. This had attracted considerable interest pre-sale and was eventually sold on the day for £3,000 to an online bidder.



As is so often the case in the age of the internet, there were one or two surprises in the sale, most notably a group of bronze oriental figures, collected as part of a local house clearance, selling for £480, against a pre-sale estimate of £20-£30.



There is to be no letup however, as the next Antique sale is just a few short weeks away on the 14th September, and there are already some lovely items lined up for the sale including a very pretty Georgian Davenport, a rare Louis Vuitton Encyclopedia Britannica trunk and a very special item of jewellery. Sorry, you will just have to wait for the catalogue to find out more!