

Brettells

Antiques & Fine Art

April 2011

Brettells of Newport held their Antique and Fine Art sale on Tuesday 19th April. A particularly good clearance from Bishops Offley dominated the sale with proper old English country oak and genuine collectables. An early oak peg jointed small settle realised £1,650 with a small 18th Century oak dresser following closely behind with a £1,500 hammer price. An early oak peg jointed lowboy sold for £1,000 and an oak peg jointed chest of drawers sold for £700. Interestingly from the same house, an 18th Century wrought iron grisset realised £540 with two similar rush lights selling under the hammer for £200 and £300.

As always, the internet and live bidding facility played its part in the auction selling items globally, a gilt and tortoiseshell cased automaton singing bird realised £2,500, a superb pair of Sevres vases sold online for £1,500. As seems to be the trend lately, oriental pieces sold well on the internet with a cloisonné novelty dragon clock going under the hammer at £1,200.

Furniture prices showed the fashion for old brown furniture is starting to change with a George III dresser base realising £700, a set of eight Chippendale style dining chairs going under the hammer at £550 and a Victorian window seat selling at £460.

As always, clocks and barometers sold well with a local Tong long case clock realising £2,000, a large French Louis XVI style gilt mantel clock sold for £850 and a local Davis, Shifnall stick Barometer went under the hammer at £480.

Metalware proved successful with a very heavy, large Victorian silver gallery tray, John Adams 1888 sold in the room for £3,100 and an exceptional pair of swivel gilt brass wall mounted sconce candlesticks realising £1,200. A nice quality Austrian bronze figure group depicting stags sold for £500.

A 19th Century 12" library globe realised £1,000 and a framed John Speed hand coloured map sold in the room for £500.

Ivory proved of interest in this sale with a pair of carved Indian tusks realising £750, a wall hanging wooden ivory mounted crucifix went under the hammer for £520 and a very fine carved ivory box sold for £500.

Toys caused a stir in the saleroom with a single owner collection of N Gauge model railway trains and accessories totalling £1,575 and a collection of Mamod steam engines and accessories totalling £665. A Chad Valley seated felt Bonzo realised £340.

Brettells are now accepting entries for their next antique sale on 5th July 2011. Contact the auctioneers on 01952 815925 to arrange a free pre-sale appraisal.