

September 2009 Lewes Auction Newsletter

View from the Rostrum

by Clifford Lansberry

Record viewing attendance, a chunky 2,500 lot catalogue and a smattering of lots with the potential to surprise led the auctioneers to expect a buoyant auction. Over two hectic days a hammer price total of just over a million pounds was raised with some exceptional results spread across the sale.

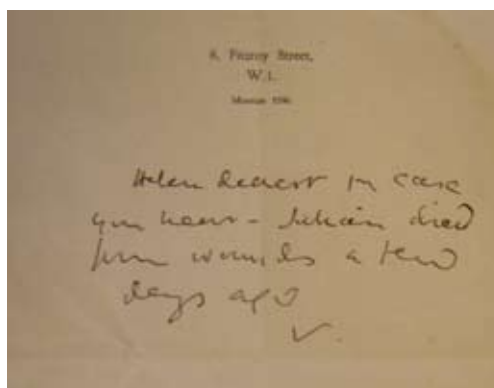
The remarkable Helen Anrep Archive of letters and artwork relating to the Bloomsbury Group led the sale with a sum total of £110,000, a much distressed desk raised an exceptional £20,000, the book sale totalled some £65,000 and the picture sale saw the usual four and five figure prices.

As ever, amongst the exotica and curiosities of the collectors genre lurked the rare and desirable, including a £6,500 walking stick,

a £3,000 postcard album and a £19,000 clock movement.

Entries for the October sale already include an impressive collection of clocks, a rather fine selection of antique silver and some substantial diamonds. Whatever you are considering selling, please do contact us. We will be happy to advise and estimate without obligation.

Finally, please do note our wine consultant Matthew Britnell who is able to provide expert and splendidly informative advice on wines and spirits, from a bottle to a cellar full!



Above: A letter written by Vanessa Bell to Helen Anrep following the death of Vanessa's son Julian in the Spanish Civil War in 1937.

Part of the **Helen Anrep Archive, which sold for £50,000**

Left: Louis H. Grimshaw (1870-1943), oil on canvas, 'Trinity Church, Leeds', signed and dated 3/97, 10.25in x 17.5in.

Sold for £23,000



A 19th century carved white marble bust of a classical youth, 22ins.
Sold for £3,000



A late 17th century Indo-Portuguese table cabinet, 10ins - a.f.
Sold for £4,300



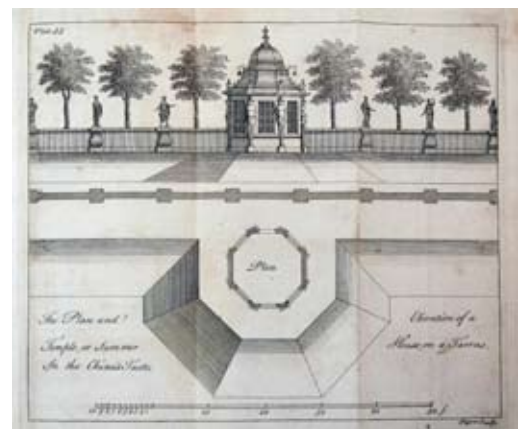
A Victorian silver mounted carved mahogany presentation wheelbarrow, length 24.5in.
Sold for £3,500



A late 17th century eight day bracket clock movement.
Sold for £19,000



A Victorian banded burr walnut kidney shaped writing desk, 4ft 3ins x 2ft 4.5ins.
Sold for £20,000



Halfpenny (W), *New Designs for Chinese Temples, Triumphal Arches, Garden Seats, Palings Etc*, 19th century.
Sold for £4,100



A platinum set solitaire diamond ring, the brilliant cut stone approx 4.77cts.
Sold for £16,500

Right; A pair of George III silver tokens for the Theatre Royal Bristol, issued in 1766, which allow the user entry to any performance shown at the theatre.
Sold for £2,100 each



Left: Aristide Maillol (French, 1861-1944), 'La Mediterranée', 8.5in.
Sold for £14,000



Right: Pierre Roy (French 1880-1950), 'Proue de Navire et Papillons' 13 x 9.5ins.
Sold for £10,000



17th Century Continental School, portrait of a young woman wearing a red dress and jewelled hat, 24 x 19in.
Sold for £6,500

Right: An Edwardian Guild of Handicrafts Ltd silver and enamelled two handled cup and cover, in the manner of Ashbee, gross 36oz.
Sold for £10,000



Preview of our next sale

Wine Sales at Gorrings

Auctions at Gorrings regularly include wines and spirits, with the key sale of the year taking place in December. Sales typically feature prestigious and sought-after wines and spirits such as classed growth Bordeaux, vintage champagne, vintage port, cognac and malt whisky. Two highlights of the forthcoming December sale are from the most famous vineyards in Bordeaux: two bottles of Chateau Latour 1982 (estimate: £900-£1,200), and two bottles of Chateau Margaux 1982 (estimate: £700-900).

Gorrings are currently accepting consignments for our sale of wine & spirits on 9th December (entry deadline 18th November). If you require a free valuation of your wine, please contact Gorrings on 01273 472503. Our wine consultant, Matthew Britnell (pictured), will be pleased to assist.



The Bernard Dombey Collection of French Clocks: a collection formed over many years of 120 assorted clocks.

A large and imposing mid 19th century French ormolu mantel clock, the case surmounted with the figure of Demeter; the sister of Zeus and the Goddess of Agriculture, the dial signed Henry Marc à Paris, 22ins.



Henry George Holiday (1839-1927) one of a set of three pencil drawings, 'Cleopatra', signed, 42.75 x 18.25in.
Estimate: £5,000-8,000.



Frederic Charles Focht (1879-?), bronze sculpture, woman flying on a rocket, length 13ins.
Estimate: £6,000-10,000

Fine Art, Antiques & Collectables Auction: 21st & 22nd Oct 2009

Entry Deadline: 30th Sept; Viewing: 16th, 17th & 19th Oct

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