

Auction Calendar 2011-12

30th November	Collectors & General
14th December	Antiques, Fine Art and Desirable Objects
4th January	Collectors & General
18th January	Collectors & General
1st February	Collectors & General
15th February	Collectors & General
29th February	Collectors & General
14th March	Antiques, Fine Art and Desirable Objects
28th March	Collectors & General
18th April	Collectors & General
2nd May	Collectors & General
16th May	Collectors & General
30th May	Collectors & General
13th June	Antiques, Fine Art and Desirable Objects
27th June	Collectors & General
11th July	Collectors & General
25th July	Collectors & General
8th August	Collectors & General
22nd August	Collectors & General
5th September	Collectors & General
19th September	Antiques, Fine Art and Desirable Objects
3rd October	Collectors & General
17th October	Collectors & General
31st October	Collectors & General
14th November	Collectors & General
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All auctions commence at 10am. For useful information please see over.



1. Auctions of Collectors Items, General Antiques and Later Effects

400-600 lots of affordable items including Collectors' items, ceramics & glassware, silver & silver plate, antique, modern & costume jewellery, household effects, pictures & prints, antique & modern furniture with prices generally from £5-500. Most of the lots in these auctions come from local deceased estates where a complete house clearance service has been conducted.

Catalogues for these auctions are provided in a simple list form with descriptions of items but do not include images or estimates. Our popular e-subscription service provides advance notice of these sales and the lots list is e-mailed to subscribers prior to the viewing. To subscribe to this free service simply send us an email using 'eflier' as the subject and including your name and contact details.

Viewing is held the day before the sale from 2pm to 7pm and from 9am on the morning of the sale.

2. Auctions of Antiques, Fine Art & Desirable objects

An offering of the highest quality and most sought after items appearing in our Chester rooms. Categories include fine English, European and Oriental ceramics, Antique and high quality modern jewellery, oil paintings and watercolours, antique furniture including clocks and rugs, Works of Art, Collectors' items where appropriate and other interesting, unusual and decorative lots.

Printed illustrated catalogues are produced a week to ten days prior to the sale and fully illustrated online catalogues appear on internationally known web portals and our own website. If you subscribe to our popular e-subscription service you will be notified when the catalogues are available.

Viewing is normally held as follows on the three days prior to the sale: Sun 10.30-2; Mon 10-6; Tues 10-4; Sale day 9am-9.45am

Online bidding: Live bidding online is available via www.the-saleroom.com For further details please refer directly to them.

Some brief information for buyers (for detailed information please ask for a copy of our 'Information for Buyers' leaflet)

Catalogue: Even if only a brief list without images as for our Collectors and General auctions, catalogues are important for potential buyers so that you know which items are in which lot and how they have been described. If you have one you will find it much easier to follow the auction and there is less likelihood of you inadvertently bidding on a lot you don't want or buying a lot with more items in it than you realised! They are available to buy from reception during viewing.

Viewing: Viewing times for each type of auction are shown above. Viewing is an opportunity for you to examine the lots you are interested in to find out what condition they are in; remember auction lots are second hand and are unlikely to be in perfect condition.

Buyer's Premium: This is the fee the buyer pays to the auction house for the service of finding and presenting lots to the buyer. We charge 21% (which is 17.5% + VAT at 20%). So if you purchase a lot for a hammer price of £100 your invoice will be for £121.

Can't attend the auction?: If you can't attend the auction you can instruct us to bid on your behalf up to a set amount. This is called a commission bid and the auctioneer bids on your behalf **up to** the amount you have instructed.

Payment & Collection: You can pay for your lots by cash or card and as long as the lot is accessible you can pick it up while the auction is going on. If you are not at the auction invoices are sent by e-mail or post once it has finished. We do request that lots are paid for and picked up within a week of the auction as otherwise it is difficult to set up the next auction.

Some brief information for vendors (for detailed information please ask for a copy of our 'Conditions of Sale' leaflet)

Commission: Commission is charged on every lot sold as follows: Lots fetching up to £100 25%, Lots fetching over £100 and less than £1000 20%, lots fetching over £1000 15%. These rates **include** VAT. There is no additional lotting fee or insurance charge and we **do not** charge a minimum commission. Concessions to these rates are at the discretion of the valuers and will normally be applied for lots of significant value or whole quality consignments.

Valuation prior to sale: We hold a free drop in valuation service every Thursday between 10am and 4pm for the provision of auction advice. We do not make appointments for this and it is purely on a first come first served basis. We regret that we cannot provide any idea of waiting times as it is purely dependent on how many people arrive on the day.

Home visits: If you have large items, or a large collection or if you are clearing a property due to a bereavement, we are happy to send a valuer to visit you at home or at the deceased's property.

Payment of auction proceeds: Payment is made by cheque and posted 21 working days (i.e. one calendar month) after the date of the auction.