



The Westcountry Horological Trust's Twenty-sixth Annual Auction

Run by the South West Branch of the
British Horological Institute

21st OCTOBER 2017

We invite entries for the next annual auction of clocks, watches and associated horological books, tools, equipment, parts and consumables. The following notes should answer most of your questions, but if not please do check the Auction page on the website or contact one of the organisers whose contact details are given below.

Where is it? The auction will be held in the Assembly Hall of Exeter School, Manston Terrace, EXETER. Maps and directions will be included with the catalogue and sent to vendors in advance with their vendor pack.

When is it? The next auction will take place on **Saturday 21st October 2017**. The first lot will come under the hammer at 12.30pm and our auctioneer usually runs at around one hundred lots per hour. Viewing is from 10.00 a.m. to Noon on the morning of the sale ONLY.

Notes for Buyers: Registration £3. There is no buyer's premium and no VAT; so what you bid is what you pay. Terms are strictly cash on the day. In exceptional circumstances and by prior arrangement only, limited cheques may be accepted. All purchased lots MUST leave the site by 6.00pm on the day of the auction.

Buyers need to view in person as all lots are sold 'As Seen'. The organisers will not have seen the lots until vendors deliver them a few hours before the sale. Buyers must therefore satisfy themselves as to the substance and condition of a lot before bidding.

On arrival at the auction prospective buyers need to register their details and obtain a paddle in order to be able to bid.

If you are a vendor, please note that it is illegal to bid, or get friends or relations to bid, on lots you have entered.

Notes for Vendors: How to enter lots: Please group items so each lot has a perceived value of over £20 and make a list of the lots you wish to enter as follows; including for each lot: i) Your initials and a number starting at 1; ii) Description of the lot; iii) The category you wish it to be in, i.e. – Books (B); Clocks (C); Watches (W); Tools, equipment and consumables (T); Miscellaneous (M). If donating a lot to the Trust, please mark it (G). If you wish to protect a lot's value please set a reserve (R£?). For mixed items use the category appropriate to the bulk of the contents or the most valuable item in the lot.

For example: John Smith has two lots; one as a gift to the Trust and one to sell with a reserve:-
JS1, Several mantel clock movements and some miscellaneous small tools, (C, G).
JS2, A collection of 6 books, (B, R£80).

All lots are sold 'As Seen' and the catalogue makes it clear that the lot description is the responsibility of the vendor. Therefore please ensure that your lot descriptions are accurate and sufficiently informative but brief. We may edit your description for length. If there is any doubt as to an item's condition or working order please do NOT make any statement about its condition. The organisers cannot enter into any dispute that may arise between vendors and buyers.

Lists of lots should be sent, by email if possible, to the contact address given below.

Photos can be a great help, especially for higher valued items. We can't promise to use them all but, if possible, they will be made available through the branch website. Digital photos as .jpg files should be emailed to the contact address given below or made available to us via a photo-hosting website.

We will notify you when your lots have been accepted and, closer to the date of the auction, you will be sent a vendor's pack enclosing details about delivering your lots, a free catalogue, and stickers with your allocated lot numbers to attach to your lots. Please clearly mark all lots and part lots with supplementary stickers of your own where necessary, including identifying items as, for example, Lot 56, 1 of 3; Lot 56, 2 of 3 etc.

Your numbered lots will then need to be delivered to the Assembly Hall at Exeter School **between 5.30pm and 7.30pm on Friday 20th October 2017**; some late deliveries may be accepted between 8.30am and 9.30am on the Saturday morning. (Please note: Viewing is not possible at these delivery times).

Closing date: The final date for entering lots will be **Wednesday 20th September** (or earlier if the 400-lot limit is reached before then). Entries will be taken on a first-come first-served basis. Late entries may be refused.

Finance: Buyers registration fee is £3. Neither a buyer's premium nor VAT is charged on successful sales. Buyers pay the hammer price and no more.

Sellers fees: 10% is deducted from the hammer price to cover the cost of the auction and to raise funds for the charitable work of the Westcountry Horological Trust. There is a minimum fee of £2 per lot (Entry fee £1 per lot, minimum commission £1). A reserve may be placed for an additional fee of £2 per lot, which will be waived if that lot sells.

If you need help with sorting, describing or storing/delivering your items please ask. There may be charges for expenses, time and storage, etc., which can be agreed with the committee member(s) who assist you.



An important part of the Trust's income comes from items kindly donated for sale in the auction. There are no seller's fees for these lots and the entire hammer price is donated to the charity. Such lots are identified in the catalogue with a smiley face. We are very grateful for all such donations and if you have any lots to donate in this way please indicate them on your entry list as described above.

Vendors will be sent a cheque, usually by mid November, for the balance of the sale price minus seller's fees.

Publicity: The auction has a regular following and is seen as a good venue by buyers. We advertise in the specialist horological press and flyers are distributed through the trade. As soon as they are ready (early in October), free catalogues will be available to download through the BHI South West Branch website www.bhiswbranch.co.uk and the printed version will be available from Chris Perry-Smith at the address below.

Contacts:

Send entry lists and photos by email to: bhisw.auction@hotmail.co.uk

or, if you have no access to email, send typed entry lists by post to:

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For enquiries consult the website at: www.bhiswbranch.co.uk

or contact David Dawson by Telephone 01626 779167, or by email: davidalan.dawson@talktalk.net

or email George Thomas at: gtclocks@yahoo.co.uk

For a printed copy of the catalogue, please contact: Chris Perry-Smith, Spring Cottage, Compton Dundon, Somerton, TA11 6TE. (a C5 SAE is appreciated) Or email bhi.sw.auction@btinternet.com