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# BEECH HERALD 🛔

NEWS FROM BEECH CLEARANCES & AUCTIONS - DECEMBER 2023

#### BARN FIND CHINESE CHIPPENDALE TYPE CHAIRS ARE OF THE CORRECT PERIOD & PATTERN

Tamar valley country estate barn finds include an exciting set of Chinese Chippendale influenced chairs for professional restoration.

Other finds, include a tiger oak grain painted silver cupboard, brass inlaid mahogany dining chairs & a coach house harness cleaning station.

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## 30th Nov - 3rd Dec Antiques & General Auction to include:

- Chinese Chippendale type dining chairs & other sets
- French Arras cast iron garden bench
- Citroen C1 car awaiting confirmation from solicitors
- Walking stick & cane collection incl. gold & Nailsea glass
- Royal Research Ship cast iron fire back plate
- Coach house harness cleaning station
- Knitting machines, sewing machines, yarn etc
- Silver tableware, gold watches & jewellery
- Arts & Crafts mirror & other decorative items
- Antique & Modern Furniture
- Boxed sets of Lego & Lego Technic
- French Oak dining table and chairs
- Modern painted pine furniture
- Ceramics, Glass & Collectables
- Assorted range of militaria
- Household electricals & general items.

CATALOGUE UPLOADS TO WEBSITE WEDS 29th from 6pm



#### FRENCH DESIGN CURVES COMFORT

A delightful cast iron garden bench is by Arras of Northern France. They produced these curved benches in the late c19th & early c20th, although the latter tend to terminate with horse hoof feet and the earlier in Lions paw feet as per this example. The hollow backed rolled bars allow for comfort as well as serving for water run off.

From a local client's garden, this two seater is forward with a reserve of £350 Estimate: £400-600

## Chinese influence in Georgian interior designs



When you talk about great furniture design from the 18th century, the first maker who springs to mind is Thomas Chippendale.
Born in 1718 in the town of Otley near Leeds, his father was a cabinet maker, and no doubt taught his son the skills of furniture making.

In his 30s he had set up in London, going on to produce the first catalogue of furniture designs to go to print, entitled 'The Gentleman & Cabinet-Maker's Director' of 1754. Renown for his designs of English Rococo, Neoclassical and Chinese fretwork influences. His designs are world known and still reproduced to date. Original pieces are highly sought after and command strong prices.

LEFT: AN EXTRACT FROM ONE OF THE DIRECTORY PLATES FIRST DRAWN IN 1753, SHOWING THE EXACT DESIGN OF THE EXAMPLES ON OFFER. BELOW RIGHT: THE ACTUAL BARN FIND CHAIRS

A second visit to Pentille Castle estate brought some exciting finds. A set of four chairs are exactly as per the design above. Of the period and found at a property in keeping with being able to afford quality. The mahogany frames, have pagoda crowns, curved splats & angular fretwork panels. The square seat shape is typical of the Georgian period and the fretwork front legs have hidden structural support bars terminating in a discrete pad foot.. These chair were never mean to be tucked under a dining table, but as side chairs of salon or ballroom type to display the wealth of the owner & their knowledge for current trends & fashion of the period.



Being a barn find, they are in need of restoration, with a fifth being suitable as a donor as well as a bag full of other parts/pieces that have been retrieved. Having previous been to a high end saleroom, having labels still attached, whether sent & returned, bought or brought in, is still unclear. They have been in the barn for at least 2+ decades minimum. They were strangely poorly described as '5 mahogany dining chairs' with an estimate of £3000-5000. After finding the exact pattern from my research, linking this pattern to Thomas Chippendale's of 1753 my estimate is £1000-1500 bearing in mind the volume of professional restoration they require & deserve. Although we thoroughly photograph & describe, viewings will be available on this lot only by appointment. Here to be sold with No Reserve.



A Coach house harness cleaning stand is from the same estate.
 C1870 the canted pitch pine base matches similar saddle horses/stands of the period. This example has an elm drop leaf top with shapely support brackets. With storage cupboard below & canted drawers to either end, it makes for a very practical storage and work piece. The shape lends itself to being a good kitchen island, retail shop display or perfect for what it was intended for in a traditional tack/harness room.
 A small amount of rot/softness is visible to the feet in keeping with standing on a mopped tiled coach house floor and the entire piece is in need of a good clean/light restoration, after decades in barn storage. Estimate: £200-300 No reserve

# christmas Ready?



### In The Spirit - gift idea inspiration



Brewing items.



**Purrfect for Pets.** 



Baguettes that aren't too much bread



Imari-nation



Space-age TV & Christmas Decanter

#### Website update hit out a little bit of coding, confusing a few under-bidders on a small handful of lots.

A few standard updates were applied to the website prior to the last auction.

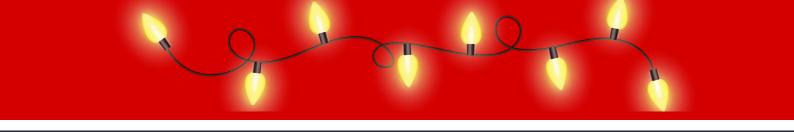
One error occurred after we knocked out a tiny bit of coding by mistake during this update. In a situation where say Bidder A bids £10 & then Bidder B happens to bid the same amount, as with all auctions, Bidder A wins at £10, as they put their bid in first. This was working correctly as it should.

However, if Bidder B upped their bid to say £12, then Bidder B would win it at £11. This missing coding meant that Bidder B correctly won the lot, but the hammer price stuck at £10 showing on our back office as won at £11, so we couldn't see that there was a slight problem. On the front of the website, which the bidder sees, it showed Bidder B winning it at £10 instead of £11. So it **was the correct winner** but the hammer price was out by £1. It affected 12 lots in total all by £1.

I totally understand how this was confusing for the under-bidder and apologise for this. Rest assured that the correct bidder won the lot & the couple of vendors affected were paid out the extra £1s. Thank you to the couple of clients who contacted, to say they were quite rightly confused by the hammer price.

This code has been corrected. The website has been thoroughly checked and there were no other issues.

Every saleroom has mistakes. I will always try to resolve any issues for clients. Email is the best method for contacting us.. If you don't get a reply within 24hrs , email again as you may have landed in our spam box & been missed.





# LEGO & RELAX

### an array of Lego & Lego Technic



### Don't be bricking it over ideas for Christmas fun.

A vast array of well looked after kits are forward for auction, with only one having a reserve. Some vintage & all complete bar a few boxes missing. Great fun for all the famil<u>y!</u>



## **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

## **Kelliwik Golowi**

Lit up the town Callington's community spirit glowed











A huge thank you to Sarah Slocombe & Paul Carey of the Callington Youth Project Group for organising this amazing event. The fires skills display by some of the town's youth was spectacular & so many people got involved, dressed up, lit up & certainly shone!

# Warmest Wishes this Christmas



## Thank you for all the kind messages regarding our pup Lottie.

Everyone was very patient on one of our busiest collection days, when I had to leave Paul alone holding the fort, to rush Lottie to a referral vet after she was diagnosed with Meningitis. Thankfully she continues to improve, although her recovery will be a long process. A severe case of food poisoning then wiped me out for a whole week. Apologies for not being available. Twern't for bad luck....we'd have no luck at all



MAY WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS & HAPPY NEW YEAR from all the team at Beech Auctions & Tavistock Removals.