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LOTS OF LOTS 'REAL DEAL' FOR SILVERWOODS' VENDORS

Bidders at Silverwoods' Special Sale held on Thursday 27th October were joined in a crowded saleroom by David Dickinson and his team from 'Dickinson's Real Deal' who were filming for several episodes of the popular ITV Antiques programme. And it wasn't just items to be featured on future programmes that went on to achieve excellent prices for vendors.

Early in the sale were three lots of Wedgwood Fairyland Lustre ceramics – a bowl in the jumping fawn and woodland elves pattern and four vases in the imps on a bridge pattern - decorated by Yorkshire-born Daisy Makeig Jones. The relative rarity and exceptional quality of the collection from a single vendor resulted in a total auction price for the five pieces of £8,100. One of the tiniest lots in the sale – a baluster shaped vase in the leaf and berry design on a sage ground measuring just 8 cm high from Moorcroft went under the hammer just two lots later for £1,100 – more than ten times its estimate.

Two telephone bidders were determined to win a Royal Worcester porcelain plaque handpainted with fruit by respected artist Terence Nutt which sold for £450; and there was a similar level of interest and internet bidding on a pair of Newlyn copper chamber sticks, inscribed J P by the maker John Pearson and dated 1899 which went for £700 against an estimate of £150 - £200.

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A phone bidder was also successful in winning a beautifully bound late 19th century Japanese album of coloured topographical photographic prints, offering £650 for a fascinating memento of the Japanese landscape of the time. Auctioneer Wilf Mould's favourite lot of the sale was a very different snapshot of life in the 19th century. Again with lovely binding, a book with coloured plates by William Dobson 'Dog Breaking and Shooting – a practical essay on breaking the English spaniel or pointer with instructions for attaining the art of flying shooting', published in 1814, sold for £600.

Local interest saw an eventual value of £700 for two watercolours by Edwin Beattie of Preston Town and New Street from Lords – a considerable increase over recent prices - against an estimate of £150 - £250. What do you think of as 'antique'? From one of Denmark's most celebrated furniture makers in the last century, a France and Son circular dining table, with a red ground decorative top and a single flared aluminium base reached £700 in the sale and it dated from just 1970.

The next Silverwoods Special Sale will take place on Thursday 15th December. The popular weekly sales of antique to modern furniture, household goods and collectables takes place every Wednesday starting at 3.00 pm and free valuations take place every Monday from 9.00 am – 4.00 pm. Visit www.silverwoods.co.uk or call 01200 423322.

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