

### Important Lockdown 3.0 Update

- **We are continuing to accept entries for forthcoming sales to be held at the Severn Hall, Three Counties Showground.**
- **We are able to continue to offer professional probate valuation advice in a Covid secure manner.**
- **We are able to continue to offer auction valuation advice to potential vendors in their own homes in a Covid secure manner.**
- **We can still assist with house clearances and collections of items for auction in a Covid secure manner.**
- **We are currently cataloguing an exciting series of auction sales, further details will be available in due course.**

As a result of the successful efforts of the John Goodwin FRICS commercial department to find a new, long term, tenant for Lynden House, we moved from this temporary base in Ledbury at the end of November. We are extremely grateful to the owner of Lynden House for his generosity in allowing us to use Lynden House on a short term basis for our auction sales at a time when the Teme Hall at the Three counties Showground was not available to us as a result of the pandemic.

We have now moved into even larger premises, the massive Severn Hall at the Three Counties Showground!

Since then we have been busy setting up, photographing, cataloguing and preparing for an exciting series of auction sales which we had hoped would take place in January of 2021.

Despite the extremely successful online only sales that we held in November and exceptional results from the sales that we held earlier in 2020, even with restricted public attendance to comply with Covid guidelines, we had hoped to be able to welcome back our customers in a Covid safe manner for the proposed January auction sales.

As a result of the latest Government announcement we have, at this stage, decided to postpone the proposed auctions.

In the meantime we are continuing to accept entries and we are currently able to offer storage to our vendor clients without charge.

The sales that we have 'in the pipeline' are:

**Interiors sale-** this is likely to be a 2 or even 3 day sale as we already have more than 1000 entries with others arriving daily. The sale will include a wide range of antique and other furniture including late century designer furniture, porcelain, glassware, pictures and prints, vehicles, outside effects, garden machinery and a massive range of miscellaneous entries.

**Fine Art and Collectables-** this will include silver, silver plate and jewellery which we carried forward from last year, we felt that it was very important for these to be available to be viewed 'in person', valuable paintings, collectables, china and porcelain including oriental, Royal Worcester, Moorcroft etc. Georgian and modern glassware, Arts and Craft objects d'art including Liberty, medals and

militaria, clocks, vintage wrist watches and a wide range of other items. We anticipate that there will be around 600 lots

**Books, records, stamps, postcards and other collectables-** a large number of entries have already been received but there is still capacity for further entries

**Toy and Transport sale-** we enjoy a very loyal following of specialist buyers and collectors worldwide and Rupert is currently processing a large number of entries including private collections of model railway, die cast, railwayana and tin plate from a wide geographical area.

The current guidelines allow us to continue to assist with professional valuations for probate purposes, offer clearance and removal advice and we are also to offer valuation advice in our client's private homes in a Covid secure manner.

As auctioneers we are classed as 'non essential' retail and our Severn Hall saleroom premises are closed to the public. We are only able to accept deliveries strictly by appointment and from professional transport companies. We can however arrange collection of sale items and our residential estate agency offices remain open and, in some cases, we may be able to accept deliveries of small consignments, for instance, jewellery, by arrangement.

We are, once again, looking at our options of holding further online only sales both 'live' sales with a video feed and live internet bidding and on a timed sale basis, a format that we used for the first time with considerable success in November.

We are very busy cataloguing and photographing lots to facilitate this and, we appreciate that even when we can allow public access to our sales, it is likely to be on a restricted basis and there are many of our buyers, including local buyers, who might prefer to bid from the comfort and relative safety of their own homes.

The easylive auction platform that we use as our live bidding platform has been embraced by our customers with overwhelmingly positive feedback and, I suspect, even the lure of our sale room tea and biscuits and friendly sale room team, many may choose to bid from the comfort of their armchair in the future....

**If you have any questions or have items that you would like to consign to auction then please contact Chris Maulkin, Auctioneer, [chris@johngoodwin.co.uk](mailto:chris@johngoodwin.co.uk)**