

Old Master Draws in the Bids

An old master drawing is off to a new home in Paris having sold for £16,000 in the Charterhouse two day January auction.

“Bidding across all sections was frenetic despite the lockdown and a global pandemic,” commented Richard Bromell. “We initially thought the small old master drawing could sell for a thousand or two, but there was plenty of pre-sale interest with both online and telephone bidders. Towards the end of the bidding, it was a two way battle between two French buyers and it eventually sold for **£16,000 to a bidder in Paris.**”



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It was discovered on the wall of a Somerset bungalow and was badly foxed, not that this put many people off.

The drawing, formed part of the Charterhouse two day January auction which sold for £175,000 on the hammer from just 950 lots. This is their highest totalling January

sale for 21 years. Despite the lockdown, collectors and dealers are still very keen to add into their collections which resulted in very high prices and strong confidence in the market.

Elsewhere in the auction, a collection of walking sticks from a client in Devon generated strong bidding where 78 lots sold for over £40,000.



A carved and painted Mr Punch walking stick sold for £4,000, part of a collection of walking sticks.

Charterhouse are now accepting entries for their auction silver, jewellery and watches on Thursday 4th and wine, port and whisky on Friday 5th February, classic and vintage cars in April and classic and vintage motorcycles in May.

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