

Dress to Impress

An early 20th century dressing table is one of the star lots in the Charterhouse two day auction on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th November where it is expected to sell for up to £10,000.

“My wife, like many ladies, is well known for her abilities in taking hours to get ready if we are out in an evening. However, I suspect if she had such a stunning dressing table, with all its bottles, jars, brushes, manicure and other items which I have no idea what they are to be used for, I do not think we would get to go anywhere as she would want to spend more time getting ready!” commented Richard Bromell.



The early 20th century George Betjemann & Sons Ltd dressing table being.

This dressing table, which is more likely to have graced the Lady's dressing room in Downton Abbey rather than the mid-20th century Dorchester town house it was collected from, is complete in every way.

Made by George Betjemann & Sons Ltd (who Sir John Betjeman, Poet Laureate, was the son of the Director) this inlaid mahogany cabinet folds up and out to reveal an interior fitted with cut glass jars and bottles. All the accessories are mounted in silver gilt and bear hallmarks for London 1921. It also has the advantage of being wired for electricity with detachable plug in lamps, with the gilt brass fittings and glass shade being all original.

Estimated at £8,000 - £10,000 it might be the ultimate Christmas presents for the lady of the house who has everything.

This two day Charterhouse auction includes the Royal Signals White Helmets Motorcycle Display Team motorcycles followed by silver, jewellery & watches on Thursday 16th November and then antiques & interiors with a selection of wine, port & whisky on Friday 17th November.

Viewing is on Wednesday 15th 10am-6pm and Thursday 16th 9am-5pm or you can view all the lots on **www.charterhouse-auction.com**

Charterhouse is now accepting further entries for their busy programme of specialist auctions which include coins, medals, stamps and collector's items on 15th December, pictures and books on 19th January with classic motorcycles on 4th February and classic cars on 11th February.

For further information regarding these auctions, or to arrange a home visit, please contact Richard Bromell at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne **01935 812277** or email items for valuation at **info@charterhouse-auction.com**