

## Fancy an Indian?

A 1921 Indian Powerplus motorcycle is one of the star lots in the Charterhouse auction of classic motorcycles and cars on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

“The name Indian is legendary in the motorcycle world,” commented Matthew Whitney. “They have always been cool and fast bikes, owned by the likes of Steve McQueen, but are more common to see on the plains of America rather on the twisty roads of Great Britain!”

At nearly 100 years old, the Indian going under the Charterhouse hammer is a 1921 Powerplus model. With its 1,000cc V twin engine producing a healthy 16hp in its day mated to a 3 speed hand change gearbox this motorcycle has miraculously survived in an unrestored state and has the most wonderful patina that is impossible to recreate.



**An old unrestored Indian Powerplus \***

It was bought by the West Country farmer owner in 1975 with a view to restoring the bike over time. However, during the past 43 years of ownership, he has never ridden the bike. He did start to restore the motorcycle once but gave up after he replaced a rusty front wheel deciding that it was such an original state that preservation was better than restoration, and pushed it back into his barn. It remained until Matthew Whitney, head of classic cars and motorcycles at Charterhouse recently visited the farmer and valued the Indian at £10,000 - £20,000\* **\*plus 13.2% buyer's premium (inc VAT)** and it was entered into the sale.

The auction, on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon**, is being held in conjunction with The Footman James Bristol Classic Car Show which attracts huge numbers of enthusiasts, collectors and dealers running on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June at The Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet.**

Catalogues are available from Charterhouse in Sherborne or you can view the car and motorcycle lots and bid live on the internet via [www.charterhouse-auction.com](http://www.charterhouse-auction.com)

For further information regarding this auction, or enter a classic or vintage motorcycle into the Netley Marsh Motorcycle Auction on 1<sup>st</sup> September or a classic car into the Sherborne Castle Classic Car Show on 15<sup>th</sup> July, contact **Matthew Whitney or Naomi Grabham** at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne **01935 812277** or via email **[mw@charterhouse-auction.com](mailto:mw@charterhouse-auction.com)**

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