

Mad Looking Moggies at Auction

A painting and collection of postcards by cat loving artist Louis Wain are in the Charterhouse auction of collectors' items on **Friday 20th September** in Sherborne.

"It is difficult not to smile at Louis Wain pictures," commented Richard Bromell. "His style has never been recreated by any other artist successfully and today his drawings, books, postcards and other illustrations are collected worldwide. Such is the continued interest in Louis Wain that Benedict Cumberbatch will be starring as Louis Wain in a film which is currently in production."

Louis Wain, born in 1860, is known for his drawings of anthropomorphised large eyed cats and kittens. He started drawing cats when he adopted a stray cat which he named Peter.

The original grey wash drawing and collection of postcards by Louis Wain are entered into the Charterhouse auction by a client in Fareham, who took advantage of a free valuation day at Charterhouse.

They had been inherited from a close family member. The painting by Louis Wain, was bought by the family member in 1978 from a dealer in Kent. Entitled "Has our mistress been killing Birds" it is signed by Louis Wain, measures 29.5 x 24 cm and estimated at £300-£500.



Louis Wain, grey wash original drawing – Has our mistress been killing Birds

There are also a charming group of Louis Wain postcards which are estimated to sell for £100 - £200 from the same owner.



Selection of amusing Louis Wain postcards

Viewing for the auction, at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne is on **Wednesday 18th September 10-5pm and Thursday 19th 9-5pm**. Alternatively, you can see all the lots on www.charterhouse-auction.com

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries for their busy auction programme with Beswick, Doulton, Sporting items and Pictures in October, Asian Art, Silver, Jewellery & Watches with a selection of Wine, Port and Whisky in November

They are also accepting further lots for their October auction of Classic & Vintage Motorcycles at the Haynes International Motor Museum, followed by Classic & Vintage Cars in November.

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