

Picture is a Winning Lot

An oil painting by world famous artist David Shepherd, which was won in a raffle in 1978, is estimated to sell for £10,000-£15,000 in the Charterhouse two day April auction.

“The only thing I have ever won in a raffle was a Victoria sponge cake which was many years ago!,” commented Richard Bromell. “It is a stunning life-like painting of a tiger resting in the shade, you can almost feel the heat coming the vegetation and will appeal to many collectors.”

David Shepherd, who died in 2017, was the nation’s favourite animal artist from the late 20th and early 21st centuries. He was also famous for painting locomotives, landscapes and portraits and known as being one of the most outspoken conservationists of his time.

The painting, which measures 29 x 55 cm was won by Derek Gane from Stoford, near Yeovil in 1978.

Derek bought a David Shepherd print of HMS Ark Royal at The Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton. One of 850 prints of Ark Royal, all the buyers were automatically entered into a raffle to win an original painting of their choice by David Shepherd and Derek was the lucky winner.



The David Shepherd oil painting of a tiger, won in a raffle in 1978.

As Derek had just returned from a trip to America, which included a visit to the Yosemite National Park, he thought a painting of a Grizzly Bear would be nice to remind him on his holiday. He put this to David Shepherd but this was politely declined by David on the basis he was never happy about painting animals he was not familiar with and recommended he paint him a tiger, elephant, lion, cheetah or a buffalo.

This is all noted in correspondence which comes with the picture. David's letters all come from his home in Surrey. With David being in such high demand the painting took a couple of years for him to paint, which is noted in the correspondence.

In 1983, some five years after Derek Gane won the commission, he collected the finished painting of the tiger from David Shepherds Surrey home. With the picture and correspondence is a photograph of David and Derek, with their wives along with a valuation from David stating the painting had a market value of £3,000.



Presentation of the painting in 1983 (left to right) Sheila Gane, David Shepherd, Derek Gane & Avril Shepherd (*David's wife*)



David Shepherd correspondence to Derek Gane

The tiger painting, commissioned by Derek, comes to the Charterhouse auction from a relative as Derek passed away a few years ago has decided to let someone else enjoy the painting.

Taking advantage of a specialist picture valuation day held by Charterhouse at their Sherborne salerooms, the relative was pleased to hear the picture was estimated at £10,000-15,000 and entered the painting into their two day auction on **Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd April.**

Viewing for the auction, which also includes a collection of David Hockney related art and the contents of an old Somerset rectory is at The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne DT9 3BS on **Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd April,** or you can see all the lots on www.charterhouse-auction.com where live internet bidding is also available.

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries for their **April 20th & May 1st** auction which includes Decorative Arts 1860 to present day. They are also accepting entries for their April 8th classic & vintage car auction followed by their May 6th classic motorcycle auction.

For further information regarding these auctions, contact **Richard Bromell** and the team at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne DT9 3BS **01935 812277** or email **info@charterhouse-auction.com**