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## **A GOOD START TO THE NEW YEAR Results of Chorley's sale on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012**

Despite cold and icy conditions Chorley's sale on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February attracted a huge number of people to their sale view days and to the auction itself. Several lots achieved strong prices across a variety of categories.

**Lot 35, a William Scott lithograph** depicting Mousehole harbour was spotted by a valuer during a furniture valuation. The glass was so dirty that the image could not be seen properly and after removing it from the frame it was recognised as a print that appears regularly at auction and can make thousands of pounds. Taking condition into account, the print was estimated at £600-800 but bidders thought rather more of it and contested it by phone to an impressive £3,800.

Rolex is a huge brand and with luxury goods defying the overall trends in the economy it was no surprise to see a full rank of telephone bidders in pursuit of **Lot 270**. This **18ct gold Oyster Perpetual Submariner** was complete with its presentation box and eventually knocked down for £11,000. This figure is not far shy of a retail price and shows the power of the internet in drawing worldwide attention to a regional saleroom.

A rather more traditional piece **Lot 279, a Regency rosewood cased bracket clock**, looked handsome and well proportioned. Classic country house fare of this type is tricky to value at present, a cautious estimate of £600-800 attracted a number of bidders and the eventual hammer was a pleasing £2,200.

A single owner collection of dolls included examples by many of the best known makers such as Armand Marseille, Heubach & Koppelsdorf and Simon & Halbig. Well viewed by collectors almost every lot got away with a number of strong prices achieved. **Lot 298, a Bebe Le Parisien bisque headed doll**, was clad in a contemporary purple striped outfit and achieved its upper end estimate of £1,200. Topping the section at £2,000 came **Lot 302 a**



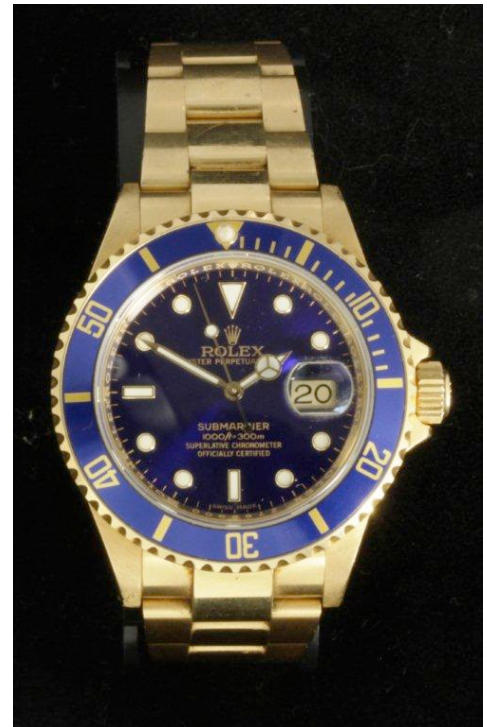
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*Lot 35: a lithograph of Mousehole by  
William Scott sold for £3,800*



*Lot 270: a Rolex Oyster Perpetual  
Submariner sold for £11,000*

**Jumeau bisque headed doll** with blue eyes, a closed mouth and wearing a hat with feathered plume.

A varied furniture section saw strong prices for unusual and quality pieces. A collection of early 20<sup>th</sup> Century French style furniture certainly had quality and a 'look' that is popular with foreign buyers and interior designers. **Lot 525, an unusual display cabinet modelled as a sedan chair** complete with carry handles walked past a £400-600 estimate eventually seeing £2,400. **Lot 526, a handsome pair of Louis XV style commodes** with marble tops and marquetry panels doubled their estimate to reach £10,000.

**VALUATION DAY:**

The next Valuation Day at Prinknash Abbey is Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

**NEXT SALE DATE:**

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012

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*Lot 302: A Jumeau bisque head doll  
sold for £2,000*