



Dreweatts is holding an on-the-premises sale titled Parnham Park: A Modern Grand Tour on the Jurassic Coast in Beaminster, Dorset on May 13.

The auction is being conducted for James and Sophie Perkins who purchased the estate in 2020 with plans to restore it and develop it as a base for adventure stays and visits. Dreweatts organised a similar sale for the couple at Aynhoe Park in January 2021.

The Parnham Park sale, numbering 541 lots, includes more of the historical and contemporary pieces James uses in his interior design and restoration projects.

Notably, the auction will feature a selection of prehistoric fossil specimens, inspired by the geological significance of the Jurassic Coast.

An Irish elk (*Megaloceros Giganteus*) skull and antlers from the Middle Pleistocene has an estimate of **£15,000-25,000**. This specimen, found in Ukraine, has a rack measuring 8ft (2.4m) wide.

[dreweatts.com](https://www.dreweatts.com)\*

On May 15-16 Charterhouse Auctions will conduct a sale on the premises of the Moretonhampstead Motor Museum in Devon.

The collection, assembled by local enthusiast Frank Loft and housed in an Art Deco bus depot, has been open to the public since 2013 but is now being sold.

This advertising poster, *These Men Use Shell, You Can Be Sure of Shell*, has a guide of **£400-600**.

[charterhouse-auction.com](https://www.charterhouse-auction.com)\*



The sale of Fine Jewellery & Ladies Watches at Adam's in Dublin on May 13 includes this impressive retro sapphire and diamond 'tank' ring, c.1940, consigned from the 'private collection of a Continental lady'. Its centrepiece is a 6.22ct old-cut sapphire of a deep royal blue hue that comes with a recent report from the SSEF laboratory in Switzerland stating it is a natural stone of Kashmir origin.

Kashmir sapphires have acquired a near-legendary status due to their lustrous cornflower colour, soft velvety texture and extreme rarity.

Deposits of the sapphires were first discovered and mined for just five years between 1882-87, when the supply was depleted.

Estimate **£150,000-250,000**.

[adams.ie](https://www.adams.ie)\*

The Antiquarian Book Sale at Bearn's Hampton & Littlewood in Exeter on May 13 includes a rare set of politico-historical playing cards relating to the Popish Plot.

Each of the 52 Horrid Popish Plot cards, printed c.1679-1704, depict events from the fictitious Catholic conspiracy to kill Charles II that Titus Oates claimed to have uncovered in 1678. Francis Barlow's original drawings for the engravings are in the British Museum.

This complete deck is estimated at **£1500-2500**.

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On May 9 Sheffield Auction Gallery is selling the residual contents of The Monastery of the Holy Spirit, known locally as Kirk Edge Convent, a Carmelite Monastery for nuns situated on Kirk Edge Road between the villages of Worrall and High Bradfield.

The building, constructed in the 1871, was originally planned as an orphanage but later became an industrial school for girls. It was



passed to the monastery over 100 years ago and becoming a residence and Chapel.

The sisters have lived there ever since and because the Carmelites are a closed order, meaning the nuns are strictly separated from the outside world to live a contemplative life of prayer, not much has been modernised. Its recent closure has meant the remaining nine nuns have been

The chapel is to remain untouched.

Over 100 lots include a selection of pews, kneeling stools, roll top desks, bookcases, tables and other 19th century furniture, marble statues, candlesticks, collection plates, silver ware, bishop's albs and altar cloths.

This hallmarked silver vase, of tapered part fluted form, inscribed *Thorley's Special Prize*, Sheffield 1903, maker: Allan Barlow, 116, Great Street, Sheffield, is



A 'Going to Cover' tandem cart, dating to c.1890 and believed to be one of only a handful surviving, will be offered at Sheppards of Co Laois, Ireland, on May 13 as part of the dispersal of a complete transport and vernacular museum collection in Ireland. The cart, fully restored by Royal Warrant coachbuilders to Queen Elizabeth II, carries an estimate of **£6000-9000**.

Built by the New York firm Brewster & the cart was designed for tandem driving and hunt meets – a fashionable pursuit in both Britain and the US during the late 19th century.

The model takes its name from the well-known English coaching print *Going to Cover* by Charles Cooper Henderson. Brewster's version incorporated a slatted dog compartment beneath the seat and a detachable cover stand, making it suitable for transporting hounds as well as passengers.

Fewer than 20 examples of the Brewster 'Going to Cover' cart are thought to have been produced and even fewer have surfaced with their original fittings intact.

[sheppards.ie](https://www.sheppards.ie)\*



This French gold, enamel and gemset ring with a central locket compartment designed as a masked face dates to the mid 18th century.

To the underside are the words *Par Amour*. It comes for sale at Bellmans in Billingshurst, West Sussex, on May 15 with an estimate of **£3000-4000**.

[bellmans.co.uk](https://www.bellmans.co.uk)\*