

Charterhouse to auction 100mph Man

Sunday's Charterhouse auction will feature the highly-important collection of photographs, trophies, Brooklands badges and ephemera belonging to the great late Claude F Temple.

The collection from this motorcycle manufacturer, Brooklands racer and motorcycle speed world record holder is expected to sell for over £5,000.

Auctioneer Matthew Whitney says that it is rare for such historic motorcycle items to appear on the open market.

"He was the first person to cover 100 miles in less than one hour on a motorcycle at Montlhery in 1924, covering 100 miles in 58 minutes and 50.6 seconds," he says.

"Just a couple of years later, he became the fastest man on two wheels when he took the world speed record on a motorcycle at 121.3 mph.

"This is a fantastic collection from a golden age of motorcycles, when men were men and health and safety had not been invented."

This collection forms part of a greater selection vintage and classic cars, motorcycles and automobilia being auctioned at the show.

Lots include a 1948 Bentley Mk VI Special, at £48,000 – 52,000, and a 1960 Jaguar Mk II 2.4 litre manual overdrive saloon, with only three owners all living within 10 miles of each other in Devon. This is estimated at £10,000 -12,000.

There is monster of a motorcycle in the form of a Suzuki GSX-R 1000. This has been extensively modified by Harris Racing as their show bike and demonstrator. Painted in Barry Sheene racing colours, this bike is capable of over 200 mph, and estimated at £7,500-9,000.

For more information regarding this auction or to consign a single item or a complete collection, please contact Matthew Whitney on 01935 812277 or email mw@charterhouse-auctions.co.uk.

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