

Opening night sales heat up Chelsea's Treasure House Fair

Early sales in the first hours of Treasure House Fair heated up the third edition of the Chelsea fair.



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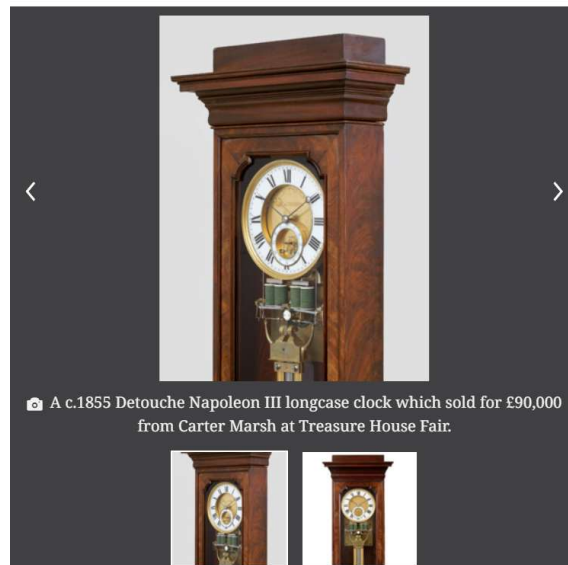


London's Treasure House Fair opened earlier this week. Image: Treasure House Fair.

Amid the heatwave sweeping the UK, exhibitors kept their cool and agreed deals in the opening hours of the evening event on June 25.

The event at the Royal Hospital Chelsea features more than 70 art and antiques dealers and runs until July 1.

Among those enjoying brisk trade was Winchester clock dealer Carter Marsh.



A c.1855 Detouche Napoleon III longcase clock which sold for £90,000 from Carter Marsh at Treasure House Fair.

Carter Marsh director Darrell Dipper said: "The evening event was just three hours so I had not planned to class it as a selling day. However, it was a most unusual and exceptional night and we sold three pieces.

"We also had clocks reserved and were telephoned the next day to confirm the purchases. Generally reservations don't work out but on this occasion they did."

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Also enjoying a strong opening night was silver dealer Koopman Rare Art. Among its sales was a pair of 1717 George I double lipped sauce boats by Pierre Platel with an asking price of £95,000 which sold to a private client.



📷 A pair of 1717 George I double lipped sauce boats by Pierre Platel which were sold by Koopman Rare Art for £95,000 at Treasure House Fair.

Director Lewis Smith described the opening hours as a "very good start" and noted sales in all its categories of silver, jewellery and gold boxes.

Robert Bowman of Bowman Sculpture said: "We made two sales on the opening night and it was a great crowd of people. It was helpful that it was a limited ticket event (10 tickets per dealer). This created a good atmosphere with guests not feeling too crowded."

A new client for Shapero Gallery, a couple from the UK, purchased a suite of 10 wood block printed peonies by Tanigami Konan (1879-1928) for £20,000.



📷 A suite of 10 wood block printed peonies by Tanigami Konan (1879-1928), sold for £20,000 by Shapero Gallery at Treasure House Fair.

Jonathan Coulborn, of Thomas Coulborn & Sons, said: “We have seen many museums from the UK, Europe and the US and we have received strong interest on various pieces in the first few hours of the fair.”

Among its sales on the first night was a pair of c.1825 Russian ruby glass and ormolu tazzas which had an asking price of £18,500 and sold to a private buyer.

Robert Young Antiques’ early sales included *Dragon boat in full sail* 1957 by King Charles III. A crayons on paper work by Prince Charles, aged 9, while he was at Cheam prep school. It had an asking price of £16,000.



📷 Chelsea Pensioners pictured in front of a Trafalgar Union flag on the stand of Greens of Cheltenham. It has an asking price of £450,000. Image: Treasure House Fair