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PIPEWELL HALL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND BOSTOCK HOUSE, CHESHIRE

Wednesday 21 April 2004 at 10.30am

Pipewell Hall, Northamptonshire

South Kensington – Christie's South Kensington holds its second in-house House Sale of the year on Wednesday 21 April. The sale, featuring the contents of Pipewell Hall in Northamptonshire and Bostock House in Cheshire, provides the perfect opportunity for buyers to view and bid on an enticing range of lots – with the contents on view in re-created room settings within the auction house.

The sale features over 400 lots and is expected to realise in excess of £500,000. Comprising traditional English furniture, pictures, watercolours, English ceramics including an interesting collection of Staffordshire, Chinese ceramics, works of art and carpets, the auction has an estimate range of £100-£20,000.

Pipewell Hall – Pipewell Hall, originally built in 1674, was said to have been built from the ruins of a Cistercian Abbey founded in Pipewell on 13th September, 1143. Extensively redeveloped during the 19th century, Samuel Janson Lloyd moved from nearby Brigstock to

Pipewell Hall in 1921. David Lloyd, Samuel's son, inherited the house and married Evadne Flower in 1945.

Evadne was a governor of the Shakespeare Memorial Company for 74 years, and David worked in the steel industry. Both were keen flyers, and for many summers, David would be seen flying his red Tiger Moth over Pipewell. David also developed the acclaimed David Lloyd Stalking Rifle which was recently voted 9th greatest rifle of all time by Shooting Times. David died in 1996 and Evadne in 2003 – and it is with great sadness that the family is now parting with the house and its contents.

Highlights include a near pair of George III library armchairs (estimate: £4,000–6,000); a variety of 17th & 18th century oak chests (estimate range: £200–£1,500); Richard Whitford (fl.1854–1887) Saddling up and waiting for the hunt, oil on canvas (estimate: £15,000–20,000); a selection of stag's head game trophies (estimate: £300–500 per pair); a number of Persian rugs and carpets (estimate range: £100–£2,500) and a collection of 19th century English watercolours (estimate range: £200–£600).

Bostock House – This sale marks the end of an era for the France-Hayhurst family, who have been at Bostock for over 200 years. The death of Dinah France-Hayhurst, who died last year without children, prompts the sale. The France-Hayhursts were large landowners in Cheshire; at one time having seats at Davenham Hall and Whatcroft Hall, as well as at Bostock.

Bostock Hall, a large brick mansion, was built in 1775 to the design of Samuel Wyatt, and the Hall and estate was sold to James France, a descendant of an ancient Lancashire family, in 1792. The France-Hayhursts extensively remodelled and built onto the Hall in the 19th century, but after the Second World War, the Hall was considered unmanageable and the family moved to Bostock House, formerly the agent's house on the estate, in 1950.

Highlights include a set of four Regency mahogany hall chairs (estimate: £7,000–10,000); an Old Master floral still-life attributed to Simon Pietersz Verelst, Roses, poppies, chrysanthamums, apple blossom, other summer flowers (estimate: £7,000–10,000); a pearlware phrenology bust, circa 1830 (estimate: £600–900) and a selection of George III mahogany chests (estimate range: £300–£2,500).

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