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ANNABELL PARRY

Specialist Jewellery and Watch Valuer



Q What five words best describe you?

A Chatty, curious, determined, loving, magpie.

Q If you weren't a specialist - what would you like to be?

A I could not think of another role I'd rather do. Everyday brings another story, personal history coupled with gemstones or fine watches. Clients often tell you remarkably personal details and I am privileged to be taken into their confidence and provide them with a quality service and detailed useful information.

Q Favourite piece you have valued and why?

A A memorial brooch containing British Prime Minister, Benjamin Disralie's plaited hair. It had been a gift from his family to my client's family.

One lady client married into a family who produced Ocean-going liners. It was the role of the women of the family to launch the ships on their maiden voyage and for every single launch a piece of jewellery was handmade for the lady of the day in precious metals and diamonds. My client still had pieces given over several generations and each was absolutely beautiful.

Q What was your most awkward moment valuing a piece and why?

A I was at the house of a premiership footballer appraising his pieces and as there was no one else about I had to ask him where the 'ladies room' was and the house was so big he had to take me!

Q What is your most favourite thing to do outside work?

A Anything to do with Landrover Defenders! Green Lane days, meet ups, exploring Wales and just driving our latest Landy Lola!

Q What would a stranger find most annoying about you?

A I always find a way of turning the conversation towards jewellery.

Q Who's collection would you like to value and why?

A Marjory Merryweather Post. Simply an extraordinary woman with an out of this world jewellery collection.

Q What 3 people alive or dead would you like to invite to dinner?

A Agatha Christie, Professor Brian Cox and Elton John.

Q Are you doing anything fun this summer of '21?

A My husband recently purchased part of a bar in the Balearics, so we will be going out to test the whole menu.

Q Do you have another talent?

A I tell terrible jokes.

Q Where in the world would you most like to visit?

A Bhutan and The Vatican.