

## Auction #166 Report

Our 12-13 June Fine Sale of jewellery, watches, art and antiques achieved total sales of £305,000.

The room was busy, especially on the first day selling the jewellery, watches, and masses of silver. We introduced a new online bidding platform: EasyLiveAuction, which proved to be a source of strong bidding, and we would highly recommend as a service.

There were healthy results for diamond rings and jewellery, particularly Art-Deco period items. A platinum necklace set with rubies and diamonds, estimated at £500 to £800, sold for £3600. A trend for coral, pearls and opals was noted, and designer pieces such as George Jensen proved popular as always. Bee-brooches were also contested up to well-above estimate.

The wristwatch section turned up some big results again such as lot 413, the Heuer Autavia Automatic Dual Time Chronograph with "tropical" dial and "Pepsi" bezel, which sold for £10,500 against an estimate of £3000-£4000. Vintage Heuer watches are really flying at the moment.

Interest has picked up considerably in pocket-watches, with increased prices in general.

There was a large section of vintage toys, and we saw some good prices for Japanese tinplate, Dinky, Spot-On and other models.

Some sleeper lots in the Books & Ephemera such as 1218, the Lady Jane Churchill royal correspondence, and lot 1223 the C.S. Lewis letter, sold for £1500 and £2200 respectively.

The sale ended with a bang in the 'general antiques' section: A trinket box, lot 1648, in at just £20-£40 (!) turned out to be genuine Chinese white jade, and sold for £8600 after a pitched battle on the telephones.

Our next auction, Coins & Collectables #167, 13-14 July will be online shortly.

Our next Fine Sale is scheduled for 9-10 October. Please get in touch if you are interested in consigning items for sale.



Lot 916 : Winnie the Pooh playset, hammer £340