

## Online Auction #188 Report: Paper Collectables, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Two online auction rooms were in session Saturday 31st October, with accompanying phone bids and book bids. Total sales of £126,581 were achieved for 1064 lots offered – a result that we were delighted with.

94% of the stamp and first-day-cover lots sold, with most going above estimate. Sorting through stamp collections is a prime lockdown pastime, hence the popularity is to be expected. Postcards were also popular, especially albums of photographic cards specialising in certain areas, and comic postcards. This auction saw some original “saucy” seaside postcard artworks sold, which are great fun and very scarce. The cigarette & trade cards saw great interest in anything related to golf. There were some single Faulkner ‘Golf Term’ cards selling at £150 each! Fine books were sought after; the stars being the Arthur Rackham and Goble illustrated deluxe vellum editions of A Christmas Carol, Peter Pan etc, with prices realised up to £1900. An outstanding series of original 1920s and 30s FA Cup Final football programmes were sold, the highest price being £800 hammer for the Arsenal v Cardiff City 1927.

The auction was an all-round success, and we have high hopes for our next sale of Paper Collectables on 3-4 February, accepting lots until 23 December.

Our next auction will be Coins, Medals & Militaria, Online Auction #189: 14-15 November. This one is already online and catalogues have been dispatched - it's a strong sale. Following that will be The Banknote Sale 28th November, and The Fine Sale 8-9 December. We look forward to continued success with our online auctions. Remember – even though you can't view in person (as of 5<sup>th</sup> Nov to 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec), we are happy to provide photographs and condition reports to help you decide. Our valuation roadshows will have to go on hiatus again from 5th November. We welcome consignments by post, or by appointment if you are a dealer. The market for collectables has been very strong throughout this crisis and there is no doubt it will continue to be.



Lot 838: Arthur Rackham illustrated, A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, 1915 deluxe vellum edition pub. by William Heineman, sold for £1900 hammer.