

Auction #164 Report

Our 16-17 March Auction of Coins & Collectables turned up some impressive results. Beginning with the Weapons section: Lot 27 – a Fijian Ula throwing club of an intricate three-tiered design achieved £2400 hammer, over an estimate of just £700 to £800. Lot 57, a Japanese Wakizashi with gilt decorated fittings and Tsuba (est. £500 - £550) sold for £750.

A remarkable result was achieved for a pair of German WWII Carl Zeiss Jena 8x60H binoculars. Estimated at £800 to £900, the hammer went down at £5600 !

The fourth part of a Norfolk Collection of Commemorative Medals contained many highlights such as: Lot 1281 and 1282, the Fouad and Farouk Egyptian medals which sold for £420 and £850. There were German WWI-era propaganda pieces including lot 1290 for the somewhat botched Zeppelin raid on London 17-18/8/1915, which went for £700. A few original Italian Renaissance era medals included the Beatrix Rangona Rovorella, wife of Ercole Rangoni of Venice, square bronze medal c.1550 : hammer £800.

Gold proof sets both antique and modern performed well. £7800 hammer for a George VI Coronation 1937 set was a strong result; £9200 for a 1911 long set (without the box!), and £3400 for the 1989 four-coin set 'raised eyebrows' as well.

There were a series of rare Sovereigns in the English Gold section. Highlights included £6600 hammer for the 1841 Sovereign, and £6400 for the 1863 '827 on truncation'.

Other standout prices included £1700 for a Halfcrown 1905 in VF, and £1600 for a strip of five Chairman Mao 'Directives' stamps.

The next auction will be Coins & Collectables, 18-19 May. Accepting consignments until 5th April.

This sale will include the Phillips Collection of Welsh Tokens, English Milled, Roman and Hammered Coins. The 'Druid Head' pieces are the finest we've ever seen.

Our next Fine Sale is scheduled for 12 & 13 June, with consignment open until 3rd of May. This is going to be a major sale for us. The watches in particular are already strong. We will be promoting this auction and Lockdales' services at the Suffolk Show this year, so feel free to come and say hello!



The March auction included some high grade encapsulated gold sovereigns.