

Auction #171 Report

Our end of year "December Sale" held 4th-5th December 2019 achieved total sales of £148,000.

Antique jewellery such as Lot 170, the pearl-set pendant, and Lot 250, the micro-mosaic 'grand tour' brooch sold well-above estimate at £480 and £300. An enamelled yellow metal pencil, lot 219, estimated at just £50 to £80 sold for £290 hammer.

Vintage watches including Rolex, Omega and Heuer were all fiercely contested, even "restorers" pieces. Lot 282: Heuer 1000 Quartz (est £180-£220) hmr £700; Lot 289: Jaeger Le Coultre Automatic Memovox (est £500-£700) hmr £1350; Lot 320: Rolex Oyster Precision (est £400-£600) hmr £2800; and Lot 322: Rolex "Pepsi" GMT-Master 1980 (est £7000-£8000) hmr £10,000 to give some examples.

Pocket watches were also popular, especially gold-cased, such as Lot 337: £1800 hmr, 359: £1520, 364: £1400, 367: £1820; all these well-above scrap.

Some complex mantle clocks were sold including Lot 420, a Devon Clocks "Congreve" type ball-bearing clock, estimated at £300 to £500, sold for £900 hammer.

There were barely any unsolds in the silver section. Standout lots included Lot 581, a George III one pint tankard at £300, and Lot 606, a pair of shipping-related bottle stoppers at £290.

Paintings caught some interest including Lot 613: 'Corner of the Farm', an oil by Edward Hersey at £900. Some local prints by Glyn Thomas also sold successfully.

In the ceramics a Nantgarw porcelain plate, Lot 678, sold for £520 hammer.

The Toys & Models section was perhaps the most popular, including many vintage Corgi, Dinky and other toys with boxes. Standout items were Lot 715: Corgi Monkees Monkeemobile, hmr £240; Lot 729: Corgi Man From U.N.C.L.E. 'Thrush Buster', hmr £230; and Lot 805: Wooden Noah's Ark model with animals, hmr £180. A couple of 1950s fruit machines, Lots 765 and 797, sold for £260 and £320 hammer.

Towards the end a vintage camera, Lot 888: Leica Wetzlar, est £300 to £400, sold for £650 hmr. A White Star Line blanket, Lot 917, est £300 to £500, also sold for £650.

We return with Coins & Collectables on 25-26 January. Season's greetings from all the staff at Lockdales, and a happy new year.

Accepting lots for the 19-20 February Fine Sale, and the 28-29 March Coins & Collectables.



Lot 322, the "Pepsi" Rolex: Sold for £10,000 hammer.