

Lockdales' Auction #233 Report:

Coins, Medals, Militaria & Weapons: 21-22 March 2023

Total prices realised: £399,590 (incl. prem.)

1808 lots were offered over two days. Day 1: Weapons, Medals & Militaria; Day 2: Coins. On the first day we began with the Weapons section, where there were many highlights such as a Luger which sold for £1300 hammer, and a Colt six-shooter for £2200. The highest price reached in the Medals & Militaria was £4000, for the WWII DCM group to Gavin Black, KIA 7th Bn Royal Tank Regt. Other standout lots included the RAF Lakenheath 'scramble bell', lot 617, which sold for many times estimate, reaching £2800. Some Polish flags went sky-high also, such as lot 747, the 1942 Polish Air Force flag, which made £800.

The 'gold price' was up, owing to global economic events, which meant that the gold coins were highly sought after throughout all sections on Day 2. Some heavy coins and sets were sold including an Alderney Kilo of gold for £42,000 hammer. Notably some of the later one-year type Sovereigns of QEII's reign are starting to approach even the famous 1989 issue in terms of price and status. A 2012 proof (in capsule only) went for £1050! A 1989, also in capsule only, made £1250. Overall the Royal Mint gold coins and sets were extremely popular.

Our next auction of Coins, Medals, Militaria & Weapons is scheduled for 16-17 May (consign by 3rd April).



Lot 617: An RAF Lakenheath scramble bell, WWII era. Est. £400-£500, hammer £2800



Lot 953: Five Pounds 1887 nEF. Est. £1600-£1800, hammer £2300