

Lockdales' Auction #303 Report:

Paper Collectables (stamps, cards, books & ephemera): 7th October 2025

Total prices realised: £96,863 (incl. premium)

This excellent result was well-above the top estimate of the sale. 95% of the stamp lots sold, and were fiercely contested. British collections were selling up to £3400, and world £1600 for a Commonwealth album. We noted particular interest in errors and British Antarctic Territories.

In the cards – American cigarette-cards were the most sought-after. In the Books & Ephemera a series of autographs from the estate of Bill Housden, prime minister Harold Wilson's driver, brought some stellar results: A set of signatures of the Apollo astronauts Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin reached £2300, and a Downing Street meeting plan signed by those in attendance 22/3/1976 made £800. Others results included a calling card signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson and his wife at £520, and eight personal notes signed by Harold Wilson at £560. Additionally an Ian Fleming first edition Dr No sold for £650, and G.V. Ellis' Illustrations of Dissections went for £580.

Our next auction of Paper Collectables (stamps, cards, books & ephemera) is scheduled for 13th January 2026. We have some further large collection of stamps in the process of being catalogued so you can look forward to a similar offering! If you are looking to sell your own items please get in touch as soon as possible.



Lot 34: GB - Christmas 1968 4d UM with Ultramarine omitted. Est. £40-£50. Hammer £180.



Lot 963: Signed Prime Crew of Fifth Manned Apollo Mission. Est. £300-£500. Hammer £2300.