

Lockdales' Auction #256 Report:

Toys, Paintings, Antiques & Collectables: 5th March 2024

Total prices realised: £92,351 (incl. prem.)

558 lots were offered, and sold at a 91% success rate, at a level well-above top estimate overall. There were many surprises in this sale. Starting with the Paintings, Pictures & Prints we noted strong results for the sketches by the architect F.A. McMinn, and the limited-edition embellished canvases of Fabian Perez. There is a good market for collectable Ceramics & Glass with many highlights in that section: Beswick figures, Moorcroft, Troika, Royal Crown Derby, and John Ditchfield and Whitefriars glass are all strong. Above all Clarice Cliff and Walt Disney Classics performed superbly. A 'Yoo Hoo' pattern coffee set made £2100 hammer, and an Alice in Wonderland, Alice & Caterpillar pair went for £500 (top est. £80!). A large section of Toys & Models followed, within which there were almost no unsolds. Especially sought-after were Britains models, Corgi/Dinky/Matchbox, Ducal Military, Masters of the Universe figures, WWF/WWE wrestling figures, Star Wars and more. The Pelham Puppet reached £700, and a set of Snow White & The Seven Dwarves by Chad Valley made £650. The Model Railway section sold almost universally, above estimate. Pens were popular; Musical Instruments were sold including a modern Gibson Les Paul for £1450, an Aireton Viola for £2600, and a Swanee Saxophone for £950. In the Scientific section a Curta Calculator made £540. A section of Alcohol produced results including £520 for a Glengoyne 1968, and £500 and £520 for bottles of Grand Fine Remy Martin Cognac. A bronze study of a leaping hare by Sophie Dickens sold for £1450 (top est. £800), and in the Antiques & Collectables section a set of Dupont lighters made £2300. The highest price realised of the sale was for a real "sleeper" lot, a Welsh tapestry/sampler in for just £40-£60, which jumped up to £5200 straight away online as two commission bids conflicted. This rare Welsh scene was clearly something special, and brought our sale to a spectacular finish.

Our next offering of Toys, Pictures, Ceramics & Antiques is scheduled for 8th May, with consignment available until 5th April.



Lot 552: Victorian sampler, depicting Conwy Castle with suspension bridge besides, and various figures, animals & boats beneath, with embroiders name (although faded), mounted on wooden board. Size 65cm x 43cm approx. Est. £40 - £60. Hammer £5200