

Auction #167 Report

Our 13-14 July auction of coins & collectables achieved total sales of £371,000. Some interesting phenomena were noticed in the Saleroom and the market in general.

There was strong bidding for up-to-date EU compliant deactivated weapons such as three famous WWII firearms: Lot 935, the MG42 "Spandau" at £1700; lot 974, the Luger pistol at £1900; and lot 982, the MP40 sub-machine gun at £2000 (hammer prices).

In the vast banknote section the highest price of the sale was achieved: £7800 hammer for lot 1458, the George VI India 100 Rupees specimen note 1943.

Royal Mint proof sets and coins continue to amaze with their growing re-sale potential: £1000 hammer for the 1989 proof sovereign, lot 1843, is perhaps the highest we've seen yet for that coin.

Among the English milled a slightly impaired plain edge proof Gothic Crown reached £3800 hammer, and a nice 1743 roses crown made £2300.

A Chinese silver dollar, lot 2048 sold for £2700 hammer against an estimate of just £400 to £600. The growing collector's markets of China and India are creating star prices again and again.

Promising bidding on Ancient Greek and Roman coins was noted, which bodes well for September as we will be selling a fascinating lifetime's collection of ancient coins.

Artefacts showed growing interest. A Viking sword pommel found locally, lot 2121, made £500 hammer, a good price for this piece of Suffolk history. Some Chinese ceramic objects such as a Han horse's head and a Song temple tile reached over the £500 level.

The next auction will be Coins & Collectables, Auction #168, 14-15 September 2019, for which consignment will be open until 2nd August.

Our next 'Fine Sale' of jewellery, watches, art and antiques will be happening 9-10 October; accepting lots until 30th August.

Don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to consign.



Lot 1458 : George VI India 100 Rupees Specimen 1943 sold for £7800 hammer!