

THE SHAMUS WADE TOY & MODEL COLLECTION AUCTION



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“Toy soldier dealer, collector, author, military historian – Shamus Wade is a man of many attributes, who also amassed a remarkable collection of toy soldiers and figures, many rare and unique.” Commented Norman Joplin in the auction catalogue for the collection which was sold on 15th June 2012 at Special Auction Services.

The auction was very well attended at Greenham Business Park near Newbury with many dealers, collectors and enthusiasts. There was also a great presence from global internet, commission and telephone bidders. The auction also contained various sections including Britains, Hill, Timpo, Crescent and other makers of toy soldiers and figures.

There were numerous highlights including (above) lot 552 a Heyde Viceroy’s elephant that was estimated at £300 and went on to realise £3,000 after some fierce telephone and room bidding. Also from the Heyde section the last lot 582 the Chinese warriors smashed its pre-auction estimate of £200 to realise £1,600. The star lot of the auction was lot 567 a Heyde rare balloon detachment set that was estimated at £2,000 and went on to hammer at £10,000 after two telephone bidders decided to try and purchase this rare set...



Pictured Mr & Mrs Shamus Wade with SAS Directors Hugo Marsh, Thomas Plant & Neil Shuttleworth

Soon after the auction as everyone started paying and clearing their purchases we spoke to Shamus briefly and he commented: "Thank you to everyone involved for all of their hard work and dedication, I am so pleased with the results" commented Shamus, he also went onto say "the catalogue was wonderful and the presentation of the sale made me very proud"

The sale total for the 582 lot auction was £87,500.

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