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Special Auction Services Newsletter

News & Views from SAS

FREE AUCTION VALUATION EVENTS Berkshire & South England - Every Wednesday at our Newbury Auction Rooms - Newbury, Berkshire RG14 5RL

- Or - Staffordshire Valuations - 3rd Monday of the month - Foregate Street Vintage Emporium, Stafford, ST16 2PR

- Or - West Midlands Valuations - 4th Monday of every month Connolley & Company, 7 Maypole Street, Wombourne, WV5 9JB

- Or - We can arrange valuations by email, video call or home visit - Currently valuations are by appointment. Call us on 01635 580595 or email mail@specialauctionservices.com to make an appointment.

AUCTION PREVIEW:

The Austin Smith and Margaret Harkin Antique Doll Collection - Part 1

22nd Feb 2024 12.00

Newbury, UK

Please view online catalogue below.

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The Austin Smith and Margaret Harkin Antique Doll Collection

I probably first met Austin in the 1990s, I was working in the toy department at Christie's South Kensington, but having a great interest in dolls and bears, was always hanging around the other end of the department.

When I took over the running of the doll department in the late 1990s, with Olivia Bristol as consultant, Mr Smith (as I have always known him), was a regular buyer and vendor, often just turning up at CSK's famous valuation counter with goodies, he was always very relaxed about estimate and just let us get on with it. An ideal client and a perfect gentleman!

Always a little bit of a mystery, we knew he was a dealer and presumed he had a collection of sorts, but nothing prepared me for my visit in early 2023.

Austin had been unwell and I was called in to see the collection and was shown around by a relative, I turned up at the large rural house near Bath, Somerset and was shown a few interesting dolls downstairs, but was then taken upstairs and shown a large room which was full of the best antique dolls you could imagine, then shown a corridor full of wall mounted cabinets of small dolls, then

counted, but there must be over 1000 dolls, but many smaller items too. By the time I returned to spend a week wrapping the collection, Austin had improved and moved back home with a carer. He is now virtually back to his normal health.

This remarkable collection was built over the last 75 years and began in 1949 when Austin and his late partner Margaret Harkins, rescued a broken doll from an attic house contents sale in the West Country.

Having collected over such a long time, Austin and Margaret tended to buy items via auction, where they were entered direct from the original family who owned them. The collection was very private and not shown to anyone, so the collection is very much fresh to the market.

Part two is on the 25th April and there will still be more for our 18th/19th June 2024 auction.

I am now pleased to say Mr Smith is now Austin to me, having spent some time with him and it is an honour to find new homes for his and Margaret's wonderful doll collection.

Daniel Agnew - January 2024



Lot 7

A very rare English
wooden doll circa
1740



Lot 22

An early Portrait
Jumeau pressed
bisque bebe size 7

Estimate
£3,000 - £5,000



Lot 48

A rare Gustav Vichy
lady at her toilette
musical automaton
1870s

Estimate
£6,000 - £8,000

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AUCTION PREVIEW:

Two Day Trains Galore Part 2 (Smaller Gauges) Auction

27th-28th February 2024 10am GMT

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Viewing from Monday 19/02/24 till Monday 26/02/24 (excluding weekends)

Order of Auction

DAY 1 - Tuesday 27th February 2024 @ 10:00am GMT

Lots 001 to 005 - Z GAUGE

Lots 006 to 057 - N GAUGE

Lots 058 to 064 - 00/HO NARROW GAUGE

Lots 064 to 120 - HORNBY 00 GAUGE

Lots 121 to 194 - BACHMANN 00 GAUGE

Lots 195 to 234 - REG HUNT HORNBY-DUBLO COLLECTION PART 3

Lots 235 to 264 - DOUGLAS BALDOCK HORNBY-DUBLO PRE-WAR COLLECTION

Lots 265 to 345 - DOUGLAS BALDOCK HORNBY-DUBLO POST-WAR COLLECTION

Lots 346 to 350 - OTHER VENDORS HORNBY-DUBLO

Lots 351 to 373 - WRENN 00 GAUGE

Lots 374 to 423 - TRIX 00 GAUGE

Lots 424 to 486 - KIT/SCRATCH BUILT 00 GAUGE

Lots 487 to 512 - OTHER 00 GAUGE

Lots 513 to 540 - PIERCE CARLSON COLLECTION UK OUTLINE
KIT/SCRATCH BUILT LOCOMOTIVES

Lots 568 to 573 - PIERCE CARLSON COLLECTION UK OUTLINE
KIT/SCRATCH BUILT GOODS ROLLING STOCK

Day 2 - Wednesday 28th February 2024 @ 10:00am GMT

Lots 574 to 637 - RIVAROSSO HO GAUGE CONTINENTAL ARCHIVE
COLLECTION

Lots 638 to 734 - RIVAROSSO HO GAUGE AMERICAN ARCHIVE
COLLECTION

Lots 735 to 742 - OTHER VENDORS CONTINENTAL HO GAUGE

Lots 743 to 802 - OTHER VENDORS AMERICAN HO GAUGE

Lots 803 to 868 - PIERCE CARLSON COLLECTION AMERICAN OUTLINE
KIT/SCRATCH BUILT LOCOMOTIVES

Lots 869 to 888 - PIERCE CARLSON COLLECTION AMERICAN OUTLINE
KIT/SCRATCH BUILT PASSENGER CARS

Lots 889 to 926 - PIERCE CARLSON COLLECTION AMERICAN OUTLINE
KIT/SCRATCH BUILT FREIGHT CARS

Lots 927 to 942 - PIERCE CARLSON COLLECTION AMERICAN OUTLINE
KIT/SCRATCH BUILT TROLLEY CARS

End of Auction

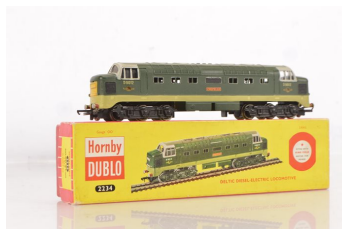
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only



Lot 1



Lot 346



Lot 827

Gauge German
Diesel Locomotive

Estimate
£50 - £60

Gauge 2-Foot W2204
BR two-tone green
Co-Co Diesel Electric
Locomotive D9012
'Creppello'

Estimate
£60 - £80

No Gauge D&RGWR
P-44 4-6-2,
Estimate
£80 - £120

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AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

Photographica and Camera Auction
13th February 2024 10am



Lot 80

A Leica R7 SLR
Camera

Price realised - £800
plus BP



Lot 375

A M.P.P. Mk VII 5X4
Camera

Price realised - £260
plus BP



Lot 436

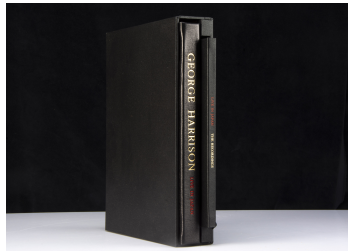
A Canon TS-E 24mm
f/3.5 L Lens

Price realised £420
plus BP

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AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

Music and Entertainment Auction
30th January 2024



Lot 338

Genesis Publications
Book / George
Harrison LiveIn
Japan

Price realised £800
plus BP



Lot 412

The Birds (1963)
Quad Poster

Price realised £420
plus BP



Lot 458

A quality Franz
Sandner full size
Cello

Price realised £460
plus BP

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