

Amazing Autographs at Auction

A collection of autographs, collected over just two years in 1973 and 1974 are expected to sell for thousands of pounds in the September two day auction of collectors' items at Charterhouse in Sherborne.

"I have seen and sold many autographs over the decades but this collection gives a very good insight into Who's Who's in 1973 and 1974," commented Richard Bromell. "Whilst I was young at the time, I remember the vast majority of the people who replied to the owners request for an autograph and/or photograph which are now together in an album."

Diversity is one word which could be used to describe the variety of signatures and photographs amassed in the collection.

There are Royalty, leaders and military figures including Odette Hallowes GC (SOE), Enoch Powell, Jeremy Thorpe, Harold Wilson, Field Marshall Montgomery, Grand Admiral Donitz, Sir Oswald Mosely, King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, President Chiang Kai-Shek (Republic of China), The Dalai Lama, Princess Grace of Monaco, and President Tito (of Yugoslavia).



Just 12 men have walked on the moon, all Americans. These were the astronauts and scientists from Apollo 11, 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17 and all are have amazingly been acquired in the collection with Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong being perhaps the best known astronauts.

Moon landings were a feat of science, courage, foresight and engineering. As we look at the technology available on our smart phones and tablets today against what was installed into these rockets as they propelled men into space many who flew to the moon must have considered it a one way ticket.

However, on the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing in 1969, it is perhaps the collection of autographs of the American men who set foot on the moon which is most fascinating

From the arts there are Henry Moore, Laurence Olivier, Agatha Christie, Sir John Gielgud, Noel Coward, W H Auden, J B Priestly, Sophia Loren, Bing Crosby and Spike Milligan.

Now for sale for the first time in 45 years interest is expected from collectors from the UK, Europe and America with the autograph collection estimated at £2,000-£3,000.

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries for their busy summer auction programme with models, coins, medals, stamps, toys and other collector's items on 19th & 20th September and also for their classic and vintage car auction on 11th September.

They are also accepting further lots for their October auctions of classic motorcycles, pictures, sporting items and Beswick.

For further information regarding these specialist auctions, or to arrange a home visit, contact **Richard Bromell** and the team of experts at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne **01935 812277** or email **info@charterhouse-auction.com**