

Fijian Relics Set to Fly

A collection of Fijian relics are included in the Charterhouse two day **June auction on 20th & 21st June.**

“The market for Fijian war and other clubs remains very strong with international buyers bidding live on the internet looking to add items into their collections,” commented Richard Bromell. “These beautiful hand crafted clubs and other items are today more likely to be put on display in a modern chic loft apartment rather than a country house due to their naïve charm and wonderful patina which fits in perfectly with 21st century interior design.”

Fiji has more styles of native weapons than anywhere else in the Pacific Islands. This is a testament to Fiji was beset by a long history of warfare and rampant ceremonial cannibalism.

The group of Fijian items were collected by the owner who work as a civil servant in Fiji. When Fiji gained independence in 1970 the owner decided to move back to England and take early retirement although he was offered a new position by the new government.

Now, with his advancing years, he has decided to let new owners enjoy his Fijian collector's items which he has owned for over 50 years.

Included in the collection is a large Vunikau rootstock war club estimated at £800-£200. With a mace type head and the handle carved with typical zigzag decoration it was favoured for fighting in open grassland where the reach was deadly for smashing skulls and breaking ribs.



There are also two Ula's (or throwing clubs). These were used by Fijian warriors for throwing at an enemy and he would often have more than one Ula tucked into his belt. These are valued at £100 - £250 each.



Fijian war clubs at Charterhouse

Viewing for this 20th & 21st two day auction of coins, medals, militaria, stamps, toys and clocks is on **Wednesday 19th 10am-5pm** and **Thursday 20th 9am-5pm** or you can see all the lots and bid live on the internet via **www.charterhouse-auction.com**

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries for their busy summer auction programme with automobilia, pictures, maps and prints on 18th & 19th July, for their classic & vintage car auction at Sherborne Castle on 23rd June and the classic & vintage motorcycle auction at Haynes International Museum on 25th August.

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**