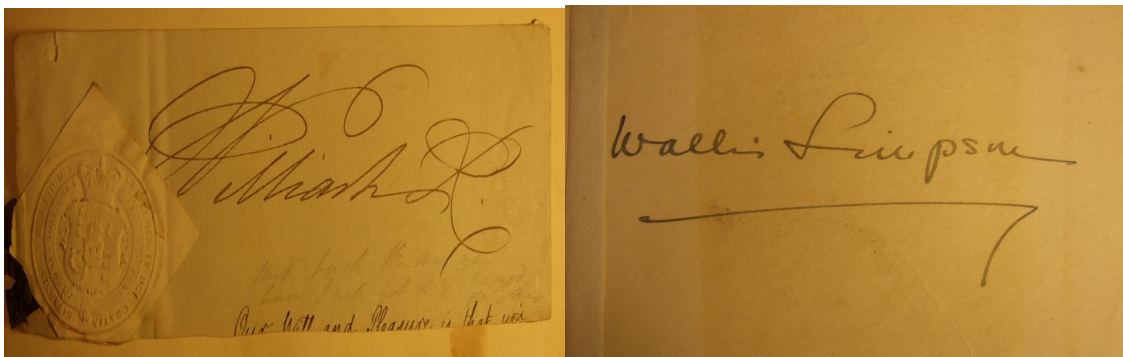


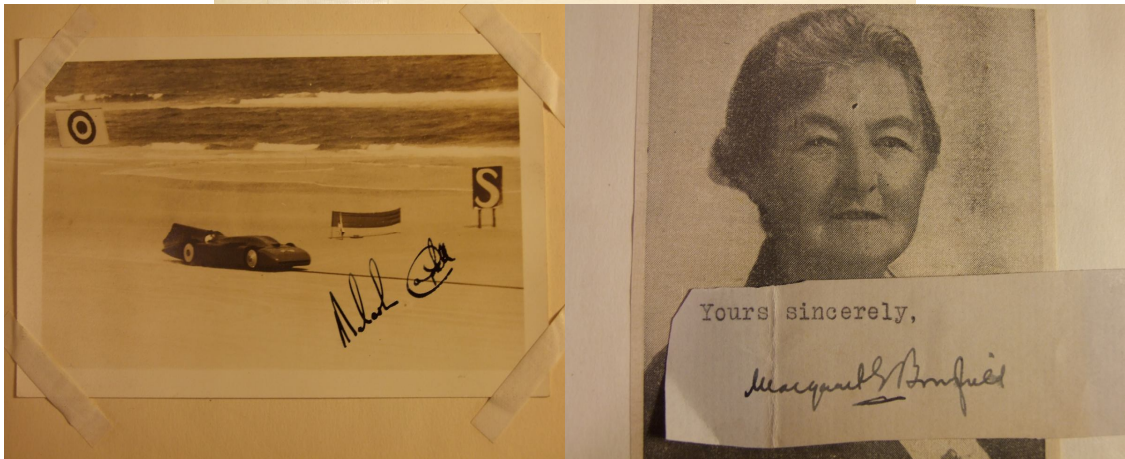
## Charterhouse get Signature of Approval

A lifetime collection of signatures, letters and autographs has been discovered in the bottom of a wardrobe by Charterhouse Auctioneers on a routine valuation in Dorset and are now entered into their sale of collectors items on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

“Our collectors auctions are always extremely popular and we never know what will turn up when we visit client houses.” Commented Richard Bromell. “There are two large volumes stuffed full with letters, photos and autographs of the rich and famous throughout the early to mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. They were collected by the vendors late Uncle who was diagnosed with Parkinson’s as a teenager and did not attend school. Instead, he spent his time writing to celebrities and other famous people of the day. In addition, he actively sought out and collected other rare signatures such as King William IV who was only on the throne for just a few years and is relatively scarce in comparison to Queen Victoria who ruled for over 60 years.”

Peter Hunt, who made this amazing collection, lived in Canterbury. His father was Mayor a JP, and ran the family retail business in the city centre which is now Debenhams. The list of contributors to the two albums is extensive, but includes all the monarchs from King William IV through to King George VI. It even includes King Edward VIII who abdicated to be with Wallis Simpson – needles to say her signature is also there, but a few pages away from Edward! There are pages of Parliament people with Gladstone & Asquith Prime Ministers, even Margaret Bondfield who was the first lady to be a Cabinet Minister. There are writers such as T S Eliot, A Conan Doyle and G Bernard Shaw, artists with Max Beerbohm and Arthur Rackham, there are writers, peers, stars of stage and screen, singers, sportsmen and women from tennis, golf, cricket, and even world record holder Malcolm Campbell and Chief Scout Baden Powell.





Charterhouse is now accepting further entries for their spring auction programme of antiques including clocks, collector's items, medals, coins & stamps on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March, sporting items, pictures and books in April, closely followed by classic cars and motorbikes in May. For further information regarding these sales, or to arrange a free home visit, please contact Richard Bromell, Partner, at Charterhouse in Sherborne 01935 812277 or [rbromell@charterhouse-auctions.co.uk](mailto:rbromell@charterhouse-auctions.co.uk)