

### reView in lockDOWN

**SOLD for £26,000.** A fine and rare Japanese ken tanto with dragon mounts.



The double sided blade with horimono depicting the standing figure of Fudo Myoo with flaming mandala beneath clouds, the reverse with a further horimono of flames and clouds. The tang with one hole inscribed (the carving done by the same hand). Edo period or earlier. Length 26.5cm exposed plus 7cm sheltered. The 19th century koshirae designed as a silver dragon entwined around and through the scabbard bound in wire and decorated with bands of gilt tiles, silver one-piece habaki with stylised gilt waves. Overall length 41cm.

Auctioneers Note - Ken tanto were usually made for presentation by swordsmiths to Buddhist temples for ritual, hence the multiple Buddhist references on the blade and mounts in this example. The art of forging blades is strongly linked to Buddhism. Umetada Myoju (1560 - 1634) showed the genius of the Momoyama age. Not only was he a great tsuba maker but he was a fine swordsmith and a renowned judge of swords. The Umetada school he founded was based in Kyoto though other branches of his school were subsequently founded in other regions.

Cover image: **Thomas George Cooper (1836-1901)**. Canterbury Cathedral from Stour meadows with shepherd and sheep in the foreground, oil on canvas, signed and dated 1893, 59.5cm x 90cm. Lot 3003 Lincoln Fine Art Sale, 22nd July

## A changing landscape...

On the 23rd March 2020 we closed our six offices and stood down 38 out of 40 staff.

During lockdown these important things were actioned.

- Premises security and insurances reviewed immediately
- Client's assets inventoried within 24 hours
- All client accounts were paid out within days.
- All suppliers were supported with account payments within days



The importance of this could not be understated to help ensure that everyone would still be with us on the other side.

Lockdown brought it's challenges of running an entire business from my dining room, but technology ensured that we kept everyone in a changing world in touch, fully informed and up to date.

As the situation prolonged we held two Online Only webcast auctions from home. These were a phenomenal success and have set foundations to practices that have become part of what is now called the 'new norm' as a full auction program is now in place.

Despite the surreal situation of the auctioneer being sat at the Young family dining table with the only potential bidder being a goldfish (who did disappoint), a 77 mile away socially distanced live bidding operative ensured that the bidding world was with us through two laptops. We remained sharp, focussed with calm from the very first lot sold in lockdown, selling for £26,000.

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SOLD for £1,900







## an experienced hand...

The Coronavirus lockdown has been a challenging time for all of us, not least for our kindred professionals. My role throughout was that of trying to keep a normality to the private client services we provide.

Many property clearances and probate matters were deemed by executors to be non-essential at the time. Those jobs are now starting to take priority and we recently had to take on another 4,000 square feet of saleroom space to manage these.

There clearly were estates viewed as completely essential to be actioned immediately and these were triaged.

- Each instruction was even more of a bespoke risk assessment
- Valuations were still fully prepared to RICS Red Book standards
- Valuables & vehicles were removed for security
- Pre-packing was done in readiness for later removals

Whilst the diversity of work included a pleasurable review of the substantial contents of a 15 bedroom manor house and an important library of antiquarian books, I do recall the first gasp of breath for visiting the property of a Covid-19 death. The reality of what true 'key-workers' were experiencing on a daily basis suddenly became somewhat sobering.

Since the 15th June we have slowly re-opened and now have virtually all of our staff back and a full range of services.

We have learned a lot about ourselves during lockdown but more importantly we have shared so many experiences with fellow private client professionals. A great saying I inherited from a doyen of our profession is that... 'When it's going well, ANY fool can sell! – When it is hard work, that is when you need an auctioneer.'

**Colin Young** MRICS FNAVA ASFAV Chartered Auctioneer & Managing Director

## Grantham Summer Antiques Sale Wednesday 22nd July at 10am





▲ Lot 58. Art Deco diamond ring



▲ Lot 30. John Edgson of Stamford

▲ Lot 41. John Maltby (b. 1936)

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▲ Lot 3001. Cecil Aldin (1870-1935)

## Lincoln Summer Fine Art Sale Wednesday 22nd July at 5pm



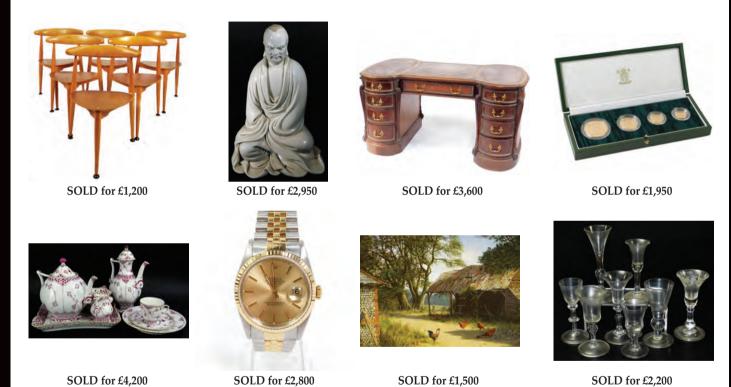




▲ Lot 3005. John Cyril Harrison (1898-1985)

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