

Popular Auction Business Has Been Revitalised

WHAT a difference a year makes. From down the alley near the one stop shop that resembled Steptoe & Sons' back yard to a thriving auction business gaining a credible reputation for its friendly, down-to-earth manner.

Since taking over 15 months ago, Diane and Nicholas Granger have revitalised Tewkesbury Auction Rooms. Nick said: "We decided to hold antique and collectible auctions which have produced some fantastic lots in the last 18 auctions, including a 1673 letter from Samuel Pepys which sold for £1,600, some Faberge dress studs for £9,500, a set of 10 Gloucester Battalion Medals for £3,500 and most surprising a blue and white Chinese vase which had a guide price of £40-£60 and the gavel went down hard at £1,400.

"Today's auction - our 19th - sees some exciting lots including a collection of 86 Royal Doulton toby jugs in mint condition and some interesting

gold coins including a 1oz US\$50 piece which has a guide price of £600-£700."

As the regular antiques and collectibles auctions have built up Tewkesbury Auction Rooms are now introducing household goods auctions on a Saturday once a month. The first is on Saturday, June 27. Nick added: "Any item valued over £10 can be entered, including white goods."

The business has also made the auction room available to online bidders. Nick said: "Sixty users registered online for our last sale. Users can listen to the auction live from their PC through the-saleroom.com, the online arm of the well known Antiques Trade Gazette, including the banter between me and second auctioneer David Methven - we often have to make sure Bella, our blue and golden Macaw, doesn't place a couple of bids. Yet amongst the frivolity we are getting serious prices for



Pictured David Methven, auctioneer and Nick Granger with Toby mugs.

our clients and via the web can compete with the London auction houses."

Tewkesbury Auction Rooms give a friendly welcome if you choose to bring in your items giving honest realistic valuations. They also carry out on-site valuations, probate valuations and house clearances.

And the auctioneers' top tip? "Dig out your gold! We're seeing really good prices in the room for gold pieces at the

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We are inviting items in for Our Next Sale on Saturday 22nd August. China & Glass, Silver Plate, Furniture, Garden Ornaments & Equipment, White Goods, Televisions etc. Anything with a value over £10.00!!

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