

AUSTRIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

AUCTION 153

Commences at 5.30pm on Saturday 16th September 2023
at the Bull Hotel, Westgate, Peterborough PE1 1RB

Postal bids must be received by Andy Taylor no later than 22:00 on Friday 8 September 2023

Dear Members,

Welcome to Auction 153, our annual “Fest” Auction. There is an eclectic selection with some two-thirds of the material coming from the estate of our much-missed Member, David Bravery. David’s showpiece collection was the Bay of Kotor in southern Dalmatia (now in Montenegro), and this region features strongly in the Auction, along with his other areas of interest. More of his material will follow in Auction 154. Starting prices have been set low; Mrs Bravery does not want the material back!

Scans of all the material (except some of the bulk lots) are available on the APS website. Watch out for our latest innovation - video-clips of the contents of albums and stock-books! For those of you attending the Auction, viewing will commence at 4.30pm. The greater number who are not able to attend should note the earlier closing date for postal bids.

While we wait for the appointment of a new Auctioneer for the Society, this Auction has been organised by two assistants. I have compiled the catalogue, but Andy Taylor will be receiving your bids and despatching lots to winners. By the time you receive this, he will have the auction material, so please address any questions about the lots to him. Your postal bids should also be sent to Andy.

We both look forward to seeing several of you bidding in the room at Peterborough. Good luck with your bids.

Keith Brandon (Commercial Assistant to the Virtual Auctioneer)

No buyer’s premium!

INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS

Start-prices in the final column of the listing are reserve-prices in British Pounds. The reserve-prices are a safety-net for vendors and are usually set low. They are not an estimate of value, which would normally be set much higher. Lots will be purchased for you at the lowest-possible price, i.e. at the reserve or at one bidding-step above an under-bidder. If equal bids are received for a lot, the first received will take precedence. Postal bids therefore have precedence over equal room-bids. **There is no buyer’s premium.**

Because this is a live room-auction, we cannot entertain complex bids such as “maximum expenditure £100” or “If I don’t win lot 20, bid for me on lot 21”. “Buy” bids will be interpreted as “bid up to ten times the reserve-price”.

Send your bids to me by post or by email (but not by telephone or text, please). E-mail bids will be acknowledged: if you do not hear from me within three days, please contact me. The bidding-steps are at the top of the bidding-form. Bids not conforming will be rounded down.

Andy Taylor (Technical Assistant to the Virtual Auctioneer)

A rare glimpse of the
Virtual Auctioneer!



ABBREVIATIONS USED

ANK	Netto Austria Katalog
canc	cancelled
cat	catalogue(d at)
cds	circular date-stamp
defin	definitive stamp
drs	double-ring date-stamp
env	envelope
Ferch	Ferchenbauer's 2008 handbook
FPA	field post-office
fpc	feldpost card
fu	fine used
gu	good used
Kl.	Klein's postmark handbook
Kü.	Kühnel's Ablagen
mm	mounted mint
Mü	Müller's postmark handbooks
o/p(rint)	overprint(ed)
p, pts	points
P.O.	post-office
pc	postcard
pmk	postmark
ppc	picture postcard
psc	postal stationery card
pse	postal stationery envelope
rpc	real photo postcard
TPO	travelling post-office
u	used
umm	unmounted mint
vfu	very fine used
vg	very good
vgc	very good condition
vgu	very good used