



RAFLET STAMP CLUB

GENERAL AUCTION No. 240

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Where a catalogue value is stated, it was provided by the vendor and may or may not reflect the current retail value of the item. Bidders are advised to check.

The condition of stamps and material will be described thus: -

UM or **UMM** (Unmounted Mint) = perfect; as issued; undisturbed gum; never mounted.

LMM (Lightly Mounted Mint) = faint evidence of hinge, otherwise perfect.

MM (Mounted Mint) = obviously mounted or hinge adhering, otherwise perfect.

MNG (Mint No Gum) = Mint but gum washed off or otherwise removed.

MNH (Mint Never Hinged) = same as for UMM above

VFU (Very Fine Used) = pristine with clean, complete cds. or as suitable for age etc.

FU (Fine Used) = reasonable appearance with clean and not heavy cancellation.

U (Used) = anything not VFU or FU.

CTO (Cancelled to Order) = legally cancelled but not used for postage or revenue.

B (after the Lot Number) = bulky lot. The weight is given for postage calculation.

Please read carefully all the rules and notes before you bid.

Bids must be received by 26th September 2021

Bids from non-members are welcome.

1. **BID FORM** - Postal bids must be on the Bid Form (back page - both sides) or a photocopy or facsimile. Email bids will be deemed to conform with the stated conditions and may be sent to raffetauctioneer@gmail.com. If sending by email, please attach a scanned completed bid form or completed online version.
2. **PROCEDURE FOR BIDS** - Only postal or email bids will be accepted. All valid bids received by the closing date will rank in the auction. In the event of more than one equal value winning bid, the winner will be decided by lot. To be valid, a bid must be at or above the Reserve price listed (but see also 4 below as regards listings with "E" prices.)
3. **SUCCESSFUL BIDS** - Lots will be sold to the highest bidder. The price will be either the bid made or one more bid step than the next highest bid, whichever is lower. If only one bid is received, the lot will be sold at the reserve (or estimated) price assuming this has been achieved.
4. **ESTIMATED PRICES** - These are indicated by an **E** against the catalogue price. Such lots may or may not have a reserve but may be sold to the highest bidder, as above, provided that the Auctioneer considers the bid reasonable. Bids may be entered against these E lots at less than the price listed.
5. **BUY BIDS** - Will not be accepted.
6. **TOTAL LIMIT ON BIDS** - Members may place a spending limit which is less than the total amount of their bids. Any limit must be stated on the Bid Form. Once the limit has been reached, all subsequent bids will be ignored. Bids must be listed in order of preference using the numbered boxes in the Bid Form column 3 "Serial No."
7. **DESPATCH OF LOTS** - Lots will be dispatched to winning bidders immediately following receipt of cleared funds. 1st Class post will be used unless otherwise stated on the Bid Form or the value of the package exceeds £250 or otherwise at the Auctioneer's discretion. Postage and packing will be charged to the buyer.
8. **PAYMENT** - The preferred - and quickest - method will be by bank transfer although cheques will be acceptable. Winning bidders will be invoiced and advised of payment options and details normally with two weeks of the auction closing date.
9. **RETURNED LOTS** - Any item which does not appear to conform to its description must be returned within 10 days of receipt. The reason for the non-acceptance must be stated and a Certificate of Posting should be obtained. A full refund will be given for lots misdescribed.
10. **BIDDERS' PREMIUM** - there is no bidders' premium.

Bid steps

From £3.00 (minimum) to £10.00 -- -- 10p. above £10.00 -- -- -- -- -- 50p.

Intermediate amounts will be 'rounded down'.

Some Abbreviations

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| adr | ADDRESSED | gp | GUTTER PAIR | pmk | POSTMARK |
| anniv | ANNIVERSARY | h/st | HANDSTAMP | ppc | PICTURE POSTCARD |
| cds | CIRCULAR DATE STAMP | illus | ILLUSTRATED | pres | PRESENTATION |
| circ | CIRCULATED | imp | IMPERFORATE | pt | PART |
| cvr | COVER | inc | INCLUDING | ptsa | PRICED TO SELL AT |
| d/r | DOUBLE RING | m/s | MINIATURE SHEET | regd | REGISTERED |
| def | DEFINITIVE | ms | MANUSCRIPT | rp | REAL PHOTOGRAPH |
| dupl | DUPLICATION | og | ORIGINAL GUM | s/l | STRAIGHT LINE |
| ed | EDITION | ord | ORDINARY | s/r | SINGLE RING |
| ent | ENTIRE | p | PERFORATED | stc | STATED TO CATALOGUE |
| env | ENVELOPE | p/s | POSTAL STATIONERY | tlgp | TRAFFIC LIGHT GUTTER PAIR |
| Fdc | FIRST DAY COVER | pc | POSTCARD | tpO | TRAVELLING POST OFFICE |
| FFc | FIRST FLIGHT COVER | phos | PHOSPHOR | unad | UNADDRESSED |
| FpO | FIELD POST OFFICE | pl | PLATE NUMBER | wmk | WATERMARK |

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