

Amersham and District Philatelic Society – Auction Terms

1) Lots:

All lots are sold as genuine unless otherwise stated. Descriptions are based on vendors' information and the Auctioneer and the Society take no responsibility for them.

2) Bids: Bidding will increase as follows

up to £2	in steps of	20p
£2 - £10	in steps of	50p
£10 - £25	in steps of	£1
£25 - £50	in steps of	£2 or £3
£50 - £100	in steps of	£5
£100+	in steps of	£10

the auctioneer may vary the increments at his discretion

3) Postal Bids:

A postal bid form is available in the catalogue. Enter the maximum amount you are prepared to pay for each of the lots in which you are interested. We will buy on your behalf at the lowest possible price as if you were in the room and bidding. A postal bid will purchase a lot at the bidding step above the next lowest bid. In the case of equal postal bids the first received will purchase the lot. Odd bids will be rounded down to the next lowest increment. Buy or buy-at-best bids will not be accepted. Please note that the price in the final column against each lot is a reserve price and bids below this level will not be considered.

You may Email bids to e.william@btinternet.com

You may telephone your bids but please confirm them in writing before the start of the auction.

4) Payment:

In the auction room: by cash or by cheque at the conclusion of the auction.

Postal bidders: we prefer that you enclose a cheque, dated for the day of the auction drawn in favour of Amersham and District Philatelic Society with the amount left blank but endorsed 'not to exceed (the value of the sum of your bids plus £5 for postage and packing)', with your bid form; this will ensure priority despatch.

Alternatively we will send you a proforma invoice and lots will be despatched to you on clearance of the remittance against the proforma. Postage and packing will be charged at cost.

5) Disputes:

Any dispute concerning the genuineness or description of a purchased lot must be notified to the Auction Secretary in writing within ten days of the receipt of the lot. It is the purchaser's responsibility to demonstrate the disadvantage of the transaction.

6) Queries:

All queries should be addressed to the Auction Secretary. If using the post a stamped, addressed envelope for reply would be appreciated.

7) Viewing:

Viewing in the hall on the night of the Auction. Earlier viewing of any lot can be arranged. Scans of individual items can be sent by email. Please contact the Auction Secretary by phone or mail or Email to stampersham@aol.com. Sorry, but time and cost considerations prevent postal viewing.

8) Auction Secretary:

Les Gwilliam, New House, Green Park, Prestwood, Great Missenden, Bucks HP160PZ. Tel: 01494 865782

9) Catalogue abbreviations:

SG = Stanley Gibbons M = Michel Yv = Yvert and Tellier F = Facit

10) SOME ABBREVIATIONS USED:

UM = Unmounted mint	(V)(L)MM = (very)(lightly) mounted mint
(V)FU = (very) fine used	GU = good (sound) used
STC = stated to catalogue	PTSA = priced to sell at
CDS = circular date stamp	FDC = first day cover
FFC = first flight cover	CTO = cancelled to order
(P)PC = (picture) postcard	RP = real photograph

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1. Viewing on Auction Night
Lots will be available for viewing from 6.30pm latest.
2. Get a BID NUMBER.
Do this as soon as you arrive. The auction manager will issue you with a numbered bid card. Please return this card when you leave the auction.
3. 'Absentee' bids on Auction Night
You may want to bid for lots you have inspected but not to stay for the auction. In that case you may place an absentee bid until 7.00 pm and this will be treated as a postal bid. Complete a bid form from the catalogue and hand your bid to the auction manager with your bid-number card. Note the cut-off time as the auction staff must prepare the commission book before the start of the auction. If you hand it in later than this the staff may not be able to process your bids in time and then you will only be successful (at the reserve price) in the case the lot is/lots are unsold.
4. Start time
Auctions will start at 7.30 pm promptly, please be in your seats by that time (the exception is the AGM auction and this starts immediately after the AGM.)
Please note that if you arrive later in anticipation of a specific section of the auction lots are knocked-down at the rate of about 250 per hour.
5. When bidding please hold up your bid card clearly so that the auctioneer can see that you are bidding.
6. When you win a bid
 - a) if you can't be seen easily please shout out your bid-card number.
 - b) the runners will bring the lot to you in your seat.
7. Payment:
There are two payment periods (a) at the break and (b) at the end.
When paying, hand your bid card to the auction manager who will prepare, from the computer record, an invoice for the lots you have won.
Check this for correctness and resolve any problems before taking it to the teller with your remittance – cash or a cheque made payable to Amersham and District Philatelic Society.
You will be asked to sign the invoice and give it to the teller as evidence for the Society that you have received the lots described and that payment has been received.
8. Duplicate invoices.
If you want a copy of your invoice for your own records please ask the auction manager to print two copies when you had back your bid card.
9. Unsold lots
You may buy any unsold lots immediately after the auction or for a few days afterwards, see the unsolds list on this page for the precise period of grace.
If such purchases are on auction night please define the lot numbers being purchased to the auction manager who will prepare a supplementary invoice (it cuts down on administrative work if you have made up your mind to buy before you get the first invoice – your additional lots can easily be added to this invoice.)
After auction night – contact the Auction Secretary.
A list of 'unsolds' will be put on our website on the day following the auction.