

Mountbatten's pistol pen fetches £13,000 at auction

A gold-plated pen hiding a secret pistol, once given to Lord Mountbatten, has been bought from a private collector for £13,000 by the Royal Armouries in Leeds.

Nicholas Holt, of Holt's Auctioneers, which sold the pen, said: "The Maharaja of Jodhpur built it for his friend in case he got himself in a position where he had to sign something which he did not wish to – either to kill himself or the enemy."