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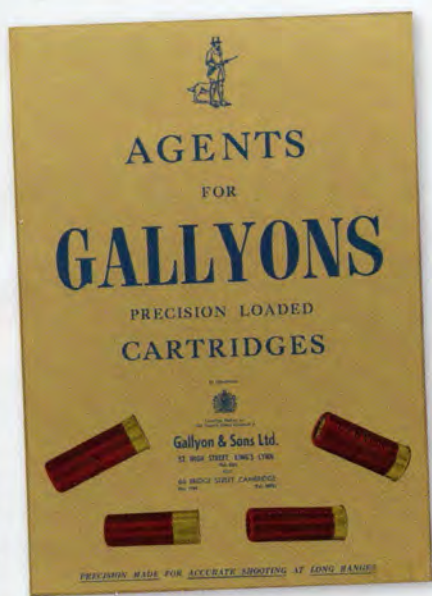
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Celebrate our past and invest in our future

As Holts Auctioneers prepares for its next sale later this month, it continues to promote local traditions and national history

When Holts Auctioneers holds its next sale in July, it will feature several local items brought to the Wolferton auction rooms by readers of KL magazine during the free valuation day at the start of May.

"That's probably the most exciting aspect of being an auctioneer," says Nick Holt, whose world-famous auction house has been based on the royal estate at Sandringham for over three decades. "There's an enormous amount of military history in Norfolk and a proud tradition of field sports, and you never know what's about to come through the door."

A case in point are the three advertising signs for Gallyon's gun cartridges (one of them even features the 'Sandringham' option) - a local name that's currently undergoing an exciting renaissance thanks to the efforts of Adam Anthony and Richard Hefford-Hobbs.

"This is a brand that can trace its roots back to the Tower of London at the start of the 18th century," says Nick. "When the future Edward VII at Sandringham and Lord Leicester at Holkham started developing a new form of shooting, Gallyon's came to west and north Norfolk - and they eventually held Royal Warrants for no less than four monarchs."

By the time it bought the King's Lynn business of Lionel Clough just before the outbreak of the Second World War, Gallyon's was already a byword for individually-crafted English shotguns in a market increasingly dominated by mass-produced European products.

Also appearing in July's auction will be an extremely rare Vickers machine gun that was made in 1912 (interestingly enough the gun's serial number is 11912) and comes complete with a variety of original accessories including its tripod, optical sight, cased clinometer, and transit bag.

"Many people make the mistake of

assuming that all we do is sell guns, but that's probably the least important part of our business," says Nick Holt. "We're dealing with pivotal moments in our history and unique personal stories - and we're helping preserve that heritage for future generations."

Having just taken delivery of three cased pairs of duelling pistols from South Africa that are almost 250 years old, Nick is passionate about preserving this underestimated and poorly-understood area of British culture.

"Even if you only view them as financial investments, these are truly valuable pieces of history," says Nick. "After all, our heritage will never go out of fashion."

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