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“HOLTS’ last sale in March totalled £1.9 million and was our best one ever,” says valuer Simon Grantham.

“In spite of the impact of Brexit, Covid and rising interest rates, we are still able to achieve top prices for clients. Good English guns with great names have made a comeback and are now selling better than in pre-Covid times. All items of militaria, be it flintlock or percussion, including pistols and rifles, are now at their highs. Victorian rifles and earlier are in demand and many will be used by collectors.

“As for the modern shotguns, a David McKay Brown 20-bore O/U went over estimate to £26K, an early Holland Royal achieved £16K, while a Watson Bros 20-bore sidelock self-opener made £20K.

“A green slouch hat and safari shirt from the 1800s, which belonged to famous explorer Frederick Courteney Selous DSO, made £2,600.


“This sale of 804 lots saw 91% being sold – 60% to the UK, 22% the USA, 12% the EU and 6% to the rest of the world. Forty per cent of all lots were bought over the internet.

“Our next sale is on 10th July. I am accepting items now and have two valuation days. (See below for dates.)

“If not convenient, contact me for an appointment, tel: 07860 300055.” ■



David McKay Brown 20-bore shotgun



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3rd May

Manor Farm, Walcott LN4 3SY

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