

Flatware

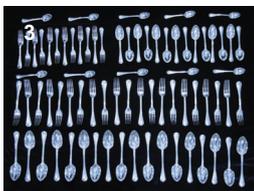


Part suite of Victorian silver beaded Old English pattern flatware, by George Adams, engraved with the Duff family crest: 118 items, London, 1865 and a matched pair of salad servers & grape scissors, 262oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Sep 10. HP: £5,500. ABP: £6,469.*



Part suite of William IV Irish silver fiddle and thread pattern flatware for twelve: 55 items incl. pair of basting spoons, Peter Walsh, Dublin, 1832, 141oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Oct 10. HP: £3,500. ABP: £4,116.*

The prices quoted are actual Hammer Prices (HP) followed by the Approximate Buyer's Price (ABP) which includes an average buyer's premium of 15% + VAT.



Victorian silver fancy Old English Thread pattern double struck part canteen of flatware, engraved armorial: 18 table, 14 dessert & 10 tea-spoons, 21 table & 12 dessert forks, maker George William Adams, London, 1862, 165oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Feb 09. HP: £2,600. ABP: £3,058.*



Composite part flatware service: various makers, London/Sheffield 1897-1940, Rat Tail pattern: 21 table forks, 21 dessert forks, 12 table spoons, 6 dessert spoons, 6 tea spoons, 5 soup spoons, one sauce ladle and 5 pickle forks, 142ozs 10dwts. (77) *Hartleys, Ilkley. Dec 10. HP: £1,600. ABP: £1,882.*



Part suite of mainly Victorian silver Queens pattern flatware: 30 items, 12 items of Kings pattern flatware and 2 other items, various dates & makers, 110oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Feb 11. HP: £1,520. ABP: £1,787.*



Matched part suite of George V and later silver Dubarry pattern flatware: 63 items, J.B.Chatterley & Sons Ltd, Birmingham, 1935(50), Henry Hutton, Sheffield, 1986(13) and 3 other items, 132oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Oct 10. HP: £1,450. ABP: £1,705.*



20thC silver king pattern flatware service, by Elkington & Co, Birmingham 1948-1963, for eight place settings, further silver handled cutlery, by William Yates, Sheffield 1978, 133ozs weighable silver. (78) *Sworders, Stansted Mountfitchet. Apr 10. HP: £1,300. ABP: £1,529.*



Matched set of George III/Victorian Irish silver fiddle pattern flatware, all Dublin hallmark, and engraved with a crest: 16 table forks by Peter Walsh, 10 1833, 6 1843, 10 table spoons, mixed dates & makers, 16 dessert forks, 7 by C Cummins 1863, 7 by J Smyth, retailed by Asken 1846/48, and 2 by Peter Walsh and retailed by G Brown 1844, 10 dessert spoons, 7 by Peter Walsh 1833, 2 by C Cummins and retailed by G Brown 1864, and 1 maker unknown, retailed by M West, 1818, 92oz. *Sworders, Stansted Mountfitchet. Feb 11. HP: £1,250. ABP: £1,470.*



George III/IV silver fiddle pattern part flatware service, by Jonathon Hayne, mainly London 1821/22: 10 table-spoons, 12 table forks, 8 dessert spoons, pair of basting spoons, 1 soup ladle, a pair of sauce ladles, and 6 dessert forks, by Thomas Wallis & Jonathan Hayne, 1819/21, monogrammed, 89oz. (41) *Sworders, Stansted Mountfitchet. Feb 11. HP: £1,200. ABP: £1,411.*



William IV composite silver fiddle and thread pattern part flatware service, by William Eaton, London 1836: 4 table-spoons, 12 table forks, 11 dessert spoons, 2 1835, 3 dessert forks & 4 condiment spoons, crested, 74oz. (36) *Sworders, Stansted Mountfitchet. Feb 11. HP: £1,100. ABP: £1,293.*



Part canteen of Edwardian silver Chippendale pattern flatware, by William Hutton & Sons: 48 items incl. basting spoon and soup ladle, London, 1904/5/6/7, 116oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. May 10. HP: £1,050. ABP: £1,235.*



Misc. silver flatware, mixed lot, mainly 1700s & 1800s, various maker's & h/m's. (72.37oz) (49) *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Nov 09. HP: £920. ABP: £1,082.*

Analysing the Silver Market with recent Flatware sales

By John Ainsley

This Feature highlights the meteoric rises in silver prices in the last few years. The term refers to spoons and forks and not cutlery which usually has steel blades. We can check the silver weights and these may be found in the descriptions.

Silver flatware has been produced in quantity for several hundred years so there is plenty about. It survives usually in good condition but frequently over the years there have been losses and divisions so today there are lots of mixed sets put together by more recent generations. And in this age of stainless steel the market remains flooded with silver flatware. Today much of it is worth more in scrap and along with other silver that has outlasted its use it is being melted for profit. This seems sad from a heritage point of view but it is usually the odds and ends and mixed lots that are scrapped. Good whole and part suites and the more desirable and rarer items still survive in large numbers.

Let us remind ourselves of the statistics. Ten years ago silver prices hovered around the £100 a kilogram. Five years ago this had doubled to £200 a kg. Three years ago the figure was just under £300 and as I write on the 27th March 2011 silver stands at over £750 a kg. Scrap prices are less. Today, on average the legitimate trade, who are VAT registered can get about £625 a kg for their scrap and that equates to about £19.43 per troy ounce. Other dealers and the public can scrap silver at about £555 a kg or £17.27 per troy ounce. A troy ounce equates to 1.1 imperial ounces or an imperial ounce to 0.91 troy ounces. Some auctions measure silver in grams as they would gold. A troy ounce is 31.1gms.

Now to the market. At 1 is a part suite of Victorian silver. The arithmetic is simple. Divide the price, £6,469 by the weight, 262 ounces (troy) and the buyer paid £24.69 per ounce. And at 2 a part suite of William IV Irish silver fetched £24.82 per ounce. This was about eighteen months ago when silver scrap was only about £12 an ounce so this silver was not being bought for scrap. More up to date is the Irish silver at 8 which sold in February 2011 for about £16 an ounce. This was cheap and could be scrapped with profit today but my guess is it will head for the Irish market where it will be sold on. A similar price was paid for the Edwardian silver at 13. However we can find here lots that will have difficulty avoiding the melting pot. At 17 is a mixed lot of eighteenth and nineteenth century silver. In amongst this there may be more collectible gems. At £917 in November, 2009 the lot fetched about £9.65 an ounce, not far off the scrap value at the time. However if it still survives today it is now worth as scrap more than twice what was paid. Similarly at 33 is another mixed part suite which sold in September 2009 for about £11 an ounce. Has this survived? The reader can test the market with any of the 37 lots shown here and it will soon become clear that this type of domestic silver selling at auction tends to track the scrap market, give or take a pound or two. There is enough information here and even more on our website for the reader to be able to have a good idea of the average prices but do remember these are buyers prices, not what the vendor will receive if they sell at auction. Where price is the



Part canteen of Edwardian silver kings pattern, by Elkington & Co Ltd, Birmingham 1901: 6 table forks, 6 dessert forks, 6 dessert spoons, and silver single struck kings pattern flatware: 6 table spoons, by Mackay & Chisholm, Edinburgh 1846, and a pair of sauce ladles, by Joseph Rodgers & Sons, Sheffield 1911, 67oz. (27) *Sworders, Stansted Mountfitchet. Feb 11. HP: £900. ABP: £1,058.*



Set of six William IV silver fiddle, thread & shell pattern table forks, Jonathan Hayne, London, 1831 and 24 items of mixed flatware incl. six teaspoons by George Adams, London, 1873, 63oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Feb 11. HP: £850. ABP: £999.*



Part suite of George III and later silver fiddle and thread pattern flatware: thirty five pieces and eight other items, 90oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. May 10. HP: £830. ABP: £976.*



Part canteen of late Victorian silver double struck Kings Honeysuckle pattern flatware: 30 items, Holland, Aldwinckle & Slater, London, 1900, 69oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Oct 10. HP: £800. ABP: £941.*



Misc. silver flatware: various spoons (49) & forks (2), mainly 1700s & 1800s, various maker's & h/m's. (95.10oz) (51) *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Nov 09. HP: £780. ABP: £917.*



Fifty two items of 19thC and later Swedish silver fancy pattern flatware, various dates/makers and unmarked fork, 80oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Sep 10. HP: £700. ABP: £823.*



Victorian part canteen of silver fiddle & thread pattern flatware: 6 table and dessert spoons and 6 table & 6 dessert forks, maker, Elizabeth Eaton, London, 1846, 57oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 09. HP: £550. ABP: £646.*



Early Victorian part suite of silver double struck Victoria pattern flatware for six: six table, 6 dessert and 6 teaspoons, sauce ladle, 6 table and 6 dessert forks, makers, Hayne & Cater, London, 1838, 77oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Oct 09. HP: £550. ABP: £646.*



Harlequin part suite of Victorian and later Old English and Hanovarian pattern flatware, various dates/makers & 7 odd spoons, 45oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Feb 11. HP: £520. ABP: £611.*



Part suite of William IV silver Royal Husk pattern flatware: 4 table, 6 dessert, 8 tea and one basting spoon, 6 table and 6 dessert forks, maker, William Traies, London, 1830, 76oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Sep 09. HP: £500. ABP: £588.*



Part suite of 20thC sterling silver flatware, by Tiffany & Co, fancy chased handles, 24 items, 1907-1947 mark, 51oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Sep 10. HP: £480. ABP: £564.*



Harlequin part canteen of mainly William IV fiddle, thread and shell pattern flatware: 4 table and 6 dessert spoons, 6 table and 6 dessert forks, a sauce ladle and one odd spoon, various dates and makers, 61oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 09. HP: £460. ABP: £541.*



Part canteen of Victorian fiddle pattern flatware with pierced terminals: 23 items, maker, William Robert Smily, London, 1853 and a similar preserve spoon, Exeter, 1849, 42oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Sep 10. HP: £430. ABP: £505.*



Part suite of George V silver Old English pattern flatware: 8 table, 8 dessert, 7 teaspoons and 2 sauce ladles, 8 table and 8 dessert forks, G.M & S Ltd, Sheffield, 1913 and 8 soup spoons, Allen & Darwin, Sheffield, 1913, 97oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Sep 09. HP: £400. ABP: £470.*



Matched part suite of Georgian and later silver fiddle and thread pattern flatware: ten table and ten dessert forks, nine dessert spoons and a butter knife, various dates and makers, 62oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £400. ABP: £470.*



Harlequin set of Victorian & later silver Hanovarian and rat tail pattern flatware, 30 items, various dates/makers, 58oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 10. HP: £380. ABP: £446.*



Composite George III/20thC Old English pattern part flatware service, by Thomas Bradbury & Sons Ltd, Sheffield 1923/27/30: 2 table spoons, 6 dessert spoons, pair of sauce ladles, & 4 table spoons, mixed makers, London 1801, monogrammed, 26oz. (14) *Sworders, Stansted Mountfitchet. Feb 11. HP: £380. ABP: £446.*



Set of six Victorian silver beaded dessert spoons, maker, George Adams, London, 1867, set of 6 teaspoons and 12 other items of flatware, 33oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. May 10. HP: £360. ABP: £423.*



George III silver kings pattern part flatware service, by William Eley, William Fearn and William Chawner, London 1810: six table forks, five dessert spoons and five dessert forks, crested, 40oz. *Sworders, Stansted Mountfitchet. Apr 10. HP: £340. ABP: £399.*



Victorian harlequin part canteen of silver Old English pattern flatware: 6 table, 6 dessert and 6 teaspoons, 6 table and 6 dessert forks, various dates and makers, 41oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Jul 09. HP: £320. ABP: £376.*



Harlequin part suite of Georgian & later silver fiddle pattern flatware: 6 table and 6 dessert forks and 6 dessert spoons, various dates/makers, 32oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Sep 09. HP: £300. ABP: £352.*



Matched part canteen of mainly Victorian silver fiddle, thread & shell pattern flatware, 22 items and two other items, various dates/makers, 48oz. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £300. ABP: £352.*



Georgian silver flatware and other mixed flatware incl. six serving spoons, London 1827. *Wellers Auctioneers, Chertsey. Jun 09. HP: £280. ABP: £329.*



Set of silver flatware, 6 desert spoons, 6 desert forks and 12 teaspoons, maker 'W M Co', Reg No, 782407, ornately patterned handles/finals, all tarnished, some pitting, scuffs and scratches, h/m various dates in 1930s, loose/unboxed. (approx 24.76oz) *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Feb 10. HP: £200. ABP: £235.*



Set of Victorian silver Old English pattern flatware, all by George Adams: 6 dessert forks, London 1864, 5 teaspoons, three 1863, one 1864, and a butter knife and salt spoon, 1863 and 1855, 14oz. (13) *Sworders, Stansted Mountfitchet. Apr 10. HP: £130. ABP: £152.*