



This is a personal review of the **Spink 'Caerynn Collection of 1935 Silver Jubilee Stamps and Covers'** which happened on Wednesday 15-November 2017 and contained 22 Malta lots.

I attend the sale myself (Bidding online!) and it seemed in general that previous lots were not selling well with quite a few unsolds, the Malta section continued the trend with the first 6 lots being unsold, of the total 22 lots 12 ended as unsolds (55%) although several of these must have been post auction sales as I had the feeling during the sale only 4 or 5 lots received bids.

I am not quite sure what the reasons are for the poor performance .. not a popular issue?, lack of awareness of sale?, lack of collectors!.. personally I thought the pre Estimates were very high (especially when you have to add another 22% of fees) and as a result I almost didn't bother with the sale, however with opening bids at nearly half estimate I was enticed to make a couple of purchases.

Die Proofs aside the general profile of the sale seemed to be most sold lots were around the couple £100's mark with significantly reduced success for varieties priced £500 and up, which followed a similar theme in the Malta section with the higher estimated lots not selling.

There wasn't much of significant interest to highlight but maybe a mention to the two 6d specimen varieties which undoubtedly will be rare (unknown but I'd guess around the 10 only mark) I thought the estimate, considering appeal and potential collector base, had a very high estimate (£600-£700) and starting price (£480)?.

However, if nothing else it did spark an interest in this issue and some enjoyable hours spent researching and finding previously unknown varieties from my collection. Looking at the reference material and reviewing against our Study paper on this issue it seems there is a big opportunity for a revision!.

The Malta Results

	<p># 553 Malta Specimen Stamps ½d. to 1/- set of four, marginal, each perforated "specimen" (B9), fresh unmounted mint</p>	<p>£200 to £250 UNSOLD</p>
	<p># 554 Malta Specimen Stamps ½d. to 1/- set of four, 6d. short extra flagstaff</p>	<p>£600 to £700 UNSOLD</p>
	<p># 555 Malta Specimen Stamps 6d. light blue and olive-green lightning conductor</p>	<p>£600 to £800 UNSOLD</p>
	<p># 556 Malta Issued Stamps A mint (412) and used (33) collection</p>	<p>£400 to £500 UNSOLD</p>

	<p># 557 Malta Issued Stamps ½d., 2½d. and 1/- vertical pairs (2½d. with corner margins) and 6d., all extra flagstaff, mint</p>	<p>£300 to £350 UN SOLD</p>
	<p># 558 Malta Issued Stamps ½d., 2½d. and 6d., all extra flagstaff, used</p>	<p>£180 to £200 UN SOLD</p>
	<p># 559 Malta Issued Stamps ½d. black and green lower left corner block of four containing extra flagstaff, and singles with short extra flagstaff.</p>	<p>£140 SOLD</p>
	<p># 560 Malta Issued Stamps ½d., 6d. and 1/- lower left corner blocks of four from the second printing each containing extra flagstaff partially.</p>	<p>£170 SOLD</p>
	<p># 561 Malta Issued Stamps ½d., 6d. and 1/- each with lightning conductor, mint with the 1/- scarce.</p>	<p>£240 SOLD</p>
	<p># 562 Malta Issued Stamps 2½d. and 6d. both short extra flagstaff</p>	<p>£320 to £350 UN SOLD</p>
	<p># 563 Malta Issued Stamps 2½d. brown and deep blue short extra flagstaff</p>	<p>£55 SOLD</p>
	<p># 564 Malta Issued Stamps 2½d. and 6d. both lightning conductor</p>	<p>£180 SOLD</p>
	<p># 565 Malta Issued Stamps 6d. and 1/- lower left corner blocks of four from the second printing both containing extra flagstaff partially.</p>	<p>£160 SOLD</p>
	<p># 566 Malta Issued Stamps 1/- slate and purple extra flagstaff</p>	<p>£300 to £400 UN SOLD</p>
	<p># 567 Malta Issued Stamps 1/- slate and purple short extra flagstaff</p>	<p>£250 to £300 UN SOLD</p>

	<p># 568 Malta Issued Stamps 1/- slate and purple lightning conductor, small part cancellation at upper right corner</p>	<p>£280 SOLD</p>
	<p># 569 Malta Issued Stamps 1/- slate and purple marginal block of four containing two swans (vignette plate 3, Row 2/2)</p>	<p>£180 SOLD</p>
	<p># 570 Malta Issued Stamps 1/- slate and purple two swans (vignette plate 3, Row 2/2)</p>	<p>£180 to £200 UNSOLD</p>
	<p># 571 Malta Covers A selection (13, ten registered) all from Valletta and addressed locally</p>	<p>£150 SOLD</p>
	<p># 572 Malta Covers 1935 (6 May) first day envelope registered from Valletta to Liverpool and redirected locally</p>	<p>£180 SOLD</p>
	<p># 573 Malta Covers 1935 (6 May) envelope addressed locally to Floriana and 1936 (15 Apr.) envelope to Liverpool</p>	<p>£80 to £100 UNSOLD</p>
	<p># 574 Malta Covers 1935 (3 Sept.) envelope to London bearing the set of four, 2½d. lightning conductor and with all four cancelled by Air...</p>	<p>£150 to £200 UNSOLD</p>