

## Auction glory The Daniels Anniversary Watch

I t may have been secreted within a charitable sale of cars, cameras and ephemera from a private collection, but the arrival at auction last month of a Daniels Anniversary Watch pricked the attention of global collectors.

Dr George Daniels, the great English horologist, devised the watch in 2010 with his protégé Roger Smith, to mark the 35th anniversary of his invention of the coaxial escapement.

With only 35 in existence, it's one of the rarest and most mythologised wristwatches of the modern era, and against an estimate of £70,000-£100,000, eventually sold for a soaraway price of £224,500.