



A meeting was held in one of our ground floor rooms in London to discuss the final chapter in **Colin Wilson's 'Giambologna' monkeys**



Just as Grantham auctioneers **Golding Young** announced they would decide the fate of the controversial bronzes at auction in July ('08), a third figure has come to light. For over 10 years the late Colin Wilson, a Lincolnshire dealer, researched and championed the authenticity of two small bronze monkeys that he bought at auction in the late 1990's for a few hundred pounds. The monkeys dated back to 16th/17th century and Mr Wilson believed they were from Giambologna's fountain of Samson and a Philistine erected in Florence c.1569

The latest monkey to be found is adopting a different posture and was bought by the vendor's father during the 1950's for a reputed £2.10s.0d from a scrap merchant in Ickleford Hertfordshire. Interestingly it is just a few miles from the saleroom where Colin Wilson made his find. Auctioneer Colin Young, who has followed the cause of the monkeys for several years, believes the new discovery will undoubtedly unlock new theories

(Source: www.goldingyoung.com/monkeys)