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Boxed set of six heavy-gauge sterling silver pint mugs with jubilee marks

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Height: 107 mm (4.21")

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Width: 140 mm (5.51")

Diameter: 90 mm (3.54")

Weight: 2590 g

Description

A most impressive set of six heavy gauge sterling silver pint mugs, each numbered from one to six and fitted in a bespoke fitted wooden box. The mugs are of bellied form whose the scroll handles are decorated with leaf and bead thumb grips; a design taken from the early 18th century. Classic!

This set of silver mugs was made in 1935 and bear the silver jubilee hallmark in recognition of King George V's 25th anniversary as king of the United Kingdom. It was the first ever silver jubilee celebration of any British monarch in history.

A silver mug is a lidless drinking vessel with a handle and English silver mugs were made in graduated sizes; the most common being the quart, pint, half pint and gill. The first pots (aka mugs) appeared in English taverns around 1650 and these early examples were tall with heavy banding, but around 1690 to 1700 mugs with plain bodies appeared.

In the mid-18th century, mugs with a tulip shape or a U-shaped body were introduced. Although many local or regional varieties of mug were made in the 19th century, a popular shape emerged and was variously known as the pear, belly or bulbous form and more mugs of this shape were made than of any other.

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