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KITT from *Knight Rider*, which starred David Hasselhoff, inset, and suit from *A Space Odyssey*

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Classic movie and TV history going up for auction



CINEMA buffs with cash to spare are hotly anticipating a huge auction of 900 pieces of movie memorabilia.

Instantly recognisable props and costumes from blockbusters going back decades will be up for sale during the two-day event.

Objects from TV shows and equipment used in real life adventures are also going under the hammer.

One of the most highly prized items is likely to be the spacesuit worn by Keir Dullea in Stanley Kubrick's 2001: *A Space Odyssey*.

The white suit – donned by Dullea as mission pilot Dr David Bowman in the

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1968 sci-fi classic film – has been in controlled storage for the past 20 years.

It is expected to fetch around £244,000 at the sale to be held at world-renowned Julien's Auctions in Los Angeles later this month.

Other film collectables at the Hollywood: Legends & Explorers auction include the mechanical cape worn by Christopher Reeve in the 1978 hit *Superman*.

The bright red cape, with the iconic yellow "S" symbol on the back, is expected to go for about £32,000 at the auction being held over July

17-18. Other memorabilia includes jewellery and clothes worn by legendary actresses Marilyn Monroe, Doris Day and Greta Garbo.

The futuristic black self-driving car that starred alongside David Hasselhoff as crime-buster Michael Knight in the popular 1980s TV series *Knight Rider* is also up for sale.

The Knight Industries Two Thousand, or KITT for short, is tipped to fetch £162,000.

The same price is estimated for the joystick used by real-life US astronaut Neil Armstrong during the Apollo 11 flight to the Moon in 1969.



Cloak worn by Reeve in 1978 film *Superman* and, right, a scene from the 1968 Kubrick classic in which Keir Dullea played the part of a space pilot



Workers lose health as pension age rises

WORKERS will increasingly find their health deteriorating way before they reach state pension age.

Millions will also find it challenging to carry on their job as the minimum age to qualify for the state benefit continues to rise.

After reaching 50 men can expect to be healthy and working for a further 11 years, with 8 years 4 months remaining for women, a study found.

Researchers at Keele University found that this "work expectancy" also varied according to regions

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and types of jobs. Those in more deprived areas and in manual jobs were more likely to suffer.

However, self-employed people can expect longer healthy work-life expectancy, as can those who do not have to do manual labour.

Workers in the North-east have an expectancy three years lower on average compared to those in the South-east. Lead author Marty

Parker said: "While everyone's lives are different, our results suggest that many people will find it challenging to work for longer as the state pension age goes up.

"Poor health and a lack of appropriate job opportunities are a major reason for early retirement, sickness absence from work, and reduced productivity while at work."

The study, which is published in *The Lancet Public Health*, called for a variety of interventions to help people extend their "healthy

working lives". In November 2018 the state pension age was 65, but this is gradually increasing and now depends on when you were born.

People born after April 6, 1978 have a state pension age of 68. The study analysed data from 15,000 men and women aged 50-plus.

Jan Shortt, of the National Pensioners' Convention which is opposed to rises in the qualification age, said: "It's all very well the Government continually increasing the retirement age, but this does not

take into account an individual's health and ability to work longer.

"Austerity has taken a toll on public health over the years and new evidence suggests the coronavirus lockdown will take an even bigger toll on the health of an ageing workforce."

Anne Keen, of Women Against State Pension Injustice, added: "These statistics are deeply concerning, showing we will still need to work while our physical and mental health deteriorate."