

A FAIR WITH A BIG FUTURE

Luxury Antiques and Fine Art Fair at Mere Golf & Country Club
held Friday 21 – Sunday 23 January 2011



The **Luxury Antiques and Fine Art Fair at Mere Golf & Country Club** near Knutsford in Cheshire, held from 21 to 23 January 2011, did not disappoint. The visitors, who attended the fair over the three days, commented on the excellent venue, the high quality of antiques and fine art on offer and pronounced that a good quality fair had returned to the north-west of England. One visitor even went as far as saying 'the fair was absolutely spot-on'.

The buzz, which created a wonderful atmosphere within the fair, was generated by a number of good sales over the weekend including those made by **Garret & Hurst Sculpture** who sold a bronze of Dante by Eugene Rossi, c1900, for around £14,000 to a new customer, as well as a 19th century bird group by Alphonse Arson, 'Mr Parmentier' by Adrien Gaudet and several bronze medallions. Anything to do with Biggles has become highly collectable in recent years and **Art of the Imagination** sold a Biggles first edition full artwork of the front cover of 'The Black Peril' for £2,000; a bronze Tacet by Vivien Mallock for £14,000 and a watercolour of 'Titiana's Dress' by Una Woodruff for a five-figure sum to a couple who love her work.

The Hunt Gallery was pleased with the sale of a painting of an early American colonial interior to a new client for around £4,000. **Haynes Fine Art of Broadway**, **Jo Bennett Original Pictures**, **Callaghan Fine Paintings & Contemporary Bronze** and **Art World Gallery** were all happy with their sales and the prospective new clients they met.

Presently, arms and armour is a very strong area of the antiques market and **Garth Vincent Antique Arms & Armour** had an interesting selection on the stand. A 19th century colt army revolver was eagerly snapped up as well as 19th century pistols, English military swords and a cased set of flintlock pistols, all selling within the £1,800 - £6,000 range.

Sunday turned out well for **Butchoff Antiques** who sold a Wellington chest, c1860, stamped by Edwards & Roberts and a Regency rosewood games table, c1815. Amongst sales made by **Freshfords Fine Antiques** was a Chippendale period mahogany secretaire chest on chest, sold for around £10,000 to a couple from Chester. Local to the area, **Church Street Antiques** of Altrincham sold to existing clients, as well as making

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SOLD - Paul Storr silver teapot, London, 1832, from Stephen Kalms Antiques



SOLD - Chippendale period secretaire chest on chest, c 1765, for around £10,000 from Freshfords Fine Antiques

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new contacts, including a 19th century wing armchair, 19th century Gillows bookcase in the region of £4,000, William IV tripod table and a late 19th century stick stand. Similarly, **Melody Antiques** were very delighted to meet up with people they had not seen on the fair circuit for years. Amongst Melody's sales were an oak dresser base and a mule chest to regular customers.

There were steady sales on the jewellery stands. **Shapiro & Co** sold jewellery across the board, as well as a Russian enamel box, c 1900 for £2,000 and a glass made for the service of King Alphonse XIII of Spain.

Organiser Ingrid Nilson, of **The Antiques Dealers Fair Limited** said, "I am delighted that the fair lived up to exhibitors' high expectations and that it is fully booked for next year with a waiting list. Our charity for the fair, The Christie Foundation, also reported raising just under £900 over the three days."

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Notes to editors:

The dates for the Luxury Antiques & Fine Art Fair at The Mere in 2012 will be confirmed in due course.

All fairs organised by The Antiques Dealers Fair Limited are vetted with a dateline of 1970 for most disciplines.

The winner of the prize drawer 'Indulge You' pampering, generously donated by The Mere's newly opened Spa, was won by Ms Parkinson from Cheshire.

Future fairs this year, organised by The Antiques Dealers Fair Limited:

Friday 25 – Sunday 27 February 2011

Tortworth Court Antiques & Fine Art Fair, Tortworth, near Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire GL12 8HH www.tortworthcourtfair.com

Friday 11 – Sunday 13 March 2011

Luxury Antiques Weekend at Linden Hall, Longhorsley, Morpeth, Northumberland NE65 8XF www.lindenhallfair.com

Friday 20 – Sunday 22 May 2011

The Botleigh Grange Antiques & Fine Art Fair, Legacy Botleigh Grange Hotel, Grange Road, Hedge End, Southampton SO30 2GA www.botleighgrangefair.com

Friday 16 - Sunday 18 September 2011

Luxury Antiques Weekend at Stapleford Park, near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire LE14 2EF www.staplefordparkfair.com

Friday 7 – Sunday 9 October 2011

The Esher Hall Antiques and Fine Art Fair, Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher, Surrey KT10 9AJ www.eshershallfair.com

Friday 4 – Sunday 6 November 2011

Luxury Antiques Weekend at Tankersley Manor, Tankersley, South Yorkshire S75 3DQ www.tankersleymanorfair.com

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SOLD - 'Titania's Dress' by Una Woodruff, watercolour on paper, for a five figure sum from Art of the Imagination



SOLD - 'Dante' (detail), gilded bronze and ivory sculpture by Eugene Rossi, c 1900, for around £14,000 from Garret & Hurst Sculpture



SOLD - William IV rosewood chessboard top table, for around £1,000 from Church Street Antiques