

LUXURY ANTIQUES WEEKEND AT THE MERE IN CHESHIRE

Friday 7 – Sunday 9 February 2014

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'Two Dogs' by LS Lowry RA (1887- 1976), pastel, 21cm x 29.6cm,
£35,000 from Neptune Fine Art

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The much anticipated **Luxury Antiques Weekend at The Mere**, held in association with Bentley Manchester and organised by The Antiques Dealers Fair Limited, returns to The Mere Golf Resort & Spa, Chester Road, Mere, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6LJ from **Friday 7 to Sunday 9 February 2014**. The Mere Golf Resort & Spa is the ideal location for a top class boutique-style antiques fair being one of the most luxurious hotels in Cheshire and within easy reach of Chester, Manchester and Liverpool. Visitors can either enjoy the fair for a few hours, the whole day or take advantage of the new state-of-the-art hotel with all its facilities and plan a weekend away.

The fair plays host to around 30 specialist dealers, predominantly members of the top trade associations, British Antique Dealers' Association and LAPADA The Association of Art & Antiques Dealers. The exhibitors offer a wide range of disciplines from paintings and drawings, furniture, 19th century and contemporary sculpture, medieval and contemporary carvings, oriental rugs and carpets, jewellery, silver, glass, books, vintage designer clothing and decorative objects spanning the centuries. Now in its third year, the fair has created a loyal following amongst collectors, interior decorators, private and corporate buyers offering an unrivalled choice from the traditional to the quirky all under one roof. There is free parking and refreshments are available throughout the day making it a one-stop shop.

Amongst the many highlights around the fair is a pastel on paper drawing, 'Two dogs' by one of the most desirable of northern artists, L S Lowry (1887-1976). Previously owned by Manchester United manager, Dave Sexton OBE in the 1970s, it has a price tag of £35,000 from **Neptune Fine Art**. L S Lowry worked together with Harold Riley, another northern artist born in Salford in 1934, and they became great friends when Harold was a student and together they worked on a project to record the area and its people. **Haynes Fine Art of Broadway** is bringing work by northern artists including LS Lowry, Harold Riley, Arthur Delaney and Helen Bradley.

Cheshire dealer **Jo Bennett Original Pictures** concentrates on modern and contemporary works by northern artists and has paintings by Manchester artist Geoffrey Key (born 1941) and Czech born Jiri Borsky (b. 1945) and others. **Strachan Fine Art** specialises in early portraits and is bringing 'A young lady holding a fan' the young wife of a Dutch merchant, and priced at £24,000, as well as medieval and 20th century carvings and sculpture. Also on the stand is 'Study of Newton (after Blake)' bronze signed by Sir Eduardo Paolozzi RA (1924-2005), cast in 1988, edition of 3, selling for £16,000. Of local interest is a magnificent oil on canvas by Chester artist Daniel Clowes (1774-1829) 'Portrait of a bay hunter in a wooded landscape, a church in the distance', 1819, £8,500. This painting features the same church and is similar in composition to Clowes' slightly smaller 'Hunter with a church on the hill' in the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, also dated 1819.



'Portrait of a bay hunter in a wooded landscape, a church in the distance', by Daniel Clowes, 1819, £8,500 from Strachan Fine Art.



Rare pair of George IV late Regency carved satinwood pole screens, attributable to Gillows of London and Lancaster, £7,500 from Freshford Fine Antiques

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Cheshire furniture dealer **Church Street Antiques** from Altrincham has a Regency coromandel sofa table with exotic wood string inlay attributed to George Oakley, c1810, selling for £22,000. Derbyshire dealer, **Peter Bunting**, is bringing a good selection of early oak furniture and objects. **Freshfords Fine Antiques** from Bath is exhibiting a rare pair of George IV late Regency carved satinwood pole screens, attributable to Gillows of London and Lancaster, for £7,500. To celebrate the 450th anniversary of William Shakespeare's birth, **Freshfords Fine Antiques** has procured a rare novelty piece of English treen in the shape of a wooden book depicting a play by William Shakespeare, c1840 for £1,850.

To brighten up a dull winter's day nothing is more rewarding than the opportunity to indulge in a special piece of jewellery and there is a delightful 15 carat gold pearl set ruby-eyed owl brooch, c 1885 for £1,885 on **T Robert's** stand. A new jewellery dealer joining the fair for the first time, **Anderson Jones** is selling period and 20th century jewellery including Art Deco pieces. Another newcomer, **Mark J West** is also taking a stand to show his fine selection of antique glass. For romantics wanting an unusual gift for Valentine's Day, **Melody Antiques** from Cheshire has a pair of heart-shaped jelly moulds for £245. A well-known face on television's antiques programmes, Mike Melody is also exhibiting a good selection of country furniture and objects.

Steggles Wealth Management, part of St James's Place Wealth Management, is taking a stand and inviting clients to visit them at the fair. Once again **The Christie** is the fair's chosen charity. The charitable foundation raises money to fund projects at The Christie, which are outside the scope of the NHS.

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Notes to Editors:

The fair is vetted with a dateline of 1970 for most disciplines.

Event Luxury Antiques Weekend at The Mere, in association with Bentley Manchester

Venue Address: The Mere Golf Resort & Spa, Chester Road, Mere, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6LJ

Date & opening times: Friday 7 - Sunday 9 February 2014
Friday 11 am - 6pm, Saturday 10.30am - 6pm,
Sunday 10.30am - 5pm

Tickets & enquiries: £5, including catalogue (and re-admission)
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Transport: By Road: On the A556, close to junction 19 of the M6.
Free parking. AA signposted.

By Rail: Knutsford railway station (5-10 minutes),
Stockport Station (20-30 minutes), Manchester Airport
Station (20-30 minutes), Manchester Piccadilly (30-40
minutes)

By Air: Manchester Airport (9.1miles), helipad at resort

Charity: The Christie Charity (www.christie.nhs.uk/the-christie-charity.aspx)

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An 18ct gold and platinum Burmese ruby, diamond and natural pearl necklace and earrings, c1905, £8,800 from T Robert



Selection of late 19th/early 20th century walking sticks, late 19th/early 20th century including a bull's pizzle, £100-200 from Mark J West



Paul Kidby's latest limited edition bronze griffin 'Nemesis II Sejant' with a silver patination, edition of 12, £7,450 from Art of the Imagination



Pair of Regency mahogany hall chairs, c1820, £4,500 from S&S Timms Antiques