

**CHESHIRE'S BEST ANTIQUES FAIR**  
**THE ANTIQUES & FINE ART FAIR AT THE MERE**  
opens Friday 30 January to Sunday 1 February 2015



An early large terracotta walking horse, T'ang Dynasty (AD 618-907), £7,500 from Odyssey

The distinctive red bricked Victorian archway leading to The Mere Golf Resort & Spa, near Knutsford in Cheshire, again the stunning venue for The Antiques & Fine Art Fair at The Mere takes place from Friday 30 January to Sunday 1 February 2015. The James Braid Suite is the ideal setting for a top quality boutique-style antiques fair with exhibitors predominantly from the two main trade associations, The British Antique Dealers' Association and LAPADA The Association of Art & Antiques Dealers.

The fair is an exciting source of collectors' objects spanning the centuries with disciplines ranging from paintings, furniture, sculpture, oriental rugs and carpets, jewellery, silver, glass and Art Deco works of art to classical and medieval antiquities. Around 25 specialist antiques and fine art dealers showcase their very best items to entice interior decorators, collectors, private and corporate buyers, as well as those just seeking antiques and the finer things in life. Combine this with a meal in Browns, The Mere's flagship restaurant with 2AA rosettes or enjoy light refreshments in the fair itself.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, the four jewellers exhibiting are bringing a number of romantic pieces which will be hard to resist such as an 18 carat gold and platinum Belle Epoque ruby and diamond pendant brooch in the shape of a heart dating from c 1910, priced at £4,750 from **Anderson Jones Ltd** or a large double heart shaped pendant with 3½ carats of diamonds, £4,500 from **Plaza**, or for something less expensive but no less sentimental, **T Robert** also has a silver enamelled heart brooch, c1900, selling for £235.

Specialists in fine Regency furniture, **Freshfords Fine Antiques**, from the Georgian city of Bath, is showing a number of interesting pieces such as a George III Sheraton breakfront bookcase from the workshop of Gillows of Lancaster and London, c 1785, £42,000; a pair of Regency rosewood and brass inlaid card tables from 1815, £18,500 or for the dining room table a rare pair of Regency cherub candlesticks, c1815, £2,950. Amongst the fine furniture on **Guy Dennler Antiques'** stand is a George III mahogany serpentine chest-on-chest, c1760, £6,850 which would enhance any room.

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**18 ct gold and platinum**  
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**pendant brooch, c1910,**  
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**Regency mahogany sofa, £5,900**  
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**S&S Timms Antiques** is bringing a rare pair of early 20th century mahogany tray tables, priced at £2,950. Interior decorators can always be found on the stand of **M&N Oriental Rugs** from Manchester, where there is always an eclectic mix of oriental carpets and rugs to match the colour scheme of any interior.

Local Cheshire TV celebrity on the antiques' circuit, Mike Melody has an infectious passion for antiques and anything from a simple washboard to a fine Welsh dresser can be found on **Melody Antiques** stand. **Church Street Antiques**, has been trading from a large showroom in the market town of Altrincham for the past 30 years, returns again to The Mere bringing an appealing range of antique decorative items from lighting to mirrors, furniture and soft furnishings.

A highlight from Southport based **Odyssey**, dealing in rare antiquities, is an exceptional example of a large and early terracotta horse from the T'ang Dynasty (AD 618-907), priced at £7,500. This model of a saddled horse has an elegant walk, rather than the more usual standing position. Much of the original pigment and fine detail still remains. Another of Odyssey's ancient pieces, a Chester legionary tile, comes from much closer to home and is for sale for £450. At first glance this fragment of a Roman military tile might not appear to be an intriguing artefact, however, it bears the stamp of the famous 20th LEGION (LEG) XXVV (when expanded reads 'Twentieth Legion Valaria Vitrix' *Valiant and Victorious* referring to the legion's heroic part in the defeat of Boudicca's Revolt in AD 60), which was stationed at Chester for nearly 200 years late in the first century AD. The Roman garrison found it necessary to mark their building materials in this way to stop the locals from stealing the tiles as they dried in the sun – a sort of ancient security tag.

Another focal point of the fair are bronze sculptures by Robert Glen, born in Kenya in 1940 and today continuing to work out of his simple camp studio sculpting and sketching wildlife from Tanzania's Ruaha National Park. The quality of his workmanship is encapsulated in 'Walking Lioness' on **Garret & Hurst Sculpture's** stand for £19,000. Art Deco bronzes are very much in demand and **Solo Antiques** has a wide range available including a stunning figure of an exotic dancer by Claire Colinet (1880-1950), £9,950.

There is always a compelling selection of paintings to be found at the fair and specialist art dealers include **Haynes Fine Art of Broadway**, **Cambridge Fine Art**, **David Powell Fine Art** and **Art of the Imagination**. A lovely watercolour with a local angle is to be found on **Art of the Imagination's** stand. Painted by Valerie Greeley, who studied at Manchester College of Art and Design where she passed with a first class BA honours degree, the watercolour depicts two owls and was inspired by the rhyme *Mother Goose. Mother Goose had a house; it stood in the wood where an owl at the door as sentinel stood* is priced at £1,500. Valerie writes and illustrates her own books and for *Down the Lane*, published in 2001, she visited Tatton Park for inspiration and depicted many of the trees in her book.

Steggles Wealth Management, a Partner Practice of St. James's Place Wealth Management, is again taking a stand and inviting their clients to visit them at the fair.

The fair's designated charity this year is The Children's Adventure Farm Trust. Based in Cheshire, the charity provides holidays and activities for terminally ill, chronically sick, disabled and disadvantaged children.

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Notes to Editors:

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

**Event** The Antiques & Fine Art Fair at The Mere

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

**Date & opening times:** Friday 30 January – Sunday 1 February 2015  
Friday 11 am – 6pm, Saturday 10.30am – 6pm,  
Sunday 10.30am – 5pm



Rare pair of Regency cherub candlesticks, English, c1815, £2,950 from Freshfords Fine Antiques



'Walking Lioness' bronze by Robert Glen, £19,000 from Garret & Hurst Sculpture



Aquamarine, sapphire and amethyst ring by Mauboussin, Paris, £2,200 from Plaza



Pair of mahogany tray tables, c1930, £2,950 from S&S Timms Antiques



Original watercolour illustration from 'Down The Lane' by Valerie Greeley, c2001, £1,500 from Art of the Imagination

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**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

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Art Deco bronze figure of an exotic dancer, signed by Claire Colinet, French, c1920, £9,950 from Solo Antiques

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