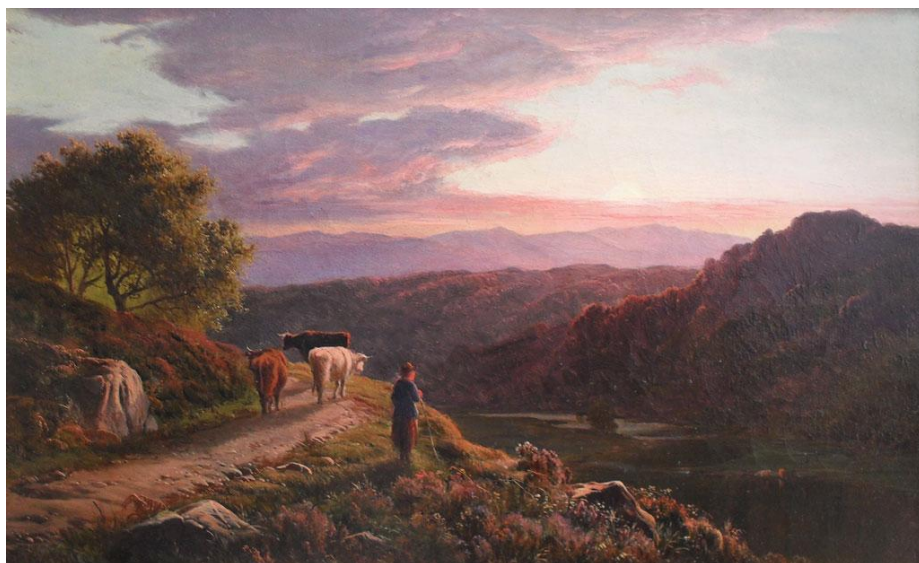


“WELL WORTH COMING TO TORTWORTH”

says Martin Mellman of M & N Oriental Rugs



SOLD - 'Highland Sunset' by Sidney Richard Percy, around £8,000 from Baron Fine Art

Tortworth Court Four Pillars Hotel has had a major refurbishment over the last 12 months since the inaugural **Tortworth Court Antiques and Fine Art Fair** took place in February 2010 and the brand new Westminster Suite was the perfect location to host the second Tortworth Court Antiques and Fine Art Fair from Friday 25 to Sunday 27 February 2011 in Tortworth, near Wotton-under-Edge in Gloucestershire. The fair was well attended throughout the weekend and visitors were favourably impressed by what they saw. Sales were also buoyant, especially given the current trading conditions.

First time exhibitors **St James/Authentiques** from Manchester were very pleased with both sales and organisation. Fellow jewellery dealers **T Robert** and **Shapiro & Co** commented on the very high calibre of clientele that The Antiques Dealers Fair Limited attracted to the fair with new, exciting contacts made as well as re-establishing contact with customers previously seen at London fairs.

Amongst the good sales were a musket and matching bayonet, c1790, for around £7,000 from **Garth Vincent Antique Arms & Armour**. These items came from a collection of arms and armour from Shirburn Castle in Oxfordshire which was broken up six years ago and pieces are only now beginning to reappear on the market. Since the fair closed, Garth Vincent has had two calls regarding the same item which generated a lot of interest, a Remington revolver from the American Civil War period, which sold for around £1,500-2,000.

Stephen Kalms Antiques sold a number of Paul Storr silver items including an 1817 tankard and a pair of salts, c1806. **Garret & Hurst Sculpture** sold a seated bronze figure of a poet, 1839, signed by Etienne Melingue; a Gazelle, c 1870 by Christophe Fratin (£2,000), as well as six bronze medallions. **M & N Oriental Rugs** had a busy fair selling to new clients.

Guy Dennler Antiques & Interiors met up with old clients as well as making new contacts and among his sales were a late 18th century French faded walnut commode, a George III mahogany tea table and a George III worktable, all in the £2,000-4,000 price bracket. An American lady from Herefordshire was overheard to say, “Every

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SOLD - bronze poet by Etienne Melingue, 1839, around £1,000 from Garret & Hurst Sculpture



SOLD - 'The Clan' (detail) by Paul Kidby, around £1,000 from Art of the Imagination

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fair needs a Guy, I always find that right piece on his stand"! **Freshfords Fine Antiques** sold a rosewood Gillow library chair for £3,500 to an existing client, from the Bristol area, from whom they hadn't heard in a long time. **S & S Timms Antiques** had a good opening day and sold various pieces of furniture including a mahogany bow front chest of drawers, c1770 for £4,500. **Melody Antiques** sold an oak dresser base to a new client for £4,500.

A local couple who live near Tortworth bought an oil painting of a highland scene by Sidney Richard Percy for around £8,000 from **Baron Fine Art** on the opening day. **Haynes Fine Art of Broadway** were pleased with the interest and have reported post fair business, including a pair of paintings sold to a couple from Broadway. **Kenulf Fine Arts Ltd** did business on each day of the fair selling to new clients in the £1,000-2,500 range. Another sale on the first day was a pencil drawing 'The Clan' by Paul Kidby, which sold for around £1,000 from **Art of the Imagination**. This particular drawing inspired Terry Pratchett to write the Nac Mac Feegle books.

Ingrid Nilson, organiser of **The Antiques Dealers Fairs Limited** was happy with the outcome of the fair. "We all know that the market is tough. We are finding that we are getting the right people through the doors to our boutique luxury antiques weekends, some of whom travel quite a distance to visit. There are buyers out there and, once at the fair, our aim is to make sure their visit is thoroughly enjoyable. Our exhibitors put on another fantastic display at Tortworth Court, rewarded by the purchases made."

Help For Heroes returned as the fair's designated charity and raised a total of £1,480.75 over the weekend. Miss I. Midgley from Bristol won a night's stay at Tortworth Court Four Pillars Hotel, which was kindly donated by the hotel group for the prize draw.

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Notes to editors:

Dates for the third Tortworth Court Antiques and Fine Art Fair are confirmed as Friday 24 to Sunday 26 February 2012.

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

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

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
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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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