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Taunton School To Host West Country Antique Dealers Fair

The West of England Antique Dealers' Fair

In Association with WEADA, The West of England Antique Dealers' Association

Taunton School, Staplegrove Road, Taunton, Somerset TA2 6AD

24th – 26th October 2008.

Leading antiques dealers from across the West Country will be exhibiting at a major new event, The West of England Antique Dealers' Fair, to be held at Taunton School, Taunton, Somerset from 24th – 26th October 2008.



Mrs Anne Maw, The High Sheriff of Somerset, will officially open the fair during the Preview Evening on Thursday, 23rd October, admission by Invitation.

This important new event is expected to attract collectors and anyone with an interest in period style and interior decorating. More than thirty specialist dealers will be showing, providing range of period antiques and collector's items valued at more than £10million. For collectors it promises to be a feast for the eye with painted English and Continental furniture, period and country oak furniture, English Staffordshire pottery, decorative accessories, period and costume jewellery, fine English porcelain, clocks, decorative mirrors, garden items, textiles and much more on display from exhibitors from the West Country. Prices will range from less than £25 to more than £25,000.

The West of England Antique Dealers' Fair is being organized by Cooper Fairs on behalf of WEADA, The West of England Antique Dealers' Association. From Cooper Fairs, Sue Ede explains: 'I have been wanting to run a fair in Taunton for some time. It is the county town of Somerset and surrounded by the wealthy countryside areas of Exmoor, the Quantock Hills, the Blackdown Hills and Taunton Vale, with Bath, Bristol and the Jurassic Coast within easy reach. I have been in talks with representatives from WEADA for some time and they want a new fair for their membership that now extends from the Cotswolds to Lands End. Taunton is ideally located to meet their requirements'.

Among the leading members of WEADA exhibiting will be **Pennard House Antiques** from Somerset, showing a range of farmhouse tables and chairs, decorative mirrors, upholstered furniture and decorative accessories, **Guy Dennler** from Dorset with 18th and 19th century English country house furniture, and **Oc-Eo Art** from Wiltshire, specialising in modern and contemporary art from Vietnam. From Sherborne, **Patrick Macintosh Antiques** will be showing a range of fine period furniture and accessories. Ashburton dealers **Apollo Antiques** will be showing designer furniture ranging from the Elizabethan to Eames, with pieces including a rare Yealmpton Windsor chair with its original paintwork to chic 1960s and 70s furniture such as a comfortable pair of Cognac leather tub chairs in the Eames style. Also from Devon, **Bampton Gallery** will be showing a range of antiques including drinking glasses, porcelain, with the hard paste wares of New Hall a specialty.

Also exhibiting:

Carradale Farm Antiques, Exeter – Country furniture and accessories from across Europe.

Musgrove Bickford Antiques, Crediton – antique clocks from the Georgian to Edwardian periods.

Quillon House Antiques, Bruton - arms and armour from 15th to 19th century, period oak and country furniture, Big Game Taxidermy, Venetian Blackamoors and Equestrian Paintings.

Domani Antiques, Exeter - 18th and 19th century English and Continental town and country furniture and objects.

On Reflection Mirrors, Sherborne - Top quality antique mirrors, including gilt, Venetian and painted mirrors, mostly from the 19th century.

David & Sally Marsh, Bristol - 18th and early 19th century English porcelain figures and Plymouth & Bristol hard paste porcelain.

Ottery Antiques, Templecombe – Fine period furniture and decorative items from the Queen Anne, Regency and early Victorian periods.

The Period Face, Somerset – fine portrait paintings from the 16th – 19th centuries.

Mary Cruz, Somerset - Paintings, watercolours and sculpture from 18th Century to the present day.

Piers Pisani, Dorset - Country house furniture from 17th – 20th Century.

Princess Sevilla Hercolani, London - Painted furniture, decorative antiques.

S & S Timms Antiques Ltd, Bedfordshire - 18th, 19th & 20th Century town and country furniture and fine art.

Scarab Antiques, London - Jewellery, Russian enamel & silver, glass & objects & deco figurines.

The fair will also feature dealers who are not members of the Association. 'This is to enable the fair to offer a broader range of particular specialists,' explains Sue, 'such as silver, jewellery and ceramics.' The inaugural event will commence with a special preview evening on Thursday, 23rd October.

***David Moss**, the well-known Art Market correspondent for the Antiques Trade Gazette, the UK's leading Art Market weekly journal, has been invited to choose the best presented stand and make the award.

*Taunton School is an independent co-educational school for day pupils aged 13 to 18. Taunton School was founded in 1847 as a boy's only school for dissenters - those not members of the Church of England. In the 1870s, the school's governors purchased a site at the northern end of Taunton, on Staplegrove Road where they built an impressive gothic-influenced building, in the prevailing style of the period. This large building still dominates the school's 90-acre campus today. A chapel was built in 1907 in contrasting style to the rest of the school. Its sponsor was the wealthy Sir Henry Wills, later Lord Winterstoke. Wills was a director of Bristol-based family firm, Wills Tobacco. This company later joined with several others to become Imperial Tobacco.

Open Times 10am-5pm daily

Admission £3.00.

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