

## THE 55<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BUXTON ANTIQUES FAIR

The Octagon, The Pavilion Gardens, St John's Road,  
Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 6BE

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### Just A Minute! It's The Annual Buxton Antiques Fair

The Annual Buxton Antiques Fair returns to the Octagon at the famous Buxton Pavilion Gardens from 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021. This will be the first prestige art and antiques fair to take place in a public venue in the UK in 2021.

'We are delighted to be back at last,' says organiser Sue Ede of Cooper Events, who has been staging the famous Annual Buxton Antiques Fair at the Pavilion Gardens for more than ten years. 'Visitors can be assured the Fair will be fully compliant with the latest Government Covid guidelines. And we are very pleased to have a very special treat in store, a collection of antiques and collectables that belonged to the late Nicholas Parson, the well-known TV and radio presenter, actor and comedian.'

Held in its special setting in the famous spa town in the Peak District, the Buxton Antiques Fair has been a major attraction for collectors across the Midlands and North of England for the past fifty years. Featuring more than forty specialist dealers, the fair offers a wide range of fine art and antiques from the 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> century. Prices range from less than £25 for a Victorian silver spoon to more than £50,000 for the finest oil paintings.



Nicholas Parsons

New exhibitor WR Harvey from Witney, who specialise in fine period furniture, will be showing pieces that belonged to the late Nicholas Parsons CBE (1923-2020). Proprietor David Harvey's father Walter was a personal friend of Nicholas Parsons for many years.

David Harvey explains: 'Many years ago Nicholas Parsons was a regular visitor to our shop in Chalk Farm in London. He was an aspiring actor and comedian who lived in Hampstead who shared with my father not only a love of English antique furniture but also the same model of car, an Alvis TE 21.'

'Sadly, Nicholas passed away last year after a long and very successful career in stage, radio and television, notably the long-running radio programme 'Just a Minute' (1927-2019) and the TV show 'Sale of the Century'. I have been asked to find homes for a number of pieces from his estate for which his family no longer have space and these include his fascinating volumes of showbusiness diaries. I am sure he would have appreciated the collection going on sale in Buxton where he appeared on stage at the Buxton Opera House only a few years ago in his one-man show, *A Laugh a Minute*.'

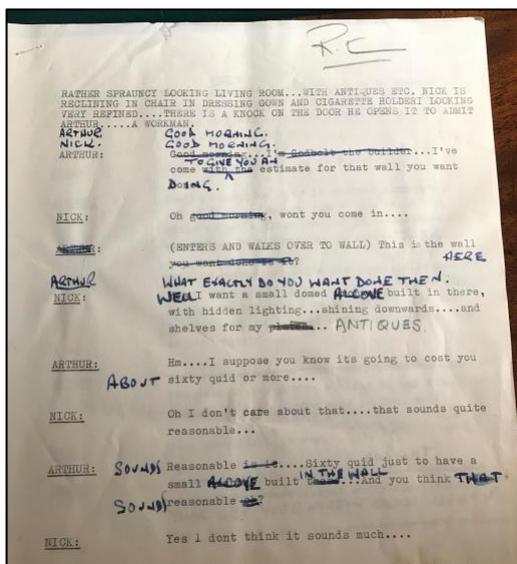
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Among the fine antiques from Nicholas Parsons will be a superb late 17th century oak refectory table (shown right) priced at £2,450, a collection of six English 19th century copper and brass military powder flasks



(shown left), a pair of original lithographs of equestrian hunt scenes by H.Heath, circa 1829; and a large collection of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century copper and brass tankards, jelly moulds jugs and various kitchen items.



The show business diaries include 32 bound volumes of working scripts, notes and suggested stories from Parson's work with Arthur Haines, the popular 1950s and 60s comedian (left here); scripts for Parson's one-man show, and scripts for various TV shows from the 1950s, 60s and 70s. They are an invaluable record of a much-loved comedian and showbusiness legend who entertained on stage, TV and radio for more than 70 years. They also offer a fascinating insight into the world of showbusiness comedy and light entertainment throughout the second half of the 20th century.

The Buxton Antiques Fair will feature regular exhibitors promising a wide range of traditional antique furniture, ceramics, silver, jewellery paintings and accessories.

Among the well-known regular exhibitors will be Mark Buckley Antiques and Brian Ashbee & Wes Wotruba with English furniture and accessories; art specialists Ellis Fine Art with British oil painting from the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, Granta Fine Art with 20<sup>th</sup> century works; Art of the Imagination specialising in contemporary illustrative artists; Jo Bennett with Northern and contemporary oils and watercolours; and returning exhibitor Rowles Fine Art from Shrewsbury with fine English and Continental paintings.

Others include Roger de Ville with early English pottery, J. Dickinson Antiquarian Maps & Prints; The Antiques Bazaar specialising in silver; and jewellery specialists Plaza, Shapiro & Co, and Saul Greenstein Antiques.

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