

## THE COTSWOLDS DECORATIVE, ANTIQUES & ART FAIR

Westonbirt School, Westonbirt, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 6QG  
4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019



### Bristol's Famous HMS Daedalus Features at Cotswolds New Year Antiques Fair

Memories of the old Bristol training ship HMS Daedalus will be revived when a famous painting by a much admired Bristol artist goes on sale at The Cotswolds Decorative, Antiques & Art Fair at Westonbirt School, near Tetbury from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019.



HMS Daedalus was an imposing 1,082-ton 46-gun frigate that arrived in Bristol in 1846 after fighting pirates in the East Indies. The ship had enjoyed a period of international fame in 1848 when its captain Peter McQuhae, his officers and men, saw a 6-foot serpent creature near the Cape of Good Hope that was widely reported in the newspapers of the time. HMS Daedalus was a well-known feature of the Bristol docks until it was broken up in 1920.

The oil painting is by Bristol artist Arthur Wilde Parsons (1854-1931) and measures 5-feet 7-inches wide by 4-feet high. It arrives on the market for the first time in forty years and will be offered by Bristol dealers Brian Ashbee & Wesley Wotruba with a price of £12,500.

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**Arthur Wilde Parsons** RWA, was an artist who painted in oil and watercolour and often depicted views in and around Bristol. He lived in Redland, Bristol and was one of the celebrated Bristol Savages group of artists. He worked, and exhibited, at the Royal Academy from 1876. As a boy he was educated privately, but as an artist he was entirely self-taught. He was born in Fishponds House where his father, who was a doctor, ran a private mental asylum and later, in Clifton, a Dispensary. His aunt was married to the Rev. Ralph Wilde who was uncle to both Oscar Wilde and Arthur Wilde Parsons. Arthur married in 1873 and lived in Hampton Park where he had a studio which he shared with his brother Featherstonehaugh, a portrait painter. Queen Mary, who admired his work, invited him to paint a number of miniature pictures for the Royal Doll's House at Windsor. There are 14 of his works in the Bristol Art Gallery collection: 4 watercolours and 10 oils.

The Cotswolds Decorative, Antiques & Art Fair features fine art and antiques specialists from across the UK, and is the place to buy everything including the most traditional antique pieces to the latest in decorative chic style.

Says organiser Sue Ede: 'This is where people come to decorate and furnish their homes in their own personal style. Mixing and matching antique and contemporary with Mid-Century accessories, fine art, sculpture and furniture from the past centuries. Our Cotswolds Fair has plenty of choice!'

And anyone wanting a special treat will also find specialist jewellers offering fine traditional pieces and a range of 20<sup>th</sup> century glittering costume accessories.



The Cotswolds Decorative, Antiques & Art Fair takes place in the atmospheric setting of Westonbirt House, now a prestigious school, occupying the Great Hall, Orangery and adjoining rooms. Stylish antiques, superb paintings, decorative delights and all kinds of rare and unusual antique treasures go on sale with prices from less than £20 to more than £20,000. Approximately 40 dealers offer plenty of choice for interior designers and the seasoned and first-time collectors. In addition, there is a range of exquisite personal gifts including antique jewellery, watches, mid-20<sup>th</sup> century designer jewellery and accessories.

Among the exhibitors taking part will be Garret & Hurst Sculpture, vintage fashion and costume jewellery specialist Twentieth Century Glamour, fine jewellers Plaza and Shapiro & Co; Roger De Ville with early English pottery; and Paul Burnett Antique Interiors.

Public Admission is £5.00.

Open Times: Friday - Sunday 11.00am-5.00pm

The fair is organised by: Cooper Events, Somerset TA8 1BU. Tel: 01278 784912.

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