

THE PAVILIONS OF HARROGATE DECORATIVE, ANTIQUES & ART FAIR

Railway Road, Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate HG2 8NZ
11th – 13th June 2021

Rare Satirical Cartoon On Sale at Pavilions of Harrogate Antiques Fair

One of the longest ever engravings produced in the past 300 years goes on sale at The Pavilions of Harrogate Decorative Antiques & Fine Art Fair at The Great Yorkshire Showground, from 11th – 13th June 2021.



The 18th century engraving measures more than seven feet in length (88½” 224.5cms) and is a famous work of social commentary by the artist and caricaturist Henry William Bunbury (1750 – 1811). It was engraved and published by William Dickinson in 1787 and is one of few surviving originals.

The engraving is titled “A Long Minuet as Danced at Bath, 1787” and features drawings of ten caricatured couples engaged in various stages of dance poses (extract below).

Recent research has revealed that the lampooned figures are based on actual prominent people from the city of Bath at that time. They include the master of ceremonies, Richard Tyson, the ex-Prime Minister Lord North, his wife and daughter, the Mayor



and Mayoress of Bath, French financiers, Bunbury’s wife, Catherine (nee Horneck, a lady in waiting to the Queen) and the artist himself seemingly bowing to his audience. Their exaggerated flamboyance in attempting a difficult dance, the minuet, is a social comment on their status as members of the Nouveau Riche of the period. The comic strip drawings suggest that the minuet will act as a filter for class identity. The engraving will go on sale with a ticket price of £7,000 from exhibitors WR Harvey Antiques from Oxfordshire.

More than a year after the previous event, the popular Pavilions of Harrogate at the Great Yorkshire Showground are once again the venue for the popular art and antiques fair run by Cooper Events. Says fair organiser Sue Ede, ‘We are delighted to be returning to Yorkshire and the Pavilions of Harrogate to stage our usual antiques fair. More than forty specialist dealers will be taking part and I

know many collectors are really looking forward to viewing and buying a whole range of art and antiques once again.'

She continued: 'Of course, when we return, all the necessary rules and regulations will be in place to ensure we are complying with the latest guidelines in the aftermath of the pandemic.'



A large Japanese Meiji Period table cabinet with superb quality lacquer panels decorated all sides, c1880. £1800.00.

From Paul Burnett Antiques & Interiors

The fair is widely regarded as one of the premier events in Yorkshire. It first ran at the Pavilions of Harrogate in the early 1990's and has been a regular fixture ever since, attracting collectors from across the country and far beyond. With a vast range of high-quality pieces for sale, at prices from £20 to £20,000, the fair has something for everyone. Several Yorkshire dealers always take part, including several from Harrogate.

The Pavilions of Harrogate Fair brings together many dealers from the north of England. Jack Shaw and Highland antiques sells fine English and Scottish silver; John Newton Antiques specialises in fine porcelain and studio pottery; Melody Antiques offer English country furniture and JC Antiques has oil paintings and fine furniture.

From Harrogate Sutcliffe Galleries and Walker Galleries show fine paintings, From Ludlow, Rowles Fine Art offer paintings and sculpture; and from Gloucestershire, Paul Burnett Antiques & Interiors show a range of decorative furnishings and unusual collector's items. Also showing will be the jewellery specialists Plaza and Shapiro & Co; and porcelain specialists Bottlebrook Antiques.

Public Admission is £5.00.

Open Times: Friday - Sunday 11am-5.00pm

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

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