

**LUXURY ANTIQUES WEEKEND  
AT STAPLEFORD PARK**  
near Melton Mowbray in Leicestershire  
Friday 17 – Sunday 19 September 2010



'Ragdale Old Hall, Leics' by William Edward Cooke, oil on board, 10 x 14 inches, signed monogram and dated 1884, £1,650 from Cambridge Fine Art

A new addition to The Antiques Dealers Fair Limited's calendar is the **Luxury Antiques Weekend at Stapleford Park**, which takes place in the delightful surroundings of Stapleford Park Country House Hotel, Stapleford, near Melton Mowbray in Leicestershire from **Friday 17 until Sunday 19 September 2010**.

The look of the fair is stylish and welcoming with a clever mix of antiques spanning the Georgian and Regency periods alongside the more contemporary art. Combine the informal luxury of Stapleford Park Country House Hotel – a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World – with the high standard of elegance and sophistication of the boutique-style fair and the event becomes a truly memorable experience. Visitors can either indulge in a weekend or overnight stay and enjoy the comfort of one of their individually designed bedrooms and visit the fair at their leisure or just come for the day.

Twenty professional antiques dealers from around the UK, predominantly members of either BADA or LAPADA, are featuring items ranging from town and country furniture, jewellery, oriental rugs, oils, watercolour paintings and original book illustrations, 19th century and contemporary sculpture to fine porcelain, glass and objets d'art.

Highlights of the fair include impressive pieces of Regency furniture from **Freshfords Fine Antiques** of Bath such as a 16-seater mahogany extending Imperial dining table almost certainly made by Gillow or by a journeyman working around Lancashire circa 1825 (£35,000), a rare Chippendale period mahogany secretaire chest on chest (£16,500) and a matching pair of 19th century Chesterfield sofas made by James Shoolbred, c 1875 (£15,000). James Shoolbred was a fashionable furniture shop in the 1860s located on Tottenham Court Road.

Of local interest is an oil painting of Ragdale Old Hall, Leicestershire by William Edward Cooke, who was a Loughborough artist. Ragdale Old Hall was an important 16th-17th century house in the county and was pulled down in 1958. Signed and dated 1884 the painting is on **Cambridge Fine Art's** stand (£1,650).

The fair includes some eye-catching pieces of jewellery such as an important and high quality gold, enamel, sapphire, diamond and ruby Holbeinesque pendant by C F Hancock, London, c 1851-1855, one of the earliest Holbeinesque pendants known, selling for in the region of £25,000 from **T Robert** and a very fine selection of antique boxes from **Hampton Antiques** to include tea caddies, knife boxes and sewing boxes.

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One of a pair of French cane chairs, 1880, from a five-piece Duchesse Brisée suite, £3,450 from Melody Antiques



Early Holbeinesque pendant, c £25,000 from T Robert

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Local dealers from the Leicestershire area exhibiting at the fair include **Walter Moores & Son** from Market Harborough who have been dealing in antiques since 1925. Examples of pieces they are bringing include a Georgian mahogany wine cooler (£4,950) and a charming antique woolwork sampler embroidered by Susanna Jones, aged nine, on May 8th 1843. The building in the picture is thought to be Brighton Pavilion (£950). Originally based in Stamford, **Vaughan Antiques** now has a Newark showroom and their stand includes furniture from the Georgian and Victorian periods as well as a range of jewellery from antique to contemporary. Local antique firearm dealer, **Garth Vincent Antique Arms and Armour** is bringing a wide range of items ranging from flintlock pistols to antique arms and armour.



Irish period Regency gilt convex mirror, circa 1825, £3,500 from Freshfords Fine Antiques

Original book illustrations have become a collectors' item and one of the highlights on **Books Illustrated's** stand is the original illustration for the centenary edition of the children's classic, 'Wind in the Willows', a watercolour of '*Ratty and Mole Boating*' by Charles van Sandwyk, born 1966 (£4,500). This is particularly appropriate considering the fair's proximity to Rutland Water. Also on their stand are contemporary wildlife and bird bronze sculptures by Vivien Mallock, an associate of the Royal Society of British Sculptors. **Art World Gallery** from the Cotswolds is bringing oils and watercolours by their new gallery artist, Lélia Pissarro, the great granddaughter of the famous Camille Pissarro. Lélia, born in Paris in 1963 has painted since the age of four. Until she was 11 she was nurtured by her grandfather who taught her the fundamental impressionist and post-impressionist techniques. At 11 she returned to Paris where she subsequently studied at L'Ecole des Beaux-Arts. Works on the stand include '*Two of Us*', a watercolour enhanced with gold (£975).



Pair of Voneche covered glass jars, c1840, £1,750 the pair from Guy Denner Antiques and Interiors

The fair's charity is **Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People** ([www.rainbows.co.uk](http://www.rainbows.co.uk)). Launched in 1994 and based in Loughborough, Rainbows has helped hundreds of children and families.

Stapleford Park Country House Hotel & Sporting Estate sits within 500 acres of gardens, parkland and woods. The hotel boasts a host of activities including its own School of Falconry, archery, tennis, health spa and fitness centre, game and clay pigeon shooting and has an 18 hole championship golf course. For those in need of refreshments there is the renowned 2AA Rosette Grinling Gibbons restaurant (booking required, telephone 01572 787000), or light refreshments within the fair itself. The hotel has generously offered a free night for two (dinner, bed and breakfast) in a prize draw which will be drawn on Sunday afternoon prior to the fair closing.



Rare Chippendale period mahogany secretaire chest on chest, attributable to Gillow of Lancaster, circa 1765, price £16,500 from Freshfords Fine Antiques

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#### Notes to Editors:

**Event:** Luxury Antiques Weekend at Stapleford Park

**Venue:** Stapleford Park Country House Hotel & Sporting Estate, Stapleford, near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire LE14 2EF

**Date:** Friday 17 – Sunday 19 September 2010

**Opening Times:** Friday 11 am – 6pm, Saturday 10.30am – 6pm, Sunday 10.30am – 5pm

**Organiser:** The Antiques Dealers Fair Ltd

**Tickets & enquiries:** £5, including catalogue (and re-admission)  
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'Ratty and Mole Boating' by Charles van Sandwyk, watercolour pen and ink, signed and dated 2008, £4,500 from Books Illustrated

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**Transport:**

By road:  
A1 - 20 miles  
M1 (junction 21A)  
AA signposted - ample free parking

Nearest mainline railway stations:  
Melton Mowbray - 5 miles (approx 70 minutes from Birmingham  
New Street and 97 minutes from St Pancras International)  
Grantham - 16 miles (approx 65 minutes from London's Kings  
Cross)

Airports:  
East Midlands International Airport - approx 45 minutes  
Birmingham International and Luton Airports - approx 90  
minutes

Helipad at the hotel

**Charity:**

Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People (registered  
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**Website:**

[www.staplefordparkfair.com](http://www.staplefordparkfair.com)



Coquille turned nutmeg grater,  
with carved decoration, circa  
1830, £875 from Lennox Cato at  
The Edenbridge Galleries