

## Antiques & Vintage

### Vintage treasures

The Beehive, in the Wiltshire market town of Devizes, brims with antique and vintage furniture, china, textiles and more, and it also offers a bespoke sourcing service. (thebeehivelifestyle.com; 01380 729720).



### Fairs & shows

#### The Cotswolds Decorative Antiques & Fine Art Fair, 16-18 August

Westonbirt School main hall, Westonbirt, Gloucestershire (01278 784912; cooperevents.com)

Held in the surroundings of Westonbirt House, this charming summer event is jam-packed with rare and desirable art, antiques and decorative accessories. Look for Mexican silver, Austrian porcelain figures, Persian carpets, English watercolours, and much more. Adults: £5; 11am-5pm.



### THAT'S YOUR LOT

Locke & England in Leamington Spa is holding an Auction on 25 July, in which they will be selling antique furniture, clocks, paintings, silver, ceramics, glass, collectors' items, jewellery and watches. You will find, amongst other gems, a characterful set of 24 Royal Doulton Dickens characters (left), which are estimated to sell for £400-600; you should also look out for this quaint Orkney stained pine child's chair (right) - with its woven carved back and rush seat on square tapering legs (h90cm); it is expected to go for £300-500 (peacockauction.co.uk).



#### Skipton Vintage & Antiques Fair, 11 August

Skipton Town Hall, High Street, Skipton, North Yorkshire (07985 181120; roseandbrownvintage.co.uk)

This new event, run by the organisers of the Saltaire Vintage Home Fair, will host 30 plus stalls of vintage fashion, homewares and jewellery, as well as antiques, collectables, vinyl and toys. Adults: £2. 10am-4pm.

#### Newbury International Antiques & Collectors' Fair, 12 August

Newbury Racecourse, Newbury, Berkshire (01636 702326; iacf.co.uk)

This 'one-day Monday' fair is a must visit, with hundreds of stalls outdoors, while the Grandstand provides indoor exhibition space for many more. Early buyers, 8am-10am: £10; 10am-4pm: £5.

See page 132 for our summer guide of antiques and vintage fairs to visit

### 2-for-1 Tickets

If you are planning a visit to London, time it to coincide with the very first Antiques & Fine Art Fair at Mall Galleries, near iconic landmarks such as Buckingham Palace and Trafalgar Square. With 30 specialist dealers the event, 28-31 August, 10am-5pm, will bring together mainly British art and artefacts. For 2-for-1 entry (adults £3), simply bring this page with you. (01825 744074; penman-fairs.co.uk).



Marc Allum  
BBC Antiques  
Roadshow specialist

### To buy... or not to buy?

Decorating your home with original art does not have to be overly expensive. I love buying 'art school' pictures from the 50s and 60s. Period abstracts like this one (right) make a good addition to a

contemporary or retro interior. When complete with an original frame and an old gallery label sporting a hefty period 10 guinea price tag, you have an instant talking point and something that is ready to go straight on to the wall - for less than £100! ⇐

