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## Spring Westonbirt Antiques Fair full of Cotswolds Charm

**The Westonbirt School Antiques & Fine Art Fair**  
**Westonbirt, near Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL6 8QG**  
**27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**Described as ‘the most charming antiques fair in the Cotswolds,’ the spring Westonbirt School Antiques & Fine Art Fair returns to the famous Gloucestershire venue from 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2009.**

Fifty dealers from across the UK will be exhibiting in the historic and sumptuous rooms of Westonbirt School. ‘The unique charm of the venue makes this a truly memorable occasion,’ says organizer Sue Ede of Cooper Fairs based in the West Country, ‘it’s the major factor that distinguishes the fair and makes it so popular with visitors from across the country.’

The fair will feature specialist dealers from across the country offering a wide range of exhibits from less than £25 to more than £25,000, from fine period furniture and original works of art to early clocks, barometers, period lighting, needleworks, Art Nouveau and Art Deco ceramics and bronzes, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century pottery and porcelain, Chinese and Oriental works of art and collectables, antiquarian maps and prints and a wide range of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century jewellery.

Regular exhibitors include period furniture specialists **Yoxall Antiques** from Solihull, **Mulberry House Antiques** from Sussex, **Mike Melody Antiques** from Cheshire, **Stephen Dymond Antiques** from Cornwall, **Bryan Chew** from Dorset (specializing in early English oak and country furniture), and **Francis Antiques** from Sussex.

Also exhibiting will be **Baron Fine Art** from Chester, **Candice Horley** from Surrey, with ceramics, small sculpture, glass and objects and **Plaza** from Wales with traditional and fine quality costume jewellery.

Founded in 1928, **Westonbirt School**, with its sumptuous interiors, is the ideal location for a prestige antiques fair. The school is a former manor house that belonged to the Holford family, and is the third manor on the site. It is situated just a few minutes from the famous Arboretum and just south of Tetbury.

The Holford family first acquired an Elizabethan house at Westonbirt in 1665. Later generations replaced this with a Georgian house and then with the grand Italian Renaissance style mansion that became the present school. Built by a Holford, who was then one of the

richest men in England, he employed the greatest experts and craftsmen of the day. He also bought in the finest materials - Italian marble for fireplaces and columns, silk brocade and Cordova leather for wall hangings, ornate painted plaster for the ceilings, and superb carved oak and walnut for doors and wainscoting.

**The Westonbirt School Antiques & Fine Art Fair**

**Times: Friday to Sunday 11.00am - 5.00pm**

**Admission £5.00. Free car parking.**

**Lunches and afternoon teas served in the panelled rooms of Westonbirt School.**

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