

## ANTIQUES OF THE WEEK: ENGLISH FURNITURE

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So, with our new found love for hearth and home, it has never been a better time to consider adding new furnishings that will make a real impact. Of course Raffety could suggest a beautiful antique clock, which will transform any room in the house, but we also specialise in fine antique English furniture mainly dating from the late 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. English furniture from this period is among the finest ever made, and not only can you find a useful piece to add to a living room or bedroom, but an heirloom to pass on to the next generation.









If you enjoy writing then perhaps a fine bureau would make the perfect addition to your home office. We have a beautiful example from the age of George II made of Virginia walnut, with an interior of pigeon holes where you can keep your most important papers – there is also a secret book drawer in the interior. This bureau is sure to inspire you in your work.

Or maybe you'd like to do more with the family – in which case this elegant two-tiered games table is a great choice.

Beautifully crafted in mahogany, and dating to around 1740, it has a baize-lined interior for playing card games, and on the

next tier opens to reveal an inlaid backgammon and chequer board.



Finally, what about an elegant side table where you can place a book or your cocktail in the evening? A particularly nice



example is this Regency period mahogany tripod table with carved stem and brass inlay. It would fit nicely into any corner of a room and adds a hint of elegance and style.









Covid 19 and lockdown has changed us. We have discovered a new appreciation for our families and homes during this time staying indoors. We've found a new way of living in our homes, and I expect many of you have spent part of lockdown re-arranging furniture, painting interiors and undertaking DIY jobs.

Whatever you might choose, a piece of historic furniture will add richness and flair to your interiors – their craftsmanship, rich materials and quality of design are impressive examples of a golden age of furniture production. At this time, when we are all discovering a new lifestyle, these historic pieces will truly change a house into a beautiful home.







