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| Knife board
Bwrdd hogi cylllell

| £445

A Welsh pine wall-hung knife sharpening board.

Cardiganshire 19th century

Brick dust or emery powder was stored in the box section. When a knife was to be sharpened the board was laid flat and dampened with water, the brick dust or powder was rubbed over the wet board and the knife would be drawn over the abrasive mixture to sharpen the blade.

7" w x 5" d x 34½" h

17.7cm w x 12.7cm d x 87.6cm h





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2 Baskets | £1,650
Basgedi

A collection of four Welsh straw or lip-work baskets, made from coiled wheat straw and bound together by strips of bramble.

Cardiganshire 19th/early 20th century

Coiled basketry of a specified type made of straw-rope (lip) was made in certain districts... It was used for a variety of purposes – beehives, seed-lips, corn measures, clothes baskets, trays and chairs. See The Guide to the Collection of Welsh Bygones by Iorwerth C Peate, published by the National Museum of Wales (1929)

A bundle of straw is bound with a strip split from a bramble. The bundle is first passed through a horn tube; its thickness is kept uniform by adding more straw as it becomes slack in the horn. The bundle is coiled round and the bramble binding the second coil is laced through that of the previous coil with the aid of a pointed bone from a horse's leg. In this way a basket is built up; chairs were also made, with much more work.

A Cardiganshire Lip-worker, Folk Life (1965) Jenkins, J Geraint,

largest 19" w x 9" d x 7" h
48.2cm w x 22.8cm d x 17.7cm h

3 Lovespoon | £2,650
Llwy Garu

A beautiful and delicately carved sycamore lovespoon decorated with hearts, keyholes & keys and retains the original finish.

Welsh early 19th century

2½" w x 1" d x 8½" h
6.3cm w x 2.5cm d x 21.5cm h





4 Slip ware dish
Dysgl bridd o waith slip

£780

A press moulded and slip decorated earthenware dish.

Buckley, North Wales 19th century

Buckley in Flintshire, North Wales was a centre of pottery manufacture for centuries having a good supply of clay, coal and lead – all key components for making pottery

12" w x 8" d x 1 1/2" h

30.4cm w x 20.3cm d x 3.8cm h



5 Collection of Welsh horn mugs
Casgliad o gwpanau corn

£325

Wales 19th century

'Horns for drinking were made long before the Conquest, and mediaeval people had horn mugs in regular use. For many centuries and even after the introduction of pewter and stoneware, the most usual drinking vessel in cottage or farmhouse was the horn mug. Made from a section of bullock's horn, and kept to the natural shape, it tapered in just the right way. The bottom, formed

of a disc of horn fitted into a groove that gave a close and absolutely watertight joint. To this day a thin-edged horn is one of the pleasantest things from which to drink beer or cider..'

Old English Household Life by Gertrude Jekyll & Sydney R. Jones – London 1939 (page 97)

*largest 4" h x 2 1/2" dia
10cm h x 6.3cm dia*



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6 Gate leg table
Bwrdd coes giât

£3,850

A good oval oak gate leg table with wonderful patina and rich colour.

British circa 1680

51" w when open (closed 19½")

x 43" d x 29¾" h

129.5cm w when open (closed 49.5cm)

x 109.2cm d x 75.5cm h

7 Three-part cupboard
Cwpwrdd Tridarn

£6,450

The Cwpwrdd Tridarn was peculiar to a small area of North West Wales. This is a particularly small example and is in superb condition, with wonderful rich colour.

North Wales circa 1740

50" w x 20" d x 74" h

127cm w x 50.8cm d x 188cm h





8 Cricket table
Bwrdd criced

£4,650

A lovely Welsh oak cricket table with a wonderful figured single plank top which has an outstanding untouched surface and colour.

Machynlleth area of Mid Wales circa 1780

24" dia x 25½" h

61 cm dia x 64.7 cm h

9 Oak arm chair
Cadair freichiau dderw

£2,450

A generously proportioned Welsh oak arm chair with an unusual and boldly shaped crest, above a panelled back with turned legs and arm supports.

North Wales circa 1680

24" w x 22" d x 52½" h

61 cm w x 55.8 cm d x 133.3 cm h



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10 **Laburnum table**
Bwrdd o bren 'Tresi Aur'

£2,250

A very striking solid laburnum tri-pod pedestal table. The making of furniture from laburnum is often found in Scotland.

Scottish circa 1800

Scottish Vernacular Furniture Cotton B, (2008)
Thames & Hudson Ltd

20" dia x 26" h
50.8cm dia x 66cm h



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11 **Rare straw work picture**
Llun prin o wneuthuriad gwellt

£3,250

A rare folk-art straw work and water colour picture depicting The North Wales Hospital which is also known as the Denbigh Asylum. Similar straw work pictures are known, and often depict the Menai Straits and Conwy Castle. It has been thought that they may have been made by patients at the Glan-y-don hospital in Colwyn Bay, as a form of occupational therapy, but they might also have been made at the North Wales hospital.

North Wales circa 1880

See similar picture illustrated in The Visual Culture of Wales: Industrial Society by Peter Lord, University of Wales Press 1998 and in English Naive Painting 1750-1900, by James Ayres, Thames and Hudson, London and N.Y. 1981. Also similar examples are held in the collection of the Welsh National History Museum, St Fagans, Cardiff.

27½" w x 22" h
70cm w x 56cm h



12 Arm chair
Cadair freichiau

£590

Welsh arm chair made from birch with a rich patina.

Pembrokeshire circa 1850

The underside of the seat is inscribed in pencil
"John Williams Clarberston"

Clarberston is a small village in Pembrokeshire about 8 miles north of Narberth. Whilst we have been unable to trace a chair-maker or joiner from Clarberston, it could be possible that he worked for either H.V. Thomas or the Wheeler family – who were both prominent cabinet makers in Narberth and who both produced similar types of chair.

25" w x 17½" d x 34¾" h

63.5cm w x 44.5cm d x 88.2cm h





13 **Oak chair**
Cadair dderw

£750

Welsh oak side chair with a shaped top rail and well carved, back splat.

Welsh circa 1760

18" w x 14" d x 37" h

45.7cm w x 35.5cm d x 94cm h

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14 **Carved slate panel**
Llechen gerfiedig

£2,950

A wonderful and rare carved folk-art slate panel. A confidently carved, single piece of slate depicting a three masted ship in full sail, flanked by two birds and with two sunburst corner spandrels.

Items of folkart decorated slate can be found from all parts of the slate quarrying areas of North Wales and include miniature chests of drawers, shoes & doorstops etc. Of particular note are the large carved fire-place surrounds which are found in the Dyffryn Ogwen area of Gwynedd which often depict sailing ships and birds.

Welsh circa 1800 (Restored)

Carved slate from North Wales were exhibited in the British Folk Art exhibition at Tate Britain in 2014 and are illustrated in the accompanying book by Kenny R, McMillan J, Myrone M, Tate Publishing (2014).

See also The Carved Slates of Dyffryn Ogwen Caffell G, National Museum of Wales, Cardiff (1983)

16" w x 1/2" d x 19 1/2" h

40.6cm w x 1.3cm d x 50cm h





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15 **Pewter tobacco boxes** | £575
Blychau baco piwter

A collection of five pewter tobacco boxes, three cylindrical and two oval. All five have their original finials and interior lead pressers, which were used to compact the tobacco.

English circa 1830

largest 5½" w x 4" d x 4¾" h
14cm w x 10 cm d x 12cm h

16 **Drop leaf table** | £1,450
Bwrdd dalen blyg

A small Welsh oak drop-leaf "Pembroke table" with a butterfly shaped top.

Carmarthenshire circa 1790

30" w when open (15" closed) x 29½" d
x 27¼" h

76.2 cm w when open (38.1 cm closed)
x 75cm d x 68.5cm h





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18 **Welsh oak chest** | £5,950
Cist dderw Gymreig

A rare & unusually small early Welsh oak chest, with chip and channel moulded decoration.

The boarded chest sits inside the four partially hollowed out legs; a type of construction associated with the Black mountain area of Breconshire and Radnorshire in mid Wales.

Mid Wales 16th century

36" w x 19" d x 29" h

91.4cm w x 48cm d x 73.6cm h

17 **Marie Jones plate** | £2,750
Plât Mari Jones

A rare hand painted pottery plate depicting Mari Jones, made at the South Wales Pottery, Llanelly and decorated by Samuel Shufflebotham

Mari Jones was known as the Welsh Bible girl. In 1800 she walked twenty six miles barefoot across the hills of North Wales to Bala, to buy a copy of a Welsh language Bible from the Rev Thomas Charles.

Llanelly circa 1910

8" dia x 1 1/2" high

20.3cm dia x 3.8cm h





19 Carved slate chest of drawers | £750
Cist ddroriau llechen

A beautifully carved, miniature slate model of a chest of drawers, sitting on an elaborate plinth in excellent condition.

North Wales circa 1880

Miniature chests, bureaus and similar pieces of folk art were carved by quarrymen of North Wales. Most date from the late 19th century.

See Peoples Art by Emmanuel Cooper, Mainstream Publishing (1994)

9" w 2½" d x 8½" h
22.8cm w x 6.5cm d x 21.5cm h



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