



PATCH ROGERS

The Annual Arts & Crafts Liberty 2014 Selling Exhibition was very well attended, it was such a pleasure to see so many of our regular customers again and also to make acquaintance with some new clients and fellow devotees of the Arts & Crafts Movement. The great news is that we do not have to move from our space on the fourth floor at **Liberty** during the Christmas season so you will be able to visit our Department at anytime throughout the year.

We are currently updating our website with new stock including items of furniture, lighting, vases, embroideries and some very interesting World War 1 lithographs by **Gerald Spencer Pryse** whilst he was working as an official War Artist. A biography can be found on our website detailing his life and works.

The Barn will be open by appointment only throughout August, however, most items will be for sale and on view in our department at **Liberty**, London. Please email if you require any further information or wish to visit us. The Barn will be open as normal on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from **Wednesday 3rd September** and we will be busy throughout the Autumn sourcing items for our Annual Yuletide Exhibition!!

RECENT ACQUISITION We were very pleased to acquire a beautiful and unique dining suite by the prominent northern English architect, **Edgar Wood**.



This dining room suite was commissioned by Sir Frederick Whitley Thompson, JP and MP who lived at Saville Heath, Halifax and remained within the family until now. The bright steel metal work on the sideboard had the rose and thistle emblems worked into the design, representing the thistle for Sir Frederick's Scottish and the rose for his wife's English ancestry, whilst the small rose



represented their only daughter. Either side of the small rose is his Crest, a hand holding a sheaf of corn with the Latin motto 'THE LORD WILL PROVIDE' and to the right is his wife's Crest, a hand holding the head of a griffin with the Latin motto 'FIRM AND FAITHFUL'.



EDGAR WOOD 1860-1935 was an architect, artist and draughtsman who practiced from Manchester at the turn of the century. He was a leading proponent of the Arts & Crafts Movement and a founder member of the Northern Art Worker's Guild and later to become president of the Manchester Society of Artists from 1911-1912.

Wood's designed schools, chapels and houses in a simple individual style. Importantly some of his later work can be seen to anticipate the future style of the Art Deco movement, the mirror frame shown in the picture with the chevron design was used on the facades of 2 buildings he designed as early as 1908.



As this suite is so rare, unique and of museum quality, we will be holding an open weekend at the Barn for anyone wishing to see it on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21st September. Please email us if you would like to come along.

We have been representing **Sanderson** fabrics for several years and are now expanding this to include an historic range by Watts of Westminster, examples of which can be found on our website. **Watts of Westminster** was founded by the architects GF Bodley, Thomas Garner and Gilbert Scott. Please come along to the Barn for further help and information and to see our sample books for inspiration.

We take this opportunity to wish you a very happy summer.

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