

# WILKINSON Plc

## Newsletter – March 2015

#### **John Bly Antiques**

Our lighting is now on display at John Bly Antiques located in The Furniture Cave on London's King's Road.

At the showroom you will be able to see a variety of items from a pair of Georgian candelabra, Edwardian wall lights, a 1950's Venetian chandelier and a pair of 2 metre high free standing torchiere in the style of C R Ashbee (which can be seen in the photo of the showroom entrance on the right). Please come and visit when passing by, no appointment needed, the showroom is open:

Monday to Saturday – 10am to 6pm Sunday – 11am to 5pm 533 Kings Road, Chelsea, London, SW10 0TZ

#### **Interesting Fact**

John Bly has been a resident furniture expert on BBC's Antiques Roadshow since the show began in 1979.

### **Antique Victorian Perry chandelier**

This is just one of the chandeliers that can be seen in the showroom. It was previously in residence at The Haberdashers Company, Bassishaw, City of London, they bought it from a dealer (probably Mrs Crick), however when they moved to a new property in West Smithfield in 2002 the chandelier was no longer considered suitable for the more modern building and was put into storage. Several years later the chandelier was bought out of storage to be sold, but many parts were damaged. A quote was offered to restore the chandelier and sell it on their behalf, but they chose instead to accept our offer to purchase the chandelier as it was. We have since restored to chandelier is a faithful manor sourcing original replacement parts.

This appears to be one of Perry & Company's most successful designs and we have restored several models of this chandelier for the National Trust, City Livery Companies and London Clubs. We believe the chandelier we are selling is more original than most of the other chandeliers that have come through our doors because it was in use for a shorter amount of time than those where 150 years of poor maintenance have taken their toll.

You can read about the full restoration of this chandelier on our website –

wilkinson-plc.com/restored-antique-perry-chandelier









