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FAKE OR FORTUNE – FIND OUT AT THE GRAND DAY OUT.

“Do you have a Van Gogh hidden in the attic? Ever wondered whether Gran’s oriental vase is a Ming? Or Is your sparkly ring a real diamond?” That’s the message from a Cornish charity, which is giving people the chance to find out at its summer fun day ‘The Grand Day Out’ on 24th July at the Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge.

Fine Art Valuer, Richard Hamm of Bearnès, Hampton & Littlewood of Exeter, is available from 2pm-4pm to give valuation, identification and advice on restoration on any treasures people bring in or which they may have dug up from the attic or garden shed.

“An Art Deco bronze figure of an exotic dancer (pictured) was brought into us for an opinion, the owner having purchased it as a reproduction for a small amount,” said Richard Hamm, a valuer with 36 years experience. “Imagine his surprise when he was told it was worth over £40,000. He was even more surprised when it sold for £70,000!”, he added.

The valuation event starts at 2pm, and will be available on a first come first served basis. People are welcome to bring along as many items as they would like, for a suggested donation of £1 per item.

‘Bearnès, Hampton and Littlewood is the largest Fine Art Auctioneers in the South-West and we’re delighted that an expert like Richard is able to attend ‘The Grand Day Out’ to provide a valuation,” said organiser Rose Wiltshire, a community fundraiser for Cornwall Hospice Care. ‘It will take place in the indoor antique, craft and vintage market, and will feature alongside over 100 other traders’.

Also within the indoor market area are traders selling local crafts, produce and antiques. There is also a community fete, a licensed bar and a car boot fair outside.

Traders range from stalls selling toys and books; sock puppets and teepees for children; to handmade jewellery, vintage furniture and clothing; art and gifts. There will also be fete stalls, from the traditional tombola and guess the name of the teddy, to the not so traditional toy pig racing.

Outside the fun continues, with a car show, dog show, It’s a Knockout Team Challenge and children’s rides and activities. Advance family tickets to the Grand Day Out are just £4, available from Cornwall Hospice Care shops, visiting www.cornwallhospicecare.co.uk or by contacting the fundraising office on 01726 66868.

All funds raised from the event will go towards providing specialist clinical care and support for people with life-limiting conditions. The majority of the charity’s running costs of nearly £6 million – equivalent to £11.40 a minute – come from the support of the local community and events, such as this.

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