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Elizabethan Style Silver Dishes
by Richard Jarvis of St James,
London fashioned on the dinner
service commissioned by Sir
Christopher Harris of Radford,
Devon, between 1581 - 1607.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1154522****Date of manufacture: 1960**

Dimensions

Height = 1 cm (0.4")

Width = 1 cm (0.4")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

A wonderful trio of solid silver Elizabethan style dishes faithfully fashioned on the dinner service commissioned by Sir Christopher Harris of Radford, Devon, between 1581 - 1607. Planished and hallmarked in the identical manner of the original, the Harris Dinner Service, known formally as The Armada Service, is now an important part of the British Museum Silver collection. Despite its romantic title, the silver has no proven connection with the Armada of 1588. Sir Christopher Harris was however an Admiralty official under Sir Walter Raleigh from 1584 and the Armada Service probably represents profits from administering Spanish prizes during the Anglo Spanish War, 1585 - 1603. Sir Christopher's heir, John Marris, was a Royalist in the Civil War and had hidden the service in Brixton, Devon following the Royalist defeat of 18 February, 1645. The service was eventually discovered in a potato store at Brixton in 1827 and now can be seen at the British Museum in London. This exquisite solid silver replica set by silversmith Richard Jarvis of St James, London is beautiful presented in the original fitted case. Silver weight: 1,285 grams

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