

**SA626255**

A Lady of the Sparkes family  
c1700; Follower of Dahl.

Price

**Sold**

**Item Reference: SA626255**

**Date of manufacture: 1700**

Dimensions

Height = 101.5 cm (40.0")

Width = 83 cm (32.7")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

## Description

Oil on canvas, in a William Kent style frame. Portrait of a lady of the Sparkes family, traditionally called Lady Rose, although this name cannot be traced. Verso: old label "Sparkes. Wonerish. Married Hennisy (sic) Sarker(?) 18 yr". The Sparkes family were large landowners in the Bramley and Wonerish areas during the 18th & 19th C. The name appears in the parish registers and monuments in both Wonerish and Bramley, however evidence of the relationship between the parts of the family (whose residences included in Rowleys, Little Tangle & Green Place) has not so far been found. Green Place in Wonerish is adjacent to the Church. In the 15th Century it was the home of the Elyott family (whose brasses record the life of Thomas and his son Henry). After they left the house fell into disrepair and is recorded in the 17th C as being in a state of dilapidation. Richard Sparkes (1715-1786) evidently purchased the property and so their family name first appears in Wonerish. (The house today features a big curved staircase of this period that is thought to have been the inspiration for E H Shepherd for his illustration to A.A. Milne's poem "Halfway Down", which shows Pooh Bear I...

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