

Chapter 1 : Ravilious watercolour makes £85, at Sworders

*England of Eric Ravilious [Freda Constable] on calendrierdelascience.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. Eric Ravilious () died at the age of 39, when the Air Sea Rescue mission, which he was accompanying in his capacity as Official War Artist.*

It helped perhaps that he always enjoyed acclaim, for his many book illustrations and his ceramic designs, as well as for his paintings. But it was also a matter of temperament. He loved dancing, tennis and pub games, was constantly whistling, and even in the mid-1930s found little time for politics, working up only a mild interest in the international crisis or the latest Left Book Club choice. He was, by all accounts, excellent company. Cheerfulness kept creeping in. Alan Powers, probably the greatest authority on the artist, has written that "happiness is a quality that is difficult to convey through design, but Ravilious consistently managed to generate it". And David Gentleman has remarked that Ravilious is "an easy artist to like". His woodcuts for books and vignettes for Wedgwood the alphabet mug, the boat-race bowl, are regularly described as witty and charming. And many of his watercolours, too, attract such epithets as "friendly". Much of his subject-matter is pastoral and unassuming, and he was a virtuoso at capturing everyday scenes and little details from English provincial life. Among the sequences of his paintings were those featuring, in his words, "lighthouses, rowing-boats, beds, beaches, greenhouses". Even when he became an official war artist, he tended to domesticate any novelty or threat – fighter planes line up harmlessly beyond a garden hedge, and barrage balloons bob cheerfully in the sky. The following year, by this time with the RAF, he wrote home: The possible result is that his quietly growing popularity is written off as a kind of folksy retro-chic – nostalgia for the Shell-guide's, an escape to simplicity. In fact his watercolours are never cosy and never merely pretty or tasteful. He explained his love of the South Downs, which inspired perhaps his strongest watercolours, in terms of their "design" being "so beautifully obvious". One of his finest works, *Downs in Winter*, presents a bare, minimal view Ravilious preferred the linearity of winter landscapes – it is open ground, ploughed fields, in bleached greens and browns, and the land is cast in simple, geometrical forms: *Carnation House*, rather differently, is the study of a corridor in a greenhouse, with the lateral beams and uprights set off against the snaking and looping of a hose on the floor. The bend of the tall carnations emphasises the slight bowing of the posts, while the watering-can on the floor manages to appear both a collection of abstract shapes and something reassuring, useful, quotidian. His paintings are often emotionally cool; the palette is restrained, the paint application light and dry, with plenty of white showing, and lots of hatching and stippling. There is a sense of detachment in them, as well as a hint of the mysterious or surreal: When people do appear, their faces are blanked out; they look like dolls or figurines. Despite this absence, his paintings always deal in the man-made buildings, agriculture, machines. There are tar-engines for the winter, intense sooty black – and a gasometer, about the first of its kind, ring-straked and striped red and black with wheels on top. In *The Wilmington Giant*, for instance, unmistakably a scene from deep England, the South Downs appear as a pattern of colour blocks and curves – the paint striated, in places barely applied – and the chalk figure itself is framed by dark fence posts and an axis of barbed wire. Each of the 22 watercolours reproduced per volume is accompanied by a short, convivial essay by James Russell, which provides a context for that painting, incorporating biography and social history. Russell, who has done much detective work tracking down people and places in the watercolours, set out to identify the location of all 24 original shops – butcher, baker and confectioner, furrier, submarine engineer selling diving suits, the oyster bar, amusement arcade and so on the clerical outfitter and the cheesemonger are still trading from the same premises. Ravilious was himself the son of a shopkeeper. Paul Nash, who helped and influenced Ravilious in several ways, later said he was "fortunate in being there during an outbreak of talent". Good natured and "prepossessing in his appearance", Ravilious was known as "Rav" or "The Boy", and spent much time in the common room chatting up girls. He immediately struck up a close friendship with Bawden; the two had similar tastes, admiring the wood engraver Thomas Bewick and the proto-modern 18th-century watercolourists John Sell Cotman and Francis Towne. Nash encouraged Ravilious to take up wood engraving, which enjoyed a revival in the 1930s, and

he soon began to work for the small, "private presses" that flourished in the same decade, such as the Curwen Press and the Golden Cockerel Press. They eventually took as their theme "fantasy": What a riot it was! In Ravilious married Tirzah Garwood, who was a student at Eastbourne School of Art, where he had been teaching part-time. Despite his affairs, they stayed together until his death in , aged only . The window of their flat in Hammersmith looked out on the Thames, and the young couple would hold bathing and boat-race parties. Moved by their admiration for Palmer, Bawden and Ravilious sought a place from which to explore the countryside for likely subjects, so rented rooms in and eventually took over Brick House in Great Bardfield. The two married couples began to decorate every wall: Bawden later wrote that "those few years when we lived together were idyllic" Ravilious and Tirzah eventually moved 10 miles down the road to Castle Hedingham. There was lots of singing by candlelight, and her Midsummer Eve parties were notorious. She was also a radical known as "Red Angus" , active in the Artists International Association, and shared these politics with Binyon, with whom she also shared an extraordinarily decorated London flat. Ravilious was extremely fond of Furlongs, and painted it on a number of occasions. He once said to Angus that "it was lovely to be in a place where you can spit on the floor". Of Tea at Furlongs, Russell writes: Only the dark grey umbrella, raised incongruously against the sun, reminds us that this scene is set in August , on the eve of war. They take us away to the thin air of the future or to the underworld of the past. In August , for instance, he tells her of going to hear "Communist sermons" in Thaxted, though he also reports eating "such a good lunch" afterwards, with Cointreau and Van der Hum. Any politics in his work comes through indirectly, as a kind of democratic sense; the country he lovingly depicts is unofficial, everyday. On the outbreak of war, a restless Ravilious joined the Observer Corps and manned the post on Sudbury Hill, near his home, from where he charted flights overhead. As a student he collected books of arctic travels, and, like so many Englishmen before and since, was fascinated by the far north. According to a critic in the Times in . But most thrilling of all was his discovery of flying, especially when it promised another trip to the north. Standing shaving in his house in August , he told Tirzah: I saw a splendid Narwhal horn yesterday, delicately spiralled and about six foot high. We flew over that mountain country that looks like craters on the moon and it looked just like those photographs the Ministry of Information gave me, with shadows very dark and striped like leaves". He was doubtless planning another of what James Russell calls his "mesmerising topographical watercolours". But on 2 September he went out on an air-sea rescue mission in search of an aircraft lost the previous day, and the Hudson plane in which he was flying itself disappeared.

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Eric William Ravilious (22 July - 2 September) was an English painter, designer, book illustrator and wood-engraver. He grew up in East Sussex, and is particularly known for his watercolours of the South Downs and other English landscapes, which examine English landscape and vernacular art with an off-kilter, modernist sensibility and clarity.

Ravilious quite caught the eye last autumn, however, when his painting *Bathing Machines*, Aldeburgh, sold at auction for a little over a quarter of a million pounds. That painting is among the 70 or so works now on exhibit at Dulwich Picture Gallery. It is understated, unremarkable even, but it captures a nostalgia for a lost England and a way of life that even then was fading away. *Tea at Furlongs* , Eric Ravilious. The Fry Art Gallery, Saffron Walden The remarkable price fetched by his Suffolk bathing machines, together with this exhibition, mark the re-arrival in the popular consciousness of this underappreciated, yet significant, and very English artist. It is appropriate therefore that Russell, as one of the two leading Ravilious scholars, is the curator of this new show. And rather than following a chronological approach, he has arranged the works into a series of six thematically arranged galleries. In some ways this is a shame. One of his first commissions after he graduated was a series of murals at Morley College, in London. These were followed by another set of murals at the recently completed Midland Hotel in Morecambe, Lancashire. Sadly, due to the interventions of war and weather, neither of these youthful achievements survives. Something of them however is to be seen in the large watercolour, *November 5th*. *November 5th* , Eric Ravilious. This, though, is not true of *November 5th*. Here figures dance in gardens or rush to rooftops to watch a wondrous display of fireworks. There is a playful mysteriousness about this painting. Ravilious is fascinated not only by the people, but also by the play of light and shadow, by the architectural shapes and spaces. Inexplicably, the tiles from the roof of one building are missing, allowing a glimpse into its eerie attics. Yet so often these paintings feel empty: The contemporary artist Ravilious most resembles is Stanley Spencer: Both artists shared an almost obsessive attention to detail – be it a wooden fence, a string of barbed wire or a wall of bricks; in both, the mundane can become almost mystical. And both were born to an eccentric father with a religious preoccupation. Stanley Spencer rarely stopped talking and writing about his work; Ravilious bottled it all up. That the life of this quietly fascinating artist was cut so brutally short was a tragedy. Ravilious died in , aged He had only just arrived in Iceland as an official war artist when a plane he was travelling in vanished on a sea-rescue mission. In a world again ill at ease with itself, this remains part of their importance.

Chapter 3 : Eric Ravilious | Imperial War Museums

*Acknowledged as one of the greatest English wood-engravers, Eric Ravilious was also a serious landscape watercolourist. This aspect of his oeuvre was generally neglected until the publication of *The England of Eric Ravilious*, a study hailed on publication as 'an irresistible book about a still.*

Ravilious was enthusiastic about the appointment "after the quiet life in the Observer Corps here since war began". The contract began on 10 Feb Ravilious was sent first to Chatham from where he wrote the first of his regular, interesting and enthusiastic reports on his work and experiences. From then on he travelled widely to, and out of, naval bases and began to send back work. When asked if he would have work for the first of the National Gallery exhibitions in July, he offered 13 drawings, which he wished to be framed in sycamore with white slip. In the summer of he was working on a series of submarine interiors, and wrote of his fascination: "There are small coloured lights about the place and the complexity of a Swiss clock" His six-month contract was extended for a month, belatedly, but Dickey encouraged Ravilious to stay on beyond the time if he wished. In September, he was in Newhaven, not far from Eastbourne where he had spent his childhood, making "pre-invasion drawings of coast defences", reporting nonchalantly: Ravilious was then granted a further six months contract, which was to be deferred to allow him time to work on his submarine lithographs. Ravilious was now interested in publishing these as a book, but it proved impossible. The committee were not willing to fund the prints but decided to purchase the original drawings, although at first Ravilious could not find two of them, and one of the images was stopped by the censor. His new contract with the Admiralty began on 15 Jul, first in Dover, but then to the east coast ports of Scotland, at the suggestion of his friend and fellow Admiralty artist John Nash. Here he spent time with the Fleet Air Arm and developed a fascination for planes, particularly Walruses. "They are comic things with a strong personality like a duck, and designed to go slow". In January Ravilious received in principle approval of a proposal to go to Russia, but felt there would not be time. At the end of the current contract, when a renewal was suggested, he requested that he be allowed to work on air subjects rather than naval. His new contract began on 22 February and he spent time at air bases in the plain of York and at Sawbridgeworth. In June and July, there was much discussion of a MoI proposal of two subjects for Ravilious, ultimately abortive despite his enthusiasm: On the 2nd September, his flight failed to return and he was reported missing, presumed dead. There are also some enquiries from would-be purchasers of his work; correspondence between the IWM and the Towner Art Gallery, Eastbourne, regarding a memorial exhibition in ; and correspondence and text of an article on Ravilious by Mollie Baxter.

Chapter 4 : Liberal England: Eric Ravilious & Co. in Sheffield

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There he became close friends with Edward Bawden [5] his painting of Bawden at work is in the collection of the College [6] and, from , studied under Paul Nash. John Ravilious; the photographer James Ravilious ; and Anne Ullmann, editor of books on her parents and their work. Richards as "sharp in detail, clean in colour, with an odd humour in their marionette-like figures" and "a striking departure from the conventions of mural painting at that time", but was destroyed by bombing in When Ravilious and Bawden graduated from the RCA they began exploring the Essex countryside in search of rural subjects to paint. Bawden rented Brick House in Great Bardfield as a base and when he married Charlotte Epton, his father bought it for him as a wedding present. Ravilious and Garwood lodged in Brick House with the Bawdens until when they purchased Bank House at Castle Hedingham , [12] which is now also marked by a blue plaque. There were eventually several other Great Bardfield Artists. In Ravilious and his wife painted murals at the Midland Hotel in Morecambe. He went on to produce work both for large companies such as the Lanston Corporation and smaller, less commercial publishers, such as the Golden Cockerel Press [8] for whom he illustrated an edition of Twelfth Night , [15] the Curwen Press and the Cresset Press. In the mids he took up lithography, making a print of Newhaven Harbour for the "Contemporary Lithographs" scheme, and a set of full-page lithographs, mostly of shop interiors, for a book called High Street, with text by J. In February , Ravilious held his second exhibition at the Zwemmer Gallery and again it was a success, with 28 out of the 36 paintings shown being sold. His work for them included a commemorative mug to mark the abortive coronation of Edward VIII ; the design was revised for the coronation of George VI. He frequently returned to Furlongs, the cottage of Peggy Angus. He said that his time there "altered my whole outlook and way of painting, I think because the colour of the landscape was so lovely and the design so beautifully obvious Murals[edit] Ravilious was commissioned to paint murals on the walls of the tea room on Victoria Pier at Colwyn Bay in His work decorated the walls of the tea room and featured an underwater ruin scene with pink and purple seaweed One wall of the Eric Ravilious work has been lost because of water getting into the building, and the whole thing has been covered over with several coats of paint and plaster. The next stage will be to find a home for them. If the trust succeed in rebuilding the pier, we hope they could return one day. While based there he painted ships at the dockside, barrage balloons at Sheerness and other coastal defences. Dangerous Work at Low Tide, depicts bomb disposal experts approaching a German magnetic mine on Whitstable Sands. Two members of the team Ravilious painted were later awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Highlander returned to Scapa Flow before departing for Norway a second time on 31 May The following evening Glorious was sunk, with great loss of life. The rent on this property was paid partly in cash and partly in paintings, which are among the few private works Ravilious completed during the war. In Scotland, Ravilious first stayed with John Nash and his wife at their cottage on the Firth of Forth and painted convoy subjects from the signal station on the Isle of May. There he worked on his York paintings and requested a posting to a nearby RAF base while Garwood recovered. At Sawbridgeworth he began flying regularly in the de Havilland Tiger Moths based at the flying school there and would sketch other planes in flight from the rear cockpit of the plane. The day he arrived there, 1 September, a Lockheed Hudson aircraft had failed to return from a patrol. The next morning three planes were despatched at dawn to search for the missing plane and Ravilious opted to join one of the crews. The plane he was on also failed to return and after four days of further searching, the RAF declared Ravilious and the four-man crew lost in action. His body was not recovered and he is commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial.

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Chapter 8 : Ravilious & Co: The Pattern of Friendship | Current | Exhibitions | British Council â Visual Arts

Eric Ravilious & Co. in Sheffield This morning I caught a train to Sheffield to see the exhibition Ravilious & Co: The Pattern of Friendship at the city's Millennium Gallery. This is a major touring exhibition.

Chapter 9 : Eric Ravilious () , Wiltshire Landscape | Christie's

Towner Art Gallery is home to the largest collection of works by renowned Eastbourne-born artist Eric Ravilious who was famously inspired and constantly drawn back to the beautiful South Downs landscape with its dramatic cliff line, fascinating white chalk figures carved into the hills and its wild seascape, as the muse for his hundreds of watercolour works.