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6 At first glance you could be forgiven for thinking that Rug Chapel (page 102) is in Scandinavia rather than Wales. Its painted decoration is in the same vein as this Swedish 1770 fall-front bureau. And the wooden figures are similar to this one, believed to be a wise man separated from his fellow nativity-scene worshippers; apparently it was common practice in Sweden to dress such characters in the style of the day, hence his early 19th-century attire. They cost £10,500 and £3,000 respectively, and are available from specialist folk-art dealer Robert Young (020 7228 7847) ■

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