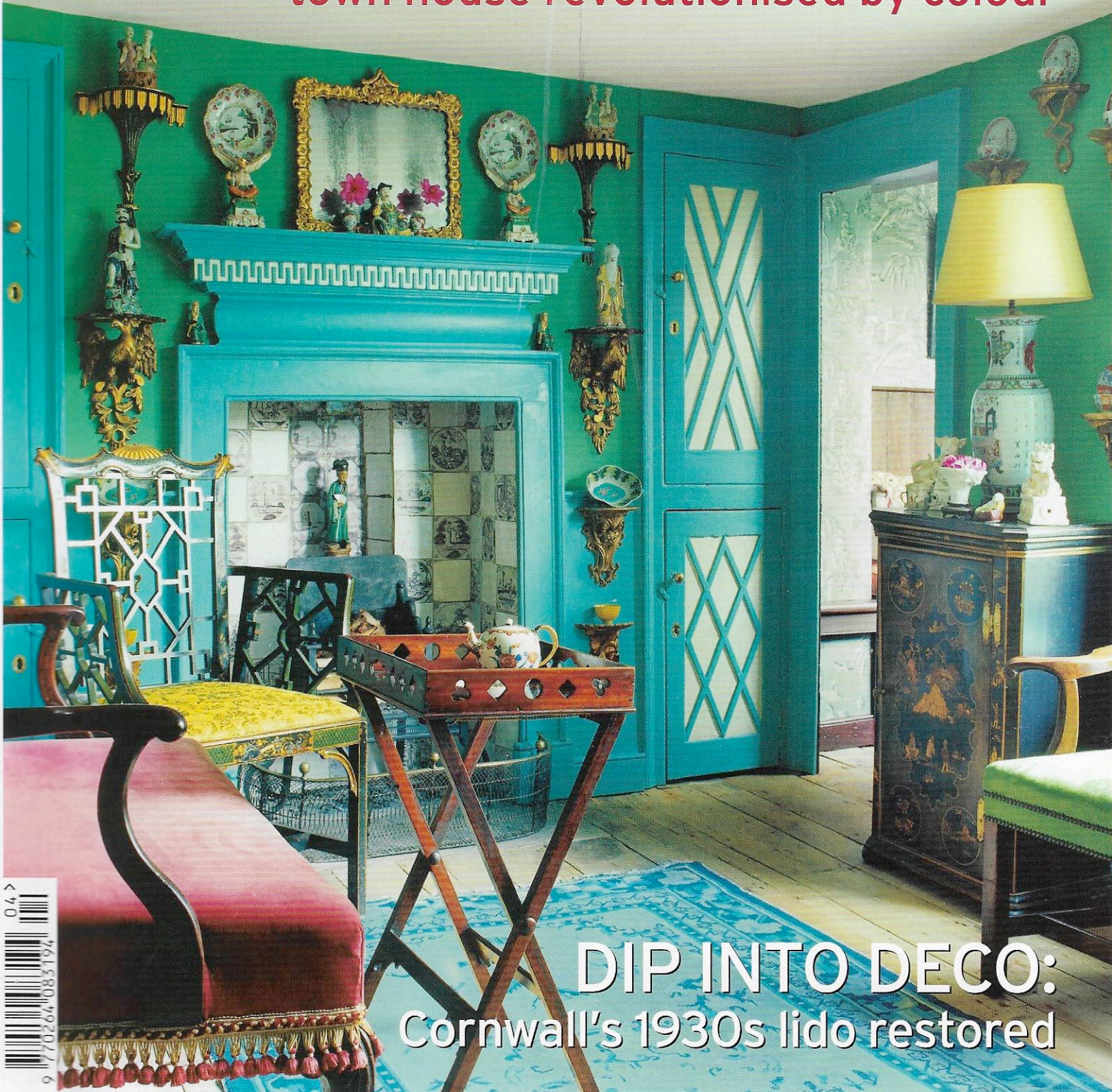


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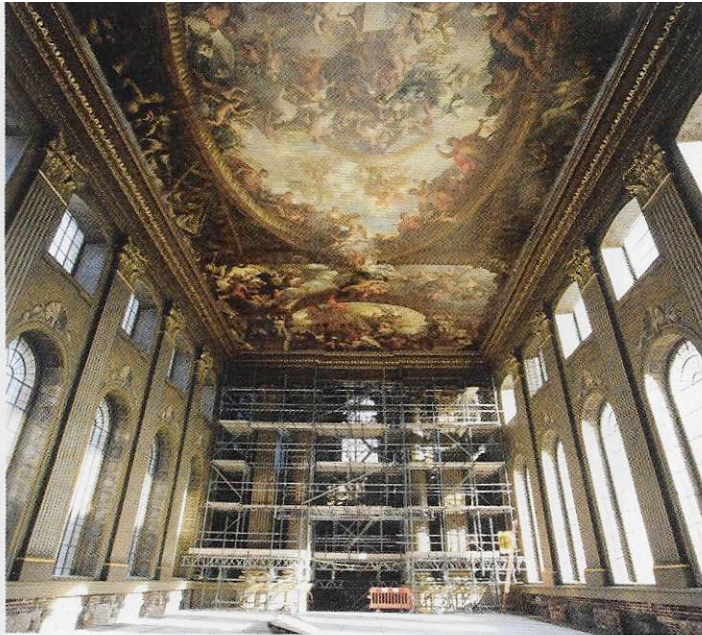
THE WORLD OF INTERIORS

GLOSSED AND FOUND: Neglected Georgian town house revolutionised by colour



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In 1728, James Thornhill finally finished a 'great and laborious undertaking': **THE PAINTED HALL** at the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich. The artist was somewhat disgruntled, however, for he had not yet been paid for the 19 years he'd spent creating what might be the grandest dining room in the Western world. His remittance would take nearly as long to arrive, in which time the room, deemed too opulent for daily use, was open to (respectable) members of the public for a small fee, who could come and ogle its triumphant trompe-l'oeil depictions of captured Spanish galleons, valiant English men-o'-war, Classical allegories and modern monarchs (King William is shown trampling on the head of the recently vanquished Louis XIV). Those visitors, poor things, had to look from the floor. But as of **1 APRIL**, the lucky public will be offered a privileged perspective (albeit temporarily), while the ceiling undergoes another great and laborious undertaking: a conservation project to the tune of £8.5 million. A platform, accessed by a lift, will allow for naval gazing (of the best kind), and tours will give people a chance to see conservation in progress. Details: 020 8269 4747; ornc.org.

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10 MARCH CHRISTIE'S, OLD BROMPTON RD, LONDON SW7 **HANDPICKED**. The first of two sales offering, in total, 100 works by as many artists from Charles Saatchi's collection. Profits support the Saatchi Gallery's free entry and education programme. Missed it? The New York sale takes place on 22 March. Details: 020 7930 6074; christies.com.

14 MARCH THE PEDESTAL, MOOR PARK, RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS **FINE FURNITURE AND OBJECTS**. Chance your arm for such lots as an 18th-century carved gilt-wood fauteuil. Details: 020 7281 2790; thepedestal.com.

15-19 MARCH CHELSEA OLD TOWN HALL, KING'S RD, LONDON SW3 **CHELSEA ANTIQUES FAIR**. London pride: the fair this year gives culture from the capital a look-in. A first edition of Harry Beck's 'tidied-up' Tube map is a highlight. Details: 01886 833091; penman-fairs.co.uk.

15-21 MARCH DUKE OF YORK SQUARE, KING'S RD, LONDON SW3 **BADA FAIR**. Head off to see a man about a doge - his palace in Venice, that is, as depicted by Samuel Prout in c1828, and on display at John Spink's stand. Details: 020 7589 6108; badafair.com.

19 MARCH DULWICH COLLEGE, DULWICH COMMON, LONDON SE21 **MID-CENTURY MODERN**. Classics and collectables spanning the 20th century. Details: modernshows.com.

21 MARCH RIBA, PORTLAND PLACE, LONDON W1, **MIES & STIRLING: CONTEMPORARY REFLECTIONS**. A panel discusses how two London projects by the architects - Stirling's posthumous No. 1 Poultry and Mies's unbuilt Mansion House Square - have shaped the city. Featuring Peter Palumbo, who commissioned both schemes. Details: 020 7580 5533; architecture.com.

21-23 MARCH CHRISTIE'S, KING ST, LONDON SW1 **ROBERT DE BALKANY: THE COTE D'AZURE AND ROME**. Two globes - one celestial, one terrestrial - are worth moving heaven and earth for. Details: 020 7839 9060; christies.com.

25 MARCH CHATSWORTH HOUSE, BAKEWELL, DERBS **SEASON OPENING**. Spring awakening. The first exhibition of the season, *House Style*, looks at 500 years of fashion at Chatsworth. Details: 01246 565300; chatsworth.org.

25 MARCH SELVEDGE, ARCHWAY RD, LONDON N6 **KANTHA STITCH COURSE**. Learn the art of Bengali embroidery under the tutelage of textile artist Lynn Setterington. Details: 020 8341 9721; selvedge.org. ▷

SERIOUS pursuits

Auctions, antique fairs and diverting activities, chosen by Grace McCloud



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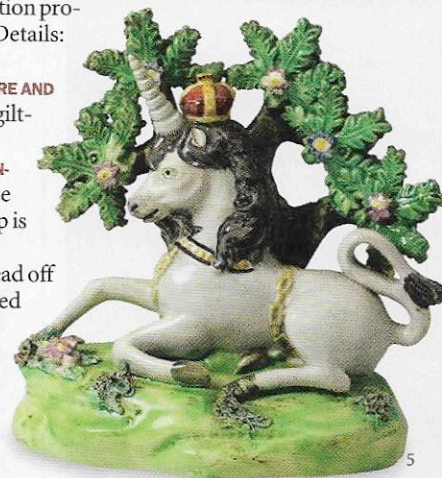


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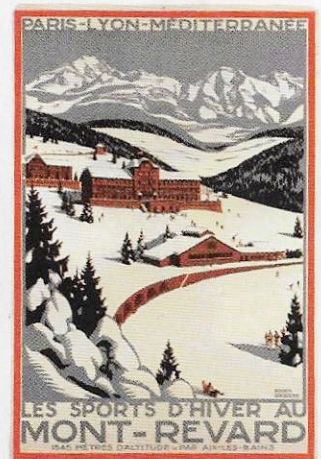


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1 The Painted Hall, Greenwich, from 1 April. 2 Horace Hone, *Portrait of Sir William Forbes, 6th Baronet*, 1785, Sotheby's, 28 March. 3 David Hockney, *Afternoon Swimming*, 1980, Sotheby's, 4 April. 4 Angus McBean, *Audrey Hepburn*, 1951, Sotheby's, 5 April. 5 John Walton, Staffordshire pearlware unicorn, c1820, John Howard at Cada Fair, 30 March-2 April.



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6 Roger Broders, poster advertising winter sports at Mont Revard, 1927, Barclay Samson at Chelsea Antiques Fair, 15-19 March. 7 Samuel Prout, *Ducal Palace, Venice*, c1828, John Spinks at Bada Fair, 15-21 March



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