

## Ceramics



**1**  
Rare pair Staffordshire models of lions, recumbent on bases decorated with Pratt colours, late 18thC, 21.5cm, one with small chip & fire cracks to base. *Woolley & Wallis, Salisbury. Nov 02. HP: £6,400. ABP: £7,528.*



**2**  
Near pair of Pratt pottery groups, one with girl playing a hurdy gurdy, youth a French horn with dog at foot, other with youth playing a flute standing beside a seated girl, square hollow bases, each approx 8.5in. *Gorringes, Bexhill. Mar 02. HP: £2,000. ABP: £2,352.*



**3**  
Early 19thC Prattware Waterloo jug, acorn frieze and scroll handle moulded with the Duke of Wellington on horseback opposed by a military trophy, initialled WL and dated 1814, 6in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Apr 02. HP: £1,800. ABP: £2,117.*



**4**  
Prattware plaque with a hunting scene, early 19thC, 23cm. *Woolley & Wallis, Salisbury. Nov 03. HP: £1,550. ABP: £1,823.*



**5**  
Prattware model of St George and the dragon, probably Yorkshire, early 19thC, 28.5cm. *Woolley & Wallis, Salisbury. Nov 03. HP: £1,300. ABP: £1,529.*



**6**  
Rare Staffordshire Prattware figural pipe formed as a monkey in military uniform, tail forming the mouthpiece, c1800, 11.2cm high. *Bristol Auction Rooms, Bristol. May 03. HP: £1,050. ABP: £1,235.*



**7**  
18thC Prattware pipe as a seated Martha Gunn pipe smoker, 4.5in, pipe bowl and mouthpiece restored. *Gorringes, Lewes. Apr 02. HP: £980. ABP: £1,152.*

Prices quoted are actual hammer prices (HP) and the Approximate Buyer's Price. (ABP) Includes an average premium of 15% + VAT.



**8**  
Prattware lidded Toby jug, modelled as a seated toper, tricorne hat, blue jacket and breeches, holding a toby jug and goblet, a dog between his feet, figural moulded handle, canted oblong base, 19thC, 10in high. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Oct 06. HP: £980. ABP: £1,152.*



**9**  
Rare Prattware jug, c1800, decorated with birds on a branch feeding their young, opposite a landscape with a windmill and cottage, painted in yellow, green, ochre and blue, hairline to spout, 19cm. *Sworders, Stansted Mountfitchet. Feb 05. HP: £920. ABP: £1,082.*



**10**  
George III shell-moulded Prattware vase, relief-moulded with a portrait bust to each side, one poss. King George III, other bearded, shrouded and wreathed, feather-edge mouldings painted in blue, pedestal stem, 8.5in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Apr 05. HP: £850. ABP: £999.*



**11**  
Prattware relief moulded jug, c1800, 13.5cm. *Woolley & Wallis, Salisbury. Nov 03. HP: £780. ABP: £917.*



**12**  
Late 18thC Prattware 'Lord Jarvis' jug, relief-moulded and painted with a three-quarter length portrait of Admiral Jervis in ochre coat with blue cape, two naval ships in middle-distance, simple loop handle moulded with acanthus foliage, c1798, 7.5in. high, base restored. *Gorringes, Lewes. Apr 03. HP: £750. ABP: £882.*



**13**  
Early 19thC Prattware cow and milkmaid group, cow with random pink colouring, milkmaid carrying basket, a calf lying beside, oval base sponged in blue, brown and ochre, 5.75in, restoration. *Gorringes, Lewes. Oct 07. HP: £750. ABP: £882.*

## What is Pratt Ware or Prattware?

The name Pratt is associated with much confusion. Pratt Ware historically is the name associated with relief decorated, underglaze painted creamware and pearlware made from about 1780 to 1840. This light density earthenware was the standard body of the period. The name relates to a family of potters working in Lane Delph in The Potteries in the late eighteenth century and at Fenton after 1807. The generic link to the type has been made because of the existence of two early jugs, both marked PRATT, but it was made by many other potters in Staffordshire, Yorkshire, Liverpool, Tyneside, Wearside, Devon and on the east and west coasts of Scotland. Today these fine relief-moulded earthenwares are quite rare and can really only be found through specialist dealers or at ceramics fairs. I have included 45 examples. F & R Pratt of Fenton, the company responsible for making pot lids wasn't established until about 1818 and pot lid manufacture at its earliest is c1850 and later. I have included 36 examples of this later F & R Pratt(ware). They produced a range of ceramic types as well as transfer-printed pot lids. Some auctioneers, instead of cataloguing the type, such as jasperware, and then indicating that the lot is by F & R Pratt, are using instead the term Prattware, which only adds to the confusion. Here I am only concerned with the early Pratt Wares, which are mainly pearlware. The price range does not reach as high as the earlier English delft and slipware types but the rare pair of Staffordshire lions at **1** are still a very creditable result at £6,400 hammer. Like English delft, prices tend to bottom out at about a £100. See **45**. Pratt Ware is a traditional collecting area and has not shown in recent years, the volatility of later, and in particular twentieth century ceramics. I would suggest this to be a worthwhile area that has the potential to prove a reasonable investment in the longer term. Let us have a look at some examples. The type includes an incredible range of figure groups, toby jugs, animalia, pipes and plaques, as well as the more useful wares such as vases, jugs, tobacco boxes, teapots, mugs, sauceboats and even cottages. The underglaze palette, whilst often in the standard underglaze colours is often subdued in tone. Themes embrace almost every concept from the classical to the rustic and even include humour, a rare diversion in the world of late Georgian ceramics, although very much a part of everyday life at the time. Now at about 200 years old it also engages our sense of reverence for its rarity. Standing out in my judgement, is the rare, rustic boy and girl pair at **2** and the highly desirable plaque at **4**. Imagine collecting Prattware and finding a jug with the charming subject matter at **9** or the *Sailor's Return* at **20**. There is much commemorative ware. Examples can be seen at **3**, **10**, **12**, **16**, **18**, **22**, **23**, **26**, **30** and **40**. One of the greatest survivors is the sauceboat in the form of a duck at **21**. When I suggest saving for the better pieces here is a perfect example. I have never seen another and I think the buyer fortunate indeed to have acquired such a rare object for just over £500. Imagine being able to display this on the table in a dining setting knowing that it may perhaps well be one of the few Pratt Ware examples in existence! Dolphin, swan and fox sauceboats are known and to my knowledge only two other duck examples exist. Perhaps one of the most poignant of all of the commemoratives is the fine pearlware mug of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette (**22**) c1793, the year of their executions. Finally there are plenty of new flora wall pockets on the Web from as little as £5 but this 200 year old example at **34** has far more appeal. I am not convinced however that it is English, Pratt Ware or even pearlware. **John Ainsley**



14 Early 19thC Prattware oval tobacco box/cover moulded in relief to one side with carousing grooms & china-men to the other; one holding a parasol, cover finial with a toper asleep on 2 barrels, 5in wide, 6.5in high, restorations to base. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 03. HP: £700. ABP: £823.*



15 Rare Staffordshire Prattware figural pipe formed as an ochre monkey wearing a yellow bicorn hat smoking a pipe, tail forming the mouth-piece, c1800, 13.7cm high. *Bristol Auction Rooms, Bristol. May 03. HP: £660. ABP: £776.*



16 Rare late 18thC Prattware teapoy and cover moulded on both sides with figures, possibly George III and Queen Caroline, 5in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Jul 00. HP: £600. ABP: £705.*



17 Prattware pattern circular medallion moulded with a cherub riding a dolphin painted in green and yellow, 4.5in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 01. HP: £600. ABP: £705.*



18 Early 19thC Prattware commemorative jug moulded in relief with named profile portraits of Admiral Nelson and Captain Berry, flanked each side with frigates in full sail, 6in high, minor chip to spout rim. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 03. HP: £600. ABP: £705.*



19 Pair early 19thC, Prattware models of lions raised on cushion bases, 8cm high. *Holloways, Banbury. Dec 07. HP: £600. ABP: £705.*



20 Prattware, Sailors Return and Farewell jug, c1790, moulded in relief with figures within stiff leaf and acanthus leaf borders, enamelled in Pratt colours, 16cm high, with another leaf moulded Pratt jug. *Rosebery's, London. Mar 06. HP: £460. ABP: £541.*



21 Prattware sauce boat, c1800, modelled as a duck, painted in ochre, yellow, green and blue, 20cm. *Sworders, Stansted Mountfitchet. Nov 04. HP: £440. ABP: £517.*



22 Late 18thC Prattware mug, relief-moulded and painted with portrait roundels of Louis XVI and Marie-Antoinette between acanthus borders, c1793, 6in, two cracks, one restored. *Gorringes, Lewes. Apr 03. HP: £420. ABP: £494.*



23 Late 18thC Prattware French Revolution mug, 'Royal Sufferer's and Duke of York', relief-moulded, painted with portrait bust group of Louis XVI, Marie-Antoinette and the Dauphin, Duke of York to reverse side, cat-claw & leaf borders, c1794, 4.5in, base cracked. *Gorringes, Lewes. Apr 03. HP: £400. ABP: £470.*



24 Early 19thC Prattware bacchus jug, with catfish head spout and otter handle with 2 figures below seated on a wine barrel, applied with fruit, 11in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 02. HP: £340. ABP: £399.*



25 Prattware toby jug modelled as a gentleman wearing tricorne hat, curled wig and blue frock coat, figural loop handle, early 19thC, 8in high. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Jun 06. HP: £340. ABP: £399.*



26 Prattware Napoleonic commemorative jug, c1798, one side moulded in relief with portrait bust of Admiral Duncan, other with Captain Trollope, stiff leaf moulding to the foot and fruiting vines to the collar; painted in Pratt colours, 14cm high. *Rosebery's, London. Mar 06. HP: £320. ABP: £376.*



27 Two early 19thC Pratt style cottage money boxes flanked by figures (one missing), 5in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Oct 00. HP: £320. ABP: £376.*



28 Pratt Ware jug, relief moulded with a pair of children playing, inscribed 'Mischievous Sport', reverse 'Sportive Innocence', 19thC 6in high. *Andrew Hartley, Ilkley. Feb 04. HP: £300. ABP: £352.*



29 Pair of 18thC Prattware figures of Elijah and Widow, 9.5in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Apr 04. HP: £300. ABP: £352.*



30 Pearl glazed earthenware jug decorated in low relief with portraits of Admiral Nelson and Adml Collingwood decorated in brown, mustard and green Pratt enamels, 19cm high, early 19thC. *Bearne's, Exeter. Jun 05. HP: £260. ABP: £305.*



31 19thC Prattware-style money box, in the form of a house flanked by figures, 5.25in high. *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Apr 06. HP: £215. ABP: £252.*



32 Late 18thC Prattware jug, relief-moulded and enamelled with figures and running animals, chipped and cracked, 6.5in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Oct 04. HP: £200. ABP: £235.*



33 Early Prattware cider tankard, decorated with green trellis work within yellow fluted bands, on a white ground, 16cm high, af. *Thos Mawer & Son, Lincoln. Sep 04. HP: £190. ABP: £223.*



34 Pratt type Flora wall pocket, c1800, modelled as a female mask framed by foliate scrolls, in mustard and green glazes, 33cm high. *Rosebery's, London. Sep 04. HP: £180. ABP: £211.*



35 Press moulded cream earthenware figure of a recumbent lion with naively sponged in ochre and yellow Pratt enamels, 7.5cm long. *Bearne's, Exeter. Jun 05. HP: £180. ABP: £211.*



36 19thC Pearlware Pratt type pastille burner and cover, 5.5in. *Louis Taylor, Stoke on Trent. Mar 06. HP: £180. ABP: £211.*

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Prattware Macaroni tea caddy, c1780, sides moulded in relief with Macaroni figures, costumes in Pratt colours and within blue banded borders, 13cm high. *Rosebery's, London. Dec 04. HP: £170. ABP: £199.*

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Late 18thC Prattware tea caddy moulded with caricatures of George III and Queen Charlotte, 5in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Apr 02. HP: £160. ABP: £188.*

Images are in descending hammer price order. The price range is indicated at the start of each section.

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Pratt type Toby jug with caryatid handle, jug of and cover missing, 10in high. *Tring Market Auctions, Herts. Sep 02. HP: £150. ABP: £176.*

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Pratt Ware, Napoleonic commemorative pearlware jug, c1810, relief moulded with portraits of Lord Wellington opposed by General Hill, each flanked by flags and painted in coloured enamels, 16cm high. *Rosebery's, London. Mar 06. HP: £150. ABP: £176.*



Pair of Prattware plates, ochre enamelled decoration, 9.5in dia. *Sworders, Stansted Mountfichet. Apr 01. HP: £140. ABP: £164.*

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Late 18thC Prattware figure of Diana, 9in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Apr 04. HP: £140. ABP: £164.*



Early 19thC Pratt style plate decorated with a steam driven carriage entitled 'Dampf Coach Von London Nach Liverpool' within a floral moulded border, 7in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Feb 01. HP: £130. ABP: £152.*

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Staffordshire miniature model of a cock, 19thC, plumage painted in Pratt colours, 6cm high. *Rosebery's, London. Dec 04. HP: £120. ABP: £141.*

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Pratt ware deer modelled recumbent with brown dappled spots, on a leaf moulded mound, early 19thC, 5.5in wide. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Jun 07. HP: £85. ABP: £99.*

## The Wares of F & R Pratt

The light density earthenwares shown previously, which date from c1780 to 1830 are known generically as Pratt Ware. Below and opposite are a range of ceramics, being mainly pot lids, produced by F & R Pratt, mainly in the post 1850 period. Except at the top end of the market, prices of pot lids have not held up in recent years. The highest price paid at auction to my knowledge for a single pot lid, which included its base was £1,800 hammer in June 2007. This was *The Hop Queen*, with the Pratt/Prince Albert backstamp. It was however restored. £320 hammer has been paid for a *Crystal Palace, Interior* with a hairline crack and the Pratt/Prince Albert backstamp. Similarly *Grace Before Meals*, a very early lid, c1850, realised £300

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Victorian Prattware part dessert service of 14 pieces, 3 oval comports, a circular comport & 11 plates. *Clarke Gammon, Guildford. Apr 02. HP: £450. ABP: £529.*

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Two Victorian Prattware oval pot lids depicting smoking scenes, oak frames. *Reeman Dansie, Colchester. Apr 06. HP: £320. ABP: £376.*

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Victorian Staffordshire dessert service, probably by F. & R. Pratt of Fenton, 24 pieces including nine various comports, printed with river-scapes in colours against broad gilded blue borders. *Gorringes, Lewes. Apr 07. HP: £320. ABP: £376.*

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19thC Prattware pottery dessert service, printed in colours with 4 differing scenes: *The Roman Ruins* (Ball No. 420), *The Ruined Temple* (Ball No. 421), *The Rustic Laundry Woman* (Ball No. 422), and *A Rural Scene* (Ball No. 428), all green/gilt borders, a tall comport, 9.5in dia x 5.75in high, 2 comports, 9in dia x 4.5in high, 4 low comports, 9in dia x 2in high, and 12 9in plates. (unmarked but No. 123 to bases, some damage/scratching to green borders. *Canterbury Auction Galleries, Kent. Jun 07. HP: £200. ABP: £230.*

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Pair of Victorian Prattware Grecian style black glazed twin handled vases, bases marked F & R Pratt Frinton Manufacturers to Prince Albert 10in. *Denhams, Warnham, Sussex. Aug 05. HP: £190. ABP: £223.*

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Three Victorian matching dessert plates, by F. & R. Pratt of Fenton, with pot lid type depictions of *The Truant* after T. Webster and *The Hop Queen* after W.F. Witherington, within acorn and oak leaf borders, 9.5in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Apr 03. HP: £190. ABP: £223.*

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Pair of Victorian Prattware circular Grecian style black glazed candlesticks 9in, no mark to base. *Denhams, Warnham, Sussex. Aug 05. HP: £170. ABP: £199.*

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Five Pratt ware printed pot lids decorated with 'The Rivals', 'A Pair', 'Contrast', 'I See You My Boy' and 'On Guard', all titled and ebonized in moulded frames, all 2nd half 19thC. *Woolley & Wallis, Salisbury. Sep 00. HP: £170. ABP: £199.*

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Three 19thC Prattware dessert plates, centres printed with various views of 'The Hop Queen', 'The Truant' and 'I See You My Boy', all within bold oak leaf and acorn borders decorated in gilt, each 9.5in dia, one with retailer's mark of James Muggleton, 8 New Street, Birmingham to base. *Canterbury Auction Galleries, Kent. Feb 06. HP: £160. ABP: £188.*

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Set of four Prattware pomadore lids, 'A letter from the Diggings', 'Uncle Toby', 'The Shrimpers' and 'Tam O' Shanter and Souter Johnny', 4.25in wide, all in ebonized frames. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Oct 06. HP: £160. ABP: £188.*

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Victorian Prattware pot lid, 'Shakespeare's Birthplace, Stratford-on-Avon', 4in dia, framed. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Feb 06. HP: £130. ABP: £152.*

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Mid 19thC Prattware plate with rare printed mark, c1847-60. *Henry Adams, Chichester. Jul 06. HP: £120. ABP: £141.*



58 Victorian Prattware pot lid, of a Turkish beauty at her dressing table, 3in dia, framed. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Feb 06. HP: £90. ABP: £105.*



59 Collection of three Prattware jars and covers, English 19thC, two of shaped rectangular form one of circular form, each decorated with figural scenes. *Rosebery's, London. Jan 06. HP: £80. ABP: £94.*



60 Victorian Prattware pot lid, of a seated dog waking a sleeping child, 3in dia, framed. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Feb 06. HP: £80. ABP: £94.*



61 Six various Pratt pot lids. *Great Western Auctions, Glasgow. May 06. HP: £75. ABP: £88.*



62 Three Prattware pot lids, 'The Time', 'A False Move' and 'The Shakespearean - Where He Was Born'. *Gorringes, Bexhill. Oct 05. HP: £65. ABP: £76.*



63 19thC Prattware oval dish 'The blind fiddler' after Sir David Wilkie, 12.25in, marked Pratt. *Ewbank Auctioneers, Send, Surrey. Dec 05. HP: £60. ABP: £70.*



64 Victorian Prattware pot lid, printed with travellers in a country landscape, 3in dia, another of figures and resting sheep by corn stocks, 3in dia. (damaged), both framed. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Feb 06. HP: £60. ABP: £70.*



65 Victorian Prattware pot lid 'Alas Poor Bruin', 3in dia, framed. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Feb 06. HP: £52. ABP: £61.*



66 Victorian Prattware pot lid, 'The Listener', 3in dia, framed. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Feb 06. HP: £50. ABP: £58.*



67 Victorian Prattware pot lid, 'Pegwell Bay', 4in dia, framed. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Feb 06. HP: £45. ABP: £52.*



68 Victorian Prattware pot lid, printed with country women and children in a wheat field, 4in dia, framed. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Feb 06. HP: £45. ABP: £52.*



69 Victorian Prattware pot lid, of children by a chicken coop, 4in dia, framed. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Feb 06. HP: £42. ABP: £49.*



70 Two Pratt Ware pot lids on bases entitled War & Peace (after Wouwerman) both with trefoil shaped lids. A/F *Kent Auction Galleries, Folkestone. Feb 06. HP: £40. ABP: £47.*



71 Victorian Prattware pot lid, 'Landing The Fare, Pegwell Bay', 4in dia, framed. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Feb 06. HP: £40. ABP: £47.*



72 Victorian Prattware pot lid, 'Royal Harbour, Ramsgate', 4in dia, framed. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Feb 06. HP: £40. ABP: £47.*



73 Victorian Prattware pot lid, of Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf, 3in dia, framed. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Feb 06. HP: £38. ABP: £44.*



74 Victorian Prattware pot lid, of cockle pickers, 4in dia, framed. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Feb 06. HP: £35. ABP: £41.*

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75 Prattware ovoid botanical vase. *Gorringes, Bexhill. Oct 05. HP: £30. ABP: £35.*



76 Victorian Prattware pot lid, of figures in a Dutch winter landscape, 3in dia, framed. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Feb 06. HP: £30. ABP: £35.*



77 Prattware pot lid and base, polychrome printed with the Albert Memorial, 4in dia. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Nov 06. HP: £30. ABP: £35.*



78 Pratt ware pot lid and base, 'The Village Wedding', polychrome printed after Teniers, 4in dia, another example of Children fishing (damaged). 4in dia. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Nov 06. HP: £25. ABP: £29.*



79 Pratt style pot lid and matched pot, printed with a view of Strasbourg, pot with green marbled glaze, impressed number 17 to the underside, (s.d), dia of lid 4.75in. *Fellows & Sons, Hockley, Birmingham. Oct 03. HP: £20. ABP: £23.*



80 19thC Prattware Pot Lid 'I consent she replied, if you promise that no jealous rival shall laugh me to scorn', 4in dia, with base. *Ewbank Auctioneers, Send, Surrey. Dec 05. HP: £20. ABP: £23.*



81 Victorian Prattware paste pot lid, 'The Travellers rest', 4in, framed. *Golding Young & Co, Grantham. Feb 06. HP: £20. ABP: £23.*