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Antique & Contemporary Silver

8¼" George V jubilee silver salver

William Hutton & Sons

Sold



REF: 5771

Diameter: 210 mm (8.27")

Weight: 362 g

Description

An 8¼" silver salver with shaped outline and thread or reed decoration, raised upon three outswept legs. The hallmark bears the 1935 jubilee hallmark commemorating the silver anniversary of King George V's accession to the throne.

The term salver was used in England from the mid-seventeenth century to denote a flat tray without handles, usually made of silver. Like this one, some salver designs feature supporting feet - usually three or four. The word derives from the Latin *salvare* meaning to save. Originally, food or drink intended for royalty would be initially tasted by a servant for signs of poison before it reached the royal top table. Being served on the salver indicated that this process had taken place and the food and drink was now fit for a king.

Salvers later became commonplace in aristocratic and wealthy homes and Samuel Pepys is recorded as an owner of a salver, signifying his high social standing.