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George II silver tankard

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REF: 2553

Height: 210 mm (8.27")

Diameter: 120 mm (4.72")

Weight: 997 g

Description

George II silver tankard with domed cover, cast openwork thumbpiece and mounted on a cast spreading circular base. The tankard has a lovely patina and is a fine example of its type and in very good condition.

A tankard is a lidded drinking vessel. Unlidded drinking vessels with a handle are called mugs. Although it seems strange now to drink out of a lidded vessel this was the norm until the second half of the 18th century. Perhaps this was because ceilings were not plastered underneath, so without a lid you stood the risk of having dirt, straw and spiders dropping into your ale.

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