

# SOMETHING FOR THE WEEKEND DURING THE SUMMER

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## ‘The Paston Treasure: Riches and Rarities of the Known World’ major British art exhibition

**Current exhibition held at Norwich Castle this Summer until September 23rd 2018**

In collaboration with the Yale Center for British Art, this stunning exhibition explores the origins of the enigmatic painting, *The Paston Treasure* (c. 1663-5), from the deep-rooted and famed world of the Paston family to their rich collections once held at Oxnead Hall in Norfolk. It will depict the large oil painting's treasures, archives and archaeological evidence for the first time in three centuries. It is truly a painting like no other and a rare record of British 17th century history.

The Paston Treasure: Riches and Rarities of the Known World at Norwich Castle Museum & Art Gallery brings together unique artefacts and surviving treasures from the perspective of a single mysterious masterpiece. The art piece has survived a vigorous history and is now exhibited for all to witness in one of the greatest art collections in England.

"The painting is not just a typical seventeenth century still life, but the key to unlocking a fascinating, dramatic and ultimately tragic story: of a family, a collection, and a great house."



- Francesca Vanke, Keeper of Art and Curator of Decorative Art at Norwich Castle Museum, and curator of the exhibition.

Research the painting's history on the museum's website [museums.norfolk.gov.uk/norwich-castle/whats-on/exhibitions/the-paston-treasure](https://museums.norfolk.gov.uk/norwich-castle/whats-on/exhibitions/the-paston-treasure) and plan a visit to this once-in-a-lifetime exhibition.

