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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Antique Georgian style oval silver salver
James Dixon & Sons

Sold



REF: 5852

Width: 250 mm (9.84")

Depth: 180 mm (7.09")

Weight: 359 g

Description

An attractive antique oval silver salver in the Georgian style with an applied bead and harebell border, and mounted on four ball and claw feet.

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