

TREASURE CHESTS FROM DEED BOXES

Solicitors disposing of their old deed boxes will find a grateful recipient for them in Ardyn Griffin. She hunts down unloved chests and boxes, sandblasts them, then paints them with intricate tracery. She brings plants in from her garden – tomatoes and thistles for instance – and immortalises them; a cat may be seen peering through the leaves or a bird spied perched on a slender branch.

She values having so many surfaces to work on within a single item. Her latest work, exploring the elements of Earth, Air, Fire and Water can be seen until 22 December at the Yew Tree Gallery, Fiery Beacon, Painswick, Gloucestershire. Prices range from £90 to £400. Call Gill Wyatt Smith on 0452- 813601 for details. **MH**

