



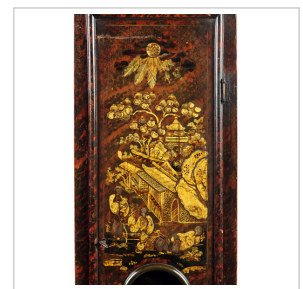
### QUEEN ANNE RED JAPANNED TORTOISESHELL LONGCASE CLOCK BY "BENJAMIN BROADHEAD, LONDON" - REF 2141

A fine Queen Anne red japanned, tortoiseshell longcase clock by Benjamin Broadhead, London. The hood with inverted bell shaped pagoda with fretwork sounding apertures, tapering columns bordering a decorated door frame. The trunk door decorated with classical chinoiserie of Chinese figures, buildings and flowers, with lenticle over a decorated plinth base.

The movement with five finned pillars, internally rack striking the hours on a bell. The dial with periodically characteristic shallow arch with strike/silent selector with an engraved terrifying "green man" background. A silvered chapter ring is bordered by grotesque mask spandrels, with a second hand and date aperture. The matted dial centre with a rare floral engraved central makers cartouche signed "B. Broadhead, Londini Fecit" which is flanked by twin winding holes. The engraving to the dial is strikingly similar to that of a clock by Jonathan Puller in the Weatherfield collection. A superb and elegant clock having great stature and presence.

*Benjamin Broadhead was apprenticed to William Speakman in 1702 and free of the clockmakers company in 1709. The son of a gentleman born in Hoborn, Middlesex. It was very unusual for a gentleman's son to take on a trade, in fact Broadhead may have reverted to being a gentleman on the death of his father, this possibly the reason for the rarity of his clocks. His former employer William Speakman became master of the clockmakers company in 1701.*

**PRICE: £19,900**



**Provenance:** Farmhouse in the West Country.

**Origin & Age:** English, Queen Anne, circa 1710

**Dimensions:** 21¼" max width, 11½" max depth, 98½" high;  
54cm max width, 29cm max depth; 250cm high.

**Restorations:** The movement has been fully overhauled and serviced, minor restorations to case. Base apparently original. Restorations to Pagoda.

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