



# cabinet of curiosity



"Now, now, you can't all  
be umpires!"

Michael ffolkes (born Brian Davis)

AED 2000

*One of a kind*



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## ABOUT

Ink drawing by Michael ffolkes (Brian Davis), titled "Now, now, you can't all be umpires!" The scene depicts a group of children engaged in a chaotic cricket match, with players crowded around the wickets and a spectator leaning against a fence. A newspaper page lies on the ground at lower right. The drawing is signed ffolkes at the upper centre and annotated along the upper edge: "The Griffin No Ball Affair."

Newly framed under museum glass.

Michael ffolkes, born Brian Davis (British, 1925-1988), was a cartoonist and illustrator active in post-war British print media. After service in the Royal Navy during the Second World War, he studied at St Martin's School of Art. He began contributing to Punch in the early 1950s and went on to publish work in The New Yorker, The Spectator, Private Eye, and several national newspapers. Ffolkes also illustrated books and worked as a storyboard artist for television and film productions. His career encompassed editorial cartooning, humorous illustration, and visual commentary across mid- to late-20th-century British publications.

## ITEM DETAILS

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Reference: #PH059

CREATOR	PERIOD / DATE	PLACE OF ORIGIN
Michael ffolkes (born Brian Davis)	1953	England
DIMENSIONS	MATERIALS & TECHNIQUES	CONDITION
Unknown	Ink on Paper	Excellent