

# DREAM WOMAN?

Marianne Whitlock came across this item in the May 1760 issue of the *Gentleman's Magazine* and passed a transcript on to us for the Newsletter.

"Whatever person may read this advert, or should chance to hear of it, are entreated to reflect, if they know a lady that answers the following description:

Tall and graceful in her person, more of the fine woman than the pretty one, good teeth, soft lips, sweet breath with eyes no matter what colour, so they are expressive, of a healthy complexion, rather inclined to fair than brown, neat in person, her bosom full, plump, firm and white, a good understanding without being a wit, but cheerful and lively in conversation, polite and delicate of speech, her temper humane and tender, and to look as if she could feel delight where she wishes to give it.

If such a one there be, there is a gentleman of 2000 pds a year, 52 years of age next July, but a vigorous, strong and amorous constitution that will marry her, be her fortune ever so small and settle on her a clear jointure of 600 pds a year, but then she must consent to live entirely in the country, which if she likes the man, she will not be unwilling to comply with, and it is to be hoped she will have a heart above all mercenary views and honest enough not to be ashamed to own. She loves the man whom she makes her choice. She must not be more than 14 years, nor less than 7 years younger than this gentleman.

If this advertisement should produce an answer, let it be sent to the Smyrna Coffee House, directed to A.B."

Marianne wondered if such a creature exists at all?? It would be interesting to know if A.B. received any replies....