

THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY



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Plate LXXI from *The Gentleman and Cabinet Maker's Director* (1762) 'A Commode. The Bass Relief in the Middle may be carved in Wood, or cast in Brass, or painted on Wood or Copper. That Part in the Middle may be a Door, with the Ornaments on it, and the End parts in the same Manner. On the Top of the Commode is a Design of a Sur – tout, to be made in Silver: a Candlestand at each End is very proper. I would advise to

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions were due on 1st January. If you have not already paid, please send to the Membership Secretary, Dr David Bower, at 2 Welburn Avenue, Leeds LS16 5HJ, as soon as possible. Subscriptions remain £14 single, £21 joint.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LECTURE — Temple Newsam, Monday 8th May

Judith Goodison's lecture is entitled

'Thomas Chippendale junior – Out from the shadow'.

Judith Goodison's forthcoming book 'The Life and Work of Thomas Chippendale junior' rounds off the story of the Chippendale cabinet-making and interior decorating firm. She suggests that the younger man was closely involved before the death of his father, and supervised during his long career the design and making of some of the finest furniture of its time.

There will be an opportunity to examine some of the surprising quantity of furniture attributed to Chippendale junior at Temple Newsam after the lecture.

Doors open at 11.00 for coffee. The AGM will start at 11.30 and is open to all members. A pre-booked seated buffet lunch with wine is available from 12.30 and the lecture will begin at 2.00.

Applications for lunch must be received by 24th April. Tickets for the Lecture can be pre-booked with the lunch and will also be available for the Lecture only at the door.

NEWS — CHIPPENDALE TRICENTENARY 2018

Plans for celebrating the Tercentenary of Thomas Chippendale senior's birth in 1718 were outlined in the previous Newsletter. The Society continues to take a prominent lead in developing both the exhibition to be held at Leeds Museum from 9th February to 10th June, and in hosting the wider programme, Chippendale 300, which is a series of related events and activities being organised by different historic houses, museums and organisations throughout the year.

A new website which will act as a portal for the Tercentenary is being developed and we will inform the membership with more details in the near future.

FUTURE EVENTS

ANNUAL DINNER

Tuesday 6th June, Otley Golf Club, 7.0 for 7.30

Our guests this year are Mr Charles and the Hon. Mrs Anne Dent of Ribston Hall.

No tickets will be issued but applications, including any seating preference, should be made by completing the enclosed reservation form and returning it by 16th May together with your cheque made out to *The Chippendale Society* to

Miss Anne Ambler, Clifton Cottage, Clifton, Otley LS21 2HE

The Golf Club caterer, who provided a most enjoyable meal last year, continues to give excellent service and by pre-selecting prior to the event we have been able to retain the price at £22 per head. Again there are choices for each course. Please indicate your preference on the application form (Keep a note of your choices)

The Golf Club is approached from West Busk Lane and if coming from Otley this is off Bradford Road, second turn right after Kineholme Garage, and admission to the Dining Room is via the Function Room Entrance to the left of the main door as you face the Club House.

BURTON CONSTABLE AND WESSAND HALL Thursday 11th May

A limited number of places are still available

HOLKER HALL and LEIGHTON HALL 18th—19th July

There may be a limited number of places still be available subject to hotel capacity.

For enquiries about both visits please contact Anthony Mills at a.mills.chipsoc@btinternet.com or 01937 588041.

COUNTRY HOUSES of ABERDEENSHIRE and PERTHSHIRE 10th—16th September

This is now fully booked with a waiting list.

Regretfully, the visit to **ST PETERSBURG** in September, jointly with the LAF, has had to be cancelled owing to lack of support.

AUTUMN VISIT

A visit to two historic houses is being planned for the autumn with an overnight stay at a comfortable country house hotel. More information will be sent in the next Newsletter.

Please use the application form sent with the Newsletter to apply for the AGM and Lecture and for the Dinner

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

As announced in the last Newsletter, the committee of the Society decided to introduce a new category of membership, called '**Corporate Membership**', open to a wide variety of businesses and institutions involved in dealing with or caring for eighteenth century furniture, such as antique dealers, furniture restorers, auctioneers, museums and country houses. The committee is pleased to announce that we now have nine Corporate Members whose names will shortly appear on the website. They will be entitled to flexibility in how they take part in events and will receive extra hard copies of the Newsletter.