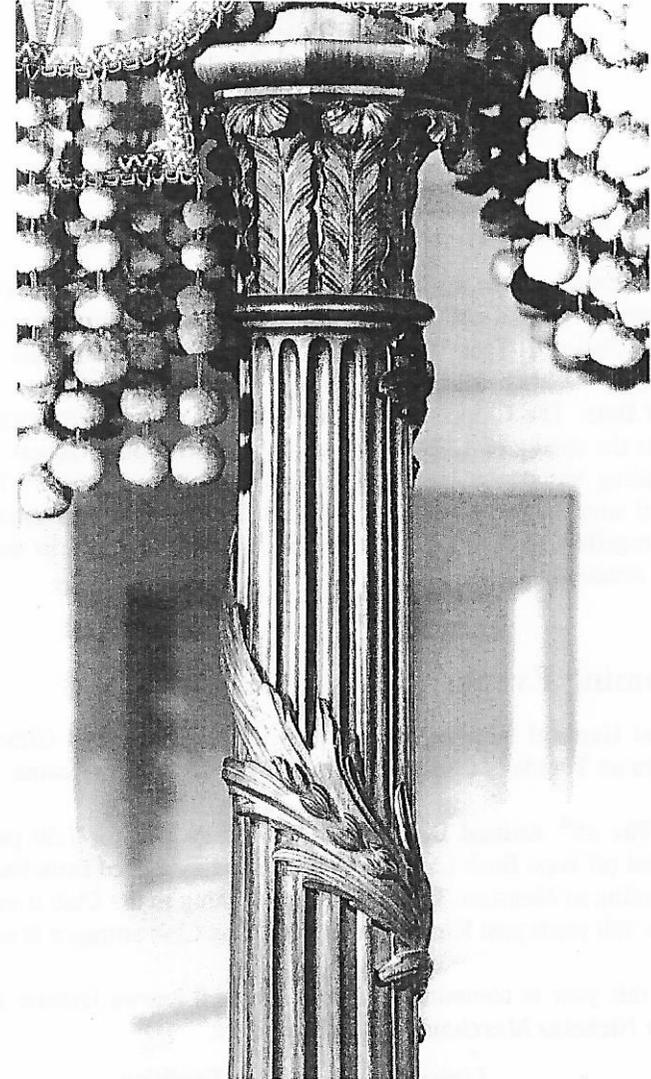


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Detail of a carved mahogany post from a bed at Dumfries House supplied by Chippendale in 1759.

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Breaking News

As this newsletter was going to press it has been announced that Dumfries House, Ayrshire and its unique collection of early Chippendale furniture is to be sold. It follows the National Trust for Scotland's unsuccessful attempts to acquire the property complete with all its furnishings three years ago from the owner, the Marquis of Bute. The Chippendale furniture there, virtually untouched since it was delivered in the spring of 1759, is according to Christopher Gilbert 'unquestionably the outstanding monument to Chippendale's early Rococo phase'. The Society had given moral support to the National Trust for Scotland in their attempt to keep the collection together in the house for which it was made and to avoid this highly regrettable situation.

Forthcoming Events

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the Christopher Gilbert Room, Otley Civic Centre on Tuesday 15th May at 8pm. All members are welcome.

5th June: The 45th Annual Dinner will be held at 7.00 for 7.30 pm at Otley Golf Club, located off West Busk Lane, Otley which is approached from Bradford Road out of Otley leading to Menston. West Busk Lane leading to the Club is on the right hand side approx 300 yards past Kineholme Garage. The Club entrance is on the left.

Our guest this year is committee member and well known lecturer and antiquarian book dealer **Nicholas Merchant** who will speak on

Linley, the Continuing Tradition.

Please note that tickets will **not** be issued. If you would prefer to be seated with friends please indicate on the application form.

We have been able to keep the price at £20 per head on the basis that members and guests make a choice of their main course prior to the event and we would ask you to indicate your preference on the application form, either:

- (A) Otley Golf Club Famous Steak Pie (B) Grilled Halibut Steak Mornay
(C) Vegetarian Meal (D) Gluten-free meal

Please note there will be a choice of starters and desserts

27th June: A Walk around Otley with historian Ian Andrews at 7.30, followed by supper at the Methodist Church Hall. Meeting and parking at the Methodist Church, Walkergate. Cost £6.50 including supper.

Please complete the application form to apply for tickets.

17th July Visit to Ripley Castle and Markenfield Hall

Depart by Britannia coach from Otley Rugby Club 1.15 prompt; 2.15 – 3.30 conducted tour of Ripley Castle with official guide. Optional tea (not included in cost), visit to gardens and/or church. 4.00 depart for Markenfield. 4.30 – 5.30 Conducted tour of Markenfield. 5.30 – 6.00 Glass of wine in gardens. 6.45 arrive back at Otley. Cost £25.

Ripley Castle has been the seat of the Ingilbys since the 14th century and resonates with the history of seven hundred years of continuous occupation by one family. The buildings date from the 15th century onwards with almost every generation making its mark. The interiors vary from low beamed Tudor and Jacobean panelled rooms to elegant 18th century reception rooms with fine portraits and furniture.

Markenfield Hall near Ripon is one of the best kept secrets of Yorkshire. It is probably the most complete moated manor house from late mediaeval period to have survived in the north. Its Courtyard, Great Hall and Chapel remain wonderfully unaltered and have an authentically timeless atmosphere.

Please complete the application form to apply for tickets.