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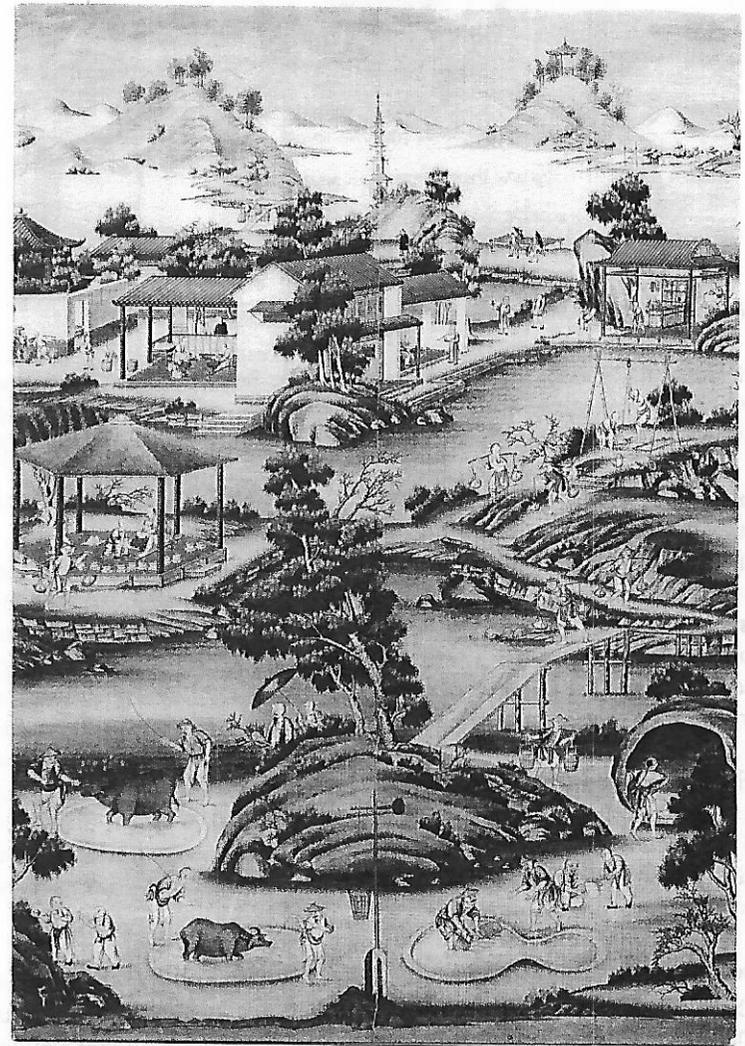
### Visit to DUMFRIES HOUSE and South East Scotland continued

Accommodation is at the 4 star Marine Hotel at Troon (overlooking the 18<sup>th</sup> tee of the famous golf course). Two nights, dinner, bed and breakfast, all transport and admission to the houses is £235. Single room supplement £30 (for two nights). We will travel by comfortable coach with Britannia Travel with pick up points in Otley, Leeds (Kirkstall Abbey), Leeds (City Station) and Wetherby (to be confirmed).

This visit is sure to be popular and tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis. To reserve a place please complete the form overleaf and enclose a deposit of £50 with the cheque made payable to *The Chippendale Society*, and a SAE, to James Lomax, c/o Temple Newsam House, Leeds LS15 OAE.

# The Chippendale Society

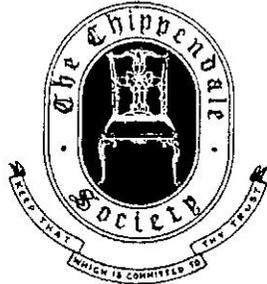
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*Detail of hand-painted Chinese wallpaper hung in Harewood House by Chippendale's men in 1769. The paper, rediscovered in the Carpenter's Workshop after being rolled up for decades, is now beautifully displayed in the East Bedroom*

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## China at Harewood

The East Bedroom, redecorated with the exquisite hand-painted Chinese wallpaper which was almost certainly supplied to Harewood by Thomas Chippendale in the 1760s, will provide a dazzling centrepiece for the 'China at Harewood' exhibition.

The Chinese wallpaper, depicting scenes of Chinese life (see cover), was 'lost' for 150 years until 1988 when around twenty rolls were rediscovered in a carpenter's loft in one of the outbuildings on the Harewood estate. Subsequent research has shown that the rolls form a complete scheme thought to have been commissioned by Edwin Lascelles and installed in 1769 in the first floor Chintz Bedroom as part of the decoration of the newly built house. In the mid 1990s the rolls of paper were conserved to a level that allowed them to be stored for future use. Conservation has been carried out by the foremost specialist in the country, Allyson McDermott who has said that in her opinion 'It is one of the best examples of Chinese wallpaper in the world'. Since the Chintz Bedroom is inaccessible to visitors it has been decided to install it in the ground floor East Bedroom, re-united with the Chinese-inspired japanned furniture that it originally complemented. Other chinoiserie items are being lent (including several pieces from the Society's collection) for the accompanying Chinoiserie exhibition.

The conservation and re-hanging has been made possible by a grant of £83,300 jointly funded by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and the Wolfson Foundation, with further financial support of £38,900 from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation.

Harewood House is open 15<sup>th</sup> March – 2 November 2008 daily 11 am – 4 pm.

## Lecture on Marquetry

13<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7.00

Dr Heinrich Piening, a scientist from Germany, is currently in England undertaking research on the dyes used in 18<sup>th</sup> century furniture at Temple Newsam, Harewood House and the Wallace Collection. He is giving a lecture on his findings and methodology to the Leeds Marquetry Group and everyone interested in this subject is cordially invited to attend. Admission free.

Venue: The Polish Catholic Centre, Newton Hill Road, Chapel Allerton, Leeds LS7 4JE. Further information from Ian Fraser, Hon Conservator of the Chippendale Society, 0113 – 2644913

## Annual Dinner 2008

The Annual Dinner will take place at Otley Golf Club on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 7.00 pm for 7.30. The guest speaker will be Mr Roger Tempest of Broughton Hall. Further details in the next Newsletter.

## Visit to DUMFRIES HOUSE and South East Scotland

16 – 18 June 2008

By kind permission of the new management a privileged visit has been arranged to Dumfries House for members of the Chippendale Society and the Leeds Art Collections Fund. The house, with its incomparable collection of early Chippendale furniture, was saved for the nation last year by the last minute intervention of Prince Charles. It has never been open to the general public before. At present the date of the house's official opening to visitors is not known, but we have been assured that special arrangements will be made to enable us to visit as a group on 17 June.

We will also visit **Drumlanrig Castle**, the magnificent seat of the Duke of Buccleuch and Robert Adam's dramatically situated **Culzean Castle**, and possibly another less well known house in the region. Continued overleaf

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