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# The Chippendale Society

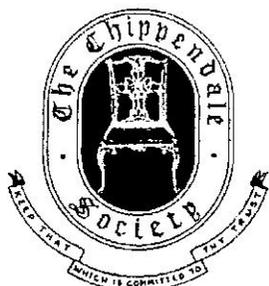
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Chair, japanned and gilded. Attributed to Wright and Elwick of Wakefield, c1760. Lent to the exhibition *Chinese Whispers: chinoiserie in Britain 1650 – 1930* at Royal Pavilion and Art Gallery, Brighton. Private Collection.

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## News

The last Newsletter provided details about the current exhibition on chinoiserie at Harewood House, which focuses in particular on the re-installed Chinese wallpaper originally put up by Chippendale's men in the Chintz Bedroom in 1769.

As the Beijing Olympics approach there are a number of other exhibitions featuring this exotic style, so beloved of Chippendale and his clients. Highly recommended is *Chinese Whispers: chinoiserie in Britain 1600 – 1940* at the Royal Pavilion and Art Gallery, Brighton from 3 May to 2 November. It features a huge array of works of art from the very earliest examples of pre-Civil War 'japanning', through the playful excesses of the rococo, into the fantasies of the Regency, to the enigmatic chinoiseries of Fleur Forsyte's bedroom which has been re-created. Throughout the show chinoiserie is seen as the 'alternative' style to mainstream classicism, often with coded subversive meanings and usually associated with women. Whether you enjoy the furniture, silver, textiles and ceramics for their own charming sake, or as examples of how the Western imagination was inspired by the sublime art of the East, this show is for you. It begins in the Museum and then spills over into the Pavilion, the biggest example of a walk- through chinoiserie experience in the world.

The Society has lent a Chippendale drawing from its own collections, and other lenders include H.M.The Queen, Temple Newsam, Burton Constable, the V & A Museum, and many historic houses and private collections.

For more information see

[www.brighton.virtualmuseum.info/exhibitions/chincsewhispers.asp](http://www.brighton.virtualmuseum.info/exhibitions/chincsewhispers.asp)

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the Christopher Gilbert Room, Otley Civic Centre on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 8.15 p.m. All members are welcome.

## 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner will take place at Otley Golf Club on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. The Society's guest this year is Mr Roger Tempest of Broughton Hall, Skipton.

No tickets will be issued but applications, including seating preference, should be made by completing the reservation form below and returning it together with your cheque to the Treasurer at the address below.

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) Poached fillet of plaice filled with a fresh salmon mousse
- (b) Leg of local lamb with mint sauce and redcurrant jelly
- (c) Vegetarian
- (d) Gluten free

## Annual Dinner

I/ we wish to apply for .....places and enclose my/our cheque for £ ..... made payable to the Chippendale Society

I/we require the following main courses (please insert the number of each in the spaces below)

- (a)                      (b)                      (c)                      (d)

I/we would like to be seated with.....

Name of applicant:.....

Address:.....

Telephone ..... email.....

Please send to John Holdsworth, 74 Riverside Park, Otley, West Yorks LS21 2RW