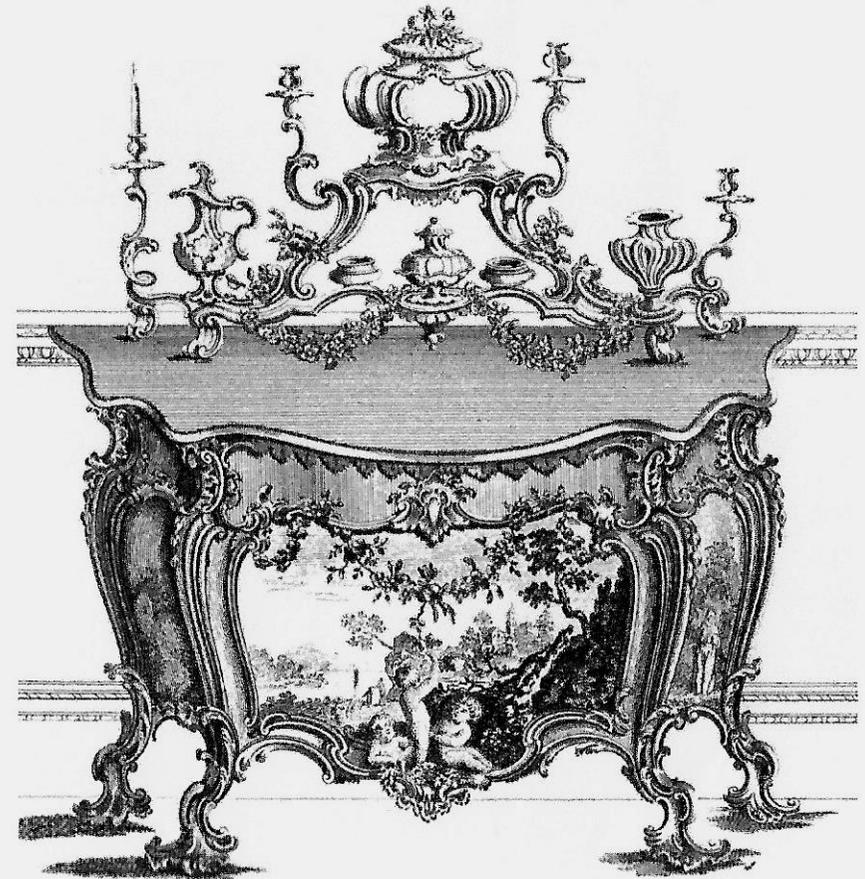


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Detail of plate LXXI from the *Director* (1762 edition). 'A Commode. The Bas Relief in the Middle may be carved in Wood, or cast in Brass, or painted on Wood or Copper. That part in the Middle may be a Door with the ornaments on it, and the End Parts in the same Manner. On top of the Commode is a Design of a Sur-tout, to be made in Silver.....'

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The Annual General Meeting will be held at The Methodist Church Hall, Otley at 7.30pm on Monday 9th May 2011.

Raymond Burton C.B.E.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the recent death of Raymond Burton, a great supporter of the Society and a generous benefactor. He will be greatly missed.

Mrs Pippa Rakusen

Mrs Pippa Rakusen, an active and long standing member of the Society who died in 2009, made a generous bequest to the Society in her will. This will be used to promote the purposes of the Society and one of the first uses will be a contribution towards the eLearning Resource for Schools project (see below).

Thomas Chippendale: Designer and Entrepreneur – an Interactive eLearning Resource

The Chippendale Society has been given a grant of £18,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to develop a new and innovative online resource for schools. This is in addition to contributions from the Society's own funds (the Pippa Rakusen Bequest Fund), the Leeds Art Collections Fund (Christopher Gilbert Memorial Fund) and the four contributing houses. Melissa Gallimore, the Society's Learning Officer, has been appointed to lead the project. She writes:

This project focuses on encouraging young people to engage with the life and work of Thomas Chippendale by involving them with the collections in Yorkshire's historic houses and developing an interactive web resource.

Pupils from local schools will act as 'young consultants' to help develop activities and trails for the Chippendale collections in historic houses across Yorkshire including Harewood House, Burton Constable Hall and Nostell Priory. The Chippendale Society's own collections housed at Temple Newsam will be the subject of study for children from Temple Newsam Halton Primary School.

The children will also assist in the development of the online resources to provide a stimulating and engaging website for all young learners. This will be a unique opportunity to learn about the skills and craftsmanship of furniture making and furnishing design in the 18th century.

The website should be available to all by autumn 2011 and if you would like any further information about the project please contact Melissa Gallimore, Learning Officer for The Chippendale Society via melissa@melissagallimore.com

The Annual Dinner will be held at Otley Golf Club on Tuesday 7th June (the 293rd anniversary of Chippendale's birth). The Guest Speaker will be Mr Patrick Dingwell, Sotheby's Representative in Yorkshire. Please see separate leaflet for details and an application.

Private Visits to Scampston Hall and Birdsall House 4th May 2011

Scampston Hall (home of Sir Charles and Lady Legard) is a remarkably fine early Regency house built for the St Quintin family in a parkland designed by Capability Brown. It has been restored to the highest standards and a contemporary garden created in the old walled garden. The interiors contain a splendid collection of paintings, porcelain and furniture – including a suite attributed to Chippendale.

Birdsall House (home of Lord and Lady Middleton and the Willoughby family) is an early house with many 19th century additions. It contains some exceptional furniture and works of art assembled by this ancient family, with numerous items brought here from their other historic properties, notably from the Elizabethan Woollaton Hall, near Nottingham.

Cost £65. This includes travel by Britannia Coach (from Otley, Kirkstall and Wetherby), coffee on arrival at Scampston and welcome by Sir Charles Legard, a private tour followed by a two course lunch, with time to visit the gardens. In the afternoon there will be a private tour of Birdsall followed by tea. See separate application form.

This is a joint event with the Leeds Art Collections Fund. Places will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Last applications by 7th April.

Other events:

12th April and 10th May Free Study Days at Temple Newsam in connection with the exhibition to celebrate the acquisition of the chinoiserie epergne of 1759 'One of the Prettiest Things I Ever Saw' (see insert). Places are free but must be reserved by telephone or email (0113 2647321 or melanie.craig@leeds.gov.uk). Optional lunch available for £20.