

The Chippendale Society

President: Lord St Oswald

NEWSLETTER No 124

November 2012

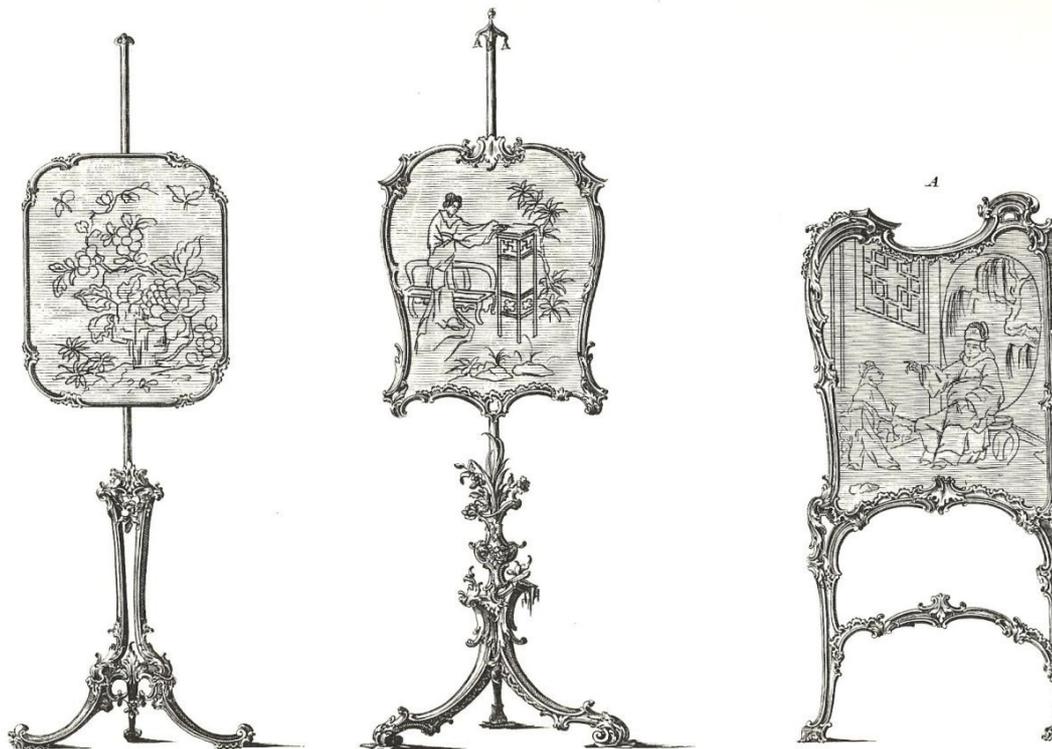


Registered Charity No. 501046

www.thechippendalesociety.co.uk

Nº CLVII.

Fire Screens



'A Chippendale inven.' et del.

Published according to Act of Parliament

M. Darty Sculp.

Plate CLVII from *The Gentleman and Cabinet Maker's Director*, 3rd edition (1762)

New Acquisition

For the first time in many years the Society has bought a fine documented piece of Chippendale furniture. This is a mahogany pole screen, supplied to Sir Laurence Dundas on 28th October 1765 and formerly at Aske Hall, Yorkshire: it is one of the '2 large mahogany pole screens cover'd wt India pict', costing £2-14-0d. The tripod support and turned profile of the pole are perhaps somewhat conventional, but correspond exactly to the same model supplied by Chippendale to Blair Castle in 1758. What is remarkable about the Aske screen is its 'India picture', consisting of a panel of hand-painted Chinese wallpaper with an exotic pheasant perched on a flowering bough. Some years later the 'picture' was replaced by a fine mid 18th century floral needlework panel and used as its backing paper on the reverse. The screen remained like this

until after its sale in 1995, when the 'picture' was removed and mounted as a separate item. We now intend to re-unite the 'picture' with the screen so as to display it as it must have looked for most of its life. It is discussed and illustrated in Christopher Gilbert's *Life and Work of Thomas Chippendale* (1978), vol 1, p 156 and vol 2, pl 330. We will illustrate it in a future Newsletter after the necessary conservation work has been done and it has gone on display at Temple Newsam.

This is now the third pole screen in the Society's collection, the whole group showing the development of both Chippendales' style and repertoire over a period of nearly 15 years. The others are the examples from the Saloon at Harewood (c1771) and from the White Drawing Room at Harewood (c1780).

The Society would like to thank the Nicholas and Judith Goodison Charitable Trust, Anthony Coleridge and the Gordillo Trust, and Tony and Mary Lumb for contributing to the cost of its purchase in addition to the Pippa Rakusen Bequest Fund. We are grateful to Julian Bly for bringing it to our attention.

A new Honorary Treasurer urgently required

The committee were very sad to hear that Carole Fletcher our Hon Treasurer has decided to stand down because of ill health. We are very grateful to her for her work over the past 12 months. A new Hon Treasurer is urgently required to fill this important post. A basic knowledge of book-keeping is the only requirement. Would anyone interested please contact either the Chairman or Secretary.

Chairman: Mrs Pat Lofthouse, Fairfield, 4 Forest Gate, Otley LS21 3HF
Hon. Curator: James Lomax M.A., F.S.A., Temple Newsam House, Leeds LS15 OAE.
Tel: 0113 264 7321
Hon. Secretary: Simon R.B. Stell LL.B., Last Cawthra Feather, 11-19 Westgate, Shipley BD18 3QX. Tel: 01274 585459
Hon. Treasurer: position vacant at present
Hon. Membership Secretary: Tony Lumb, 2 Montpelier Gardens, Harrogate HG1 2TF.
Tel: 01423 503776
Hon. Conservator: Ian Fraser, Temple Newsam House, Leeds LS15 OAE, Tel: 0113 264 7321
Hon. Events Organiser: Tony Mills, Lark Hill, Linton Common, Wetherby LS22 4JD. Tel: 01937-588041

Norfolk Study Visit July 2012

The report on the highly successful Norfolk Study Visit is held over until the next Newsletter.

Future Events

Please see the application forms for details of events in December 2012 and in March and July 2013.

Please enclose a separate cheque and an SAE for each event. If you are applying for more than one event only one SAE is required. Please assume you have a place at each event unless you hear to the contrary. Your SAE is required to return your cheque in the event of a visit being cancelled or over-subscribed.

Study Visit to Dorset 15 – 19 July 2013

We have arranged a five day Study Visit to the country houses and gardens of Dorset following the same format as our previous successful visits to other locations. We will travel by Britannia coach from Yorkshire and be based at the very comfortable hotel, The Grange at Osborne, a quiet hamlet near the charming town of Sherborne. From here we will be within easy travelling distance of Sherborne Castle, Minterne House, Kingston Lacy, Mapperton House, Wolfeton House and Montacute House, some of which we will be visiting, as well as other less well known private houses, such as Longford Castle. We will also visit houses en route and on return.

There are very few twin bedded rooms so please indicate if you will accept a double. If not you may be put on a waiting list.

Cost: £650 per person (twin/double room) £720 (double room for single occupation).

These are slight increases to this year's prices as the hotel is a little more expensive and the coach charges have increased.

A **non-refundable deposit** of £100 per person is required to reserve a place, to be received by Friday 7th December. Balances will be due by Friday 31st May. Further details and times of pick up points (Otley, Kirkstall and Wetherby) will be sent later.

Please reserve places for the **Study Visit to Dorset 15 – 19 July 2013**

Twin [] Twin or Double [] Sole Use []

Name:

Address:

Telephone:Email:

Vegetarian: Yes/No Member of the National Trust: Yes/No

Name of next of kin:Telephone:

I enclose my cheque made out to *The Chippendale Society* for £.....

Please send to

Anthony Mills, Hon Events Organiser, The Chippendale Society, Lark Hill, Linton Common, Linton, Wetherby, West Yorks LS22 4JD Tel 01937 588041.

Christmas Lunch at Swinton Park Country Hotel (Swinton Castle, near Masham) Tuesday 11th December 2012

We have arranged Christmas lunch at Swinton Castle, ‘the *beau ideal* of the large castellated Romantic Mansion’ (Pevsner). The ancient seat of the Danbys, it was rebuilt and extended by James Wyatt c1800 when the superb park was laid out. In the late 19th century it and the 20,000 acre estate were acquired by the Cunliffe-Listers of Bradford later the Earls of Swinton. Although the historic contents have been dispersed the Castle retains its fine interiors and was converted into a luxury hotel in 2000. Drinks will be served on arrival in the private Sitting Room which can then be enjoyed there or in the adjacent elegant Drawing Room. Lunch will be served to us privately in the Library. Travel by Britannia coach from Otley, Kirkstall and Wetherby is included. Applications must be received by Tuesday 20th November.

Please reserve..... places for Christmas lunch at Swinton Castle @ £47.50 pp.
A pre-lunch drink, coffee and mince pies are included. Other drinks are not included.

Name(s):
Address:
Telephone: Email:

Please indicate your choices:

- Starter:** White Onion and Sage Velouté, Garlic Sour Dough Croutes. (v) []
Terrine of Confit Pork and Prune, Pork Crackling, Grain Mustard Dressing. []
Home Smoked Salmon Fillet, Beetroot and Apple slaw, Herb Salad, Crème Fraîche. []

- Main Course:** Herb Roasted Turkey, Apricot and Sour Cherry Stuffing, Traditional Vegetables, Rich Roasting Juice. []
Woodland Mushroom and Celertiac Risotto, Parmesan, Truffle Oil (v) []
Fillet of Bream, Mussel, Shallot and Parsley Ragout, Creamed Potato, Garden Greens []

- Pudding:** Plum Pudding Swinton Park, Brandy Butter, Chestnut Fritter. []
Baked Pear and Almond Tart, Vanilla Ice Cream. []
Trio of Yorkshire Cheese, Quince chutney, Oat Biscuits. []

Please indicate your pick up point:

- Otley (outside Argos) 10.20 [] Kirkstall Abbey Car Park 10.40 []
Leeds City Station (Aire Street) 11.00 [] Wetherby (Mercure) 11.30 []

I enclose my cheque for £.....payable to *The Chippendale Society*.

Study Day on the Yorkshire Potteries with John Griffin at Temple Newsam Thursday 7th March 2013 (held over from 2012) 11.00 – 3.00. Includes a visit to the Ceramics Stores at Temple Newsam

We are delighted to welcome John Griffin, author of *The Leeds Pottery* (2006) to return to speak on *The Yorkshire Potteries*, the subject of his most recent magisterial book, published through the Leeds Art Fund in 2012. Coffee will be served from 11.00, the lecture is from 11.30 – 12.30. A two course lunch will be served 12.30 – 1.30 and there will be a tour of the Ceramics Stores at Temple Newsam 1.30 – 3.00.

Please reserve places @ £35.00 for the Study Day on The Yorkshire Potteries
Name(s):
Address:
Telephone: Email:

I enclose my cheque for £.....payable to *The Chippendale Society*.

Please send the application forms and cheques for all events to Anthony Mills, Hon. Events Organiser, Lark Hill, Linton Common, Linton, Wetherby LS22 4JD. Tel 01937 588041.

Please send a separate cheque for each event.