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DEATHS

We are sad to announce the death of three long-standing members of the Society. Carole Fletcher and Elizabeth Bower were former committee members, and Marguerite Mason was a most loyal supporter. They will be greatly missed.

THE SOCIETY'S WEBSITE AND RECRUITMENT OF MEMBERS

Members will be aware that during last year the Society's website was significantly upgraded and its new format has met with great approval. One of the aims of the upgrading was to encourage the recruitment of new members. A further improvement to be made shortly will enable subscriptions to be paid through the site, which will make it easier to recruit and retain members, including those living overseas.

As an additional part of the recruitment effort a new leaflet about the Society has been designed and 2,500 copies have been printed. The intention is that these will be distributed widely both to those who we know have interests in antique

furniture and more generally with the hope of attracting new members from both existing furniture lovers and converts to the interest. With this Newsletter you will receive two copies of the leaflet and the committee hopes that you will use them to try to recruit at least one new member. Please do not hesitate to offer a leaflet to anyone that you think might be interested — you can be sent more if you need them.

It is important for us to increase membership because subscriptions do not at present cover the basic costs of running the Society, which are those of running the website and distributing the Newsletter.

EVENTS FOR THE YEAR PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED

VISIT TO LYME PARK TUESDAY 10th MAY

There are still some places available for this event. Please contact Tony Mills, by telephone on 01937 588041 or by email: a.mills.chipsoc@btinternet.com.

Cost £42.50 (NT members) £52.50 (non NT members).

Please see the last Newsletter for further information about Lyme and the visit.

VISIT TO WEST SUSSEX 17th – 21st JULY

This visit is fully subscribed. The hotel accommodation and all the houses we will be visiting have all been booked. Letters will be sent to all the participants early in May giving further information, pick up points and times and calling for balances to be paid by the end of May.

Please see the last Newsletter for further information about the visit.

IRISH COUNTRY HOUSES AND COLLECTIONS 4th – 12th SEPTEMBER

This visit is also fully subscribed with a waiting list. The ferry and accommodation in three hotels have been booked and arrangements are still being made for visits to the various houses on the itinerary. Letters will be sent to all participants by mid June giving further information, pick up points and times and calling for balances to be paid by 8th July.

54th ANNUAL DINNER AT OTLEY GOLF CLUB 7th JUNE

The dinner will take place on Tuesday 7th June 2016 at 7 pm for 7.30 pm

Our guest this year is Hannah Phillips, Director of Fairfax House, York

No tickets will be issued but applications, including any seating preference, should be made by completing the enclosed reservation form and returning it by 16th May together with your cheque made out to The Chippendale Society to

Miss Anne Ambler, Clifton Cottage, Clifton, Otley LS21 2HE

The Golf Club caterer, who provided a most enjoyable meal last year, continues to give excellent service and by pre selecting prior to the event we have been able to retain the price at £22 per head. Again there are choices for each course. Please indicate your preference on the application form (Keep a note of your choices)

The Golf Club is approached from West Busk Lane and if coming from Otley this is off Bradford Road, second turn right after Kineholme Garage, and admission to the Dining Room is via the Function Room Entrance to the left of the main door as you face the Club House.

AUTUMN VISIT TO GORHAMBURY HOUSE AND HATFIELD HOUSE 27th AND 28th SEPTEMBER 2016

Gorhambury is the home of Viscount and Viscountess Grimston and was constructed between 1777-84 by Sir Robert Taylor in a neo-Palladian style. The collection includes family portraits, a long gallery, Piranesi fireplaces, and articles from the Grand Tour.

Hatfield is a magnificent Jacobean house built for Robert Cecil, Lord Salisbury. It is justly famous for its paintings, furniture and works of art over four centuries. There will be an opportunity to visit the private gardens in addition to those normally shown to visitors.

We will be staying overnight at Downhall Country House Hotel at Hatfield Heath. The price includes Britannia coach travel, lunch en route to Gorhambury, entrance to Gorham-

bury House, Dinner, Bed and Breakfast and entrance to Hatfield House. The cost is £195.00 per person sharing or £235.00 for single occupation of a double room. Lunch is not included at Hatfield to allow you extra time to see the gardens and there is an optional extra charge of £4-00pp to visit the private East Garden. Participants from the South can be collected at St Albans station on 27th and deposited at Hatfield station on 28th.

Please note that applications for places must be received by 20th May to confirm the hotel accommodation, but as this visit is so far ahead cheques should be post-dated for 16th August. Please see the separate booking form.