

THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY



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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Society members joining our study trip to Haddon Hall and Renishaw Hall on 25 July will be able to see, among many other treasures, the Chippendale commode pictured above. It was made for Sir Penistone, Lamb, 1st Viscount Melbourne, for Melbourne house in Piccadilly, about 1773. Two years later Chippendale's business partner Thomas Haig gave Thomas Mouat, a young Shetlander on his first trip to London, a tour of the house, and Mouat remembered 'a Commode table of inlaid work [which] cost £140'. The commode was made *en suite* with a pair of glazed cabinets, now at Firlie Place, Sussex. All three pieces of furniture are veneered with holly, against which pale background the colourful marquetry would have stood out in spectacular contrast. When the contents of Melbourne House were sold in 1802 the commode was bought

by Sir Sitwell Sitwell and was eventually installed in his house at Renishaw, Derbyshire, where it remains. The Haddon and Renishaw trip is just one of a full schedule of events we are running this year, culminating in a four-day tour in the Cotswolds in September. The first of these events is our Annual General Meeting, which will take place at Temple Newsam on 13 May. All members are welcome to attend.

The meeting will be followed by our Annual Lecture, given this year by David Jones, one of our most distinguished furniture historians and a recognised authority on Chippendale's work in Scotland. Further details of this and all other events are given overleaf.

Adam Bowett

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting Temple Newsam House 13th May 2024

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held as usual in the Picture Gallery at Temple Newsam.

10.30 am	Doors open, tea and coffee in the Great Hall
11.00-12.00	AGM in the Picture Gallery
12.30-2.00pm	Buffet lunch in the Dining Room
2.00 pm	Annual Lecture: David Jones, 'It's a small country! Chippendale's Scottish Subscribers'
3.00 pm	Close

Our speaker David Jones is a longstanding member of the Chippendale Society and was formerly lecturer in Furniture History at the University of St Andrews. His lecture investigates the identities of the Scottish subscribers to the *Director* and the often surprising connections between them.

The meeting is open to members only but the lecture is open to all. Admission to both is free. The cost of the buffet lunch is £22.50, including tea and coffee. **Please make your application for the buffet lunch, with payment, by 3rd May. Application forms can be found at the end of this newsletter**

Study Day to Sutton Park and Shandy Hall 13 June 2024



Sutton Park. Photo courtesy of Sutton Park

In the morning we meet at Sutton Park, situated eight miles to the north of York. It is the home of the Sheffield family, formerly of Normanby Park, Lincolnshire, since 1963. Sutton Park is a neat Georgian house with a 5-bay facade, built in the 1730s for Richard Harland and altered in 1750 by Thomas Atkinson for Richard's son Thomas. The interiors include a Chinese Drawing Room with 18th-century wallpaper and plasterwork attributed to Guisepe Cortese. Much of the collection comes from Normanby Park and Buckingham House, the London seat of John Sheffield, 1st Duke of Buckingham (later sold to George II and now Buckingham Palace). Outside amongst the grounds of many ancient trees is a wildflower-filled walled garden. We are very privileged to have a private tour of this family home.

In the afternoon we travel 20 minutes north to Coxwold for a private tour of Shandy Hall. This small brick-faced house is a complete contrast to our morning visit. Laurence Sterne, formerly vicar of Sutton on the Forest but better known as the author of *Tristram Shandy*, lived here towards the end of his life.

Parts of the Hall date back to the 15th century and it includes 17th-century panelling and a refaced 18th-century garden front. In later years the Hall suffered many years of neglect until renovated by The Laurence Sterne Trust, and it is now a charming and cosy home. Many Sterne mementos have been gathered by the Trust and the library reflects more personally the life of the author. The garden, although small, is equally charming and commands views towards Byland Abbey and the North York Moors.

Please note that there is no coach for this Study Day. We meet at Sutton Park at **10.15am** (Sutton-on-the-Forest, York, YO61 1DP) and at Shandy Hall at **2pm** (Coxwold, York, YO614AD). Although refreshments are not included, there is a cafe near Sutton Park and in Coxwold the well-known pub The Fauconberg Arms serves lunches to suit all appetites (Tel: 01347 868 214). The cost for this Study Day is £36, to include entrance fees and two private tours, and the **closing date is 13 May 2024.**

Application forms can be found at the end of this newsletter

Study Day to Haddon Hall and Renishaw Hall 25th July 2024

In the morning we go by coach to Haddon Hall, near Bakewell in Derbyshire. Haddon has been described as 'the most perfect house to survive from the Middle Ages'. It was acquired by Sir Richard de Vernon in 1170 and has been owned by his descendants ever since, passing by marriage to the Manners family in the 16th century, when Sir George Vernon's daughter Dorothy reputedly eloped with John Manners, son of the Earl of Rutland. Belvoir Castle and Haddon Hall have been united in the ownership of the Earls of Rutland ever since. After 1700 the hall was little used, and it remained almost unaltered in its 16th century condition until inherited by John Manners, 9th Duke of Rutland, who set about restoring it in the early 20th century. Highlights include the medieval Great Hall and kitchens, the 15th-century Chapel, and the wonderful Long Gallery, lined with early

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



The Long Gallery, Haddon Hall. Photo Adam Bowett

17th-century panelling, embroidered chairs and ribbed plaster ceiling. We will be able to enjoy the terraced garden looking over the River Wye after our tour.

In the afternoon we travel to Renishaw Hall, near Chesterfield, the former home of the Sitwell family. The Hall was built in 1625 as a conventional Jacobean house and was Gothicised at the turn of the 19th century. The present owner is Alexandra Hayward, daughter of Sir Resesby Sitwell, 7th Baronet. The interiors hold an interesting collection and some eccentric interiors. There is excellent decorative and fine art, including the largest vase of Derbyshire Blue John surviving, Dutch paintings and an important Chippendale commode made for Sir Penistone Lamb, 1st Viscount Melbourne, about 1773. We are delighted to have a private tour of the house and afterwards we can enjoy the beautiful gardens.

The cost for this day, including coach travel, all admission fees, two private guided tours and an afternoon cream tea, is £95. The cost without the coach is £88. **The closing date for applications is May 30th 2024. Application forms can be found at the end of this newsletter**

Study tour to the Cotswolds 9th-12th September 2024

We are delighted to offer this three night, four-day study tour of the Cotswolds based at the four-star De Vere Cotswold Water Park Hotel near Cirencester. Booking is on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis and includes coach travel with Hargreaves coaches. The exciting part of this study tour is that, unusually, all the houses visited are privately owned.

On our first day, Monday, 9th September, we travel down from Yorkshire to our railway pick-up point at Moreton-in-Marsh and then drive through the Cotswolds to Rodmarton Manor near Cirencester. This Arts and Crafts house was designed by Ernest Barnsley for Claude and Margaret Biddulph and completed in 1929. It is still owned by the Biddulph family. The exterior may seem austere but the comfortable interior is filled with specially commissioned furniture and artefacts by Arts & Crafts luminaries such as Sidney Barnsley and Alfred Hoare Powell. C.R. Ashbee called it 'The English Arts and Crafts Movement at its best'. We are delighted to have a private tour and lunch, after which we will travel to our hotel to check in.

On Tuesday, 10th September, we travel a short distance to the 16th-century Chavenage House near Tetbury. Built 1564-1576 for Edward Stephens, it remained in the Stephens family into the 19th century when it was bought by the Lowsley-Williams family. David Lowsley-Williams is the current owner. Chavenage is renowned for its Civil War connections, when it served as the base for the siege by Parliament forces of nearby Beverston Castle. In contrast to the early parts of the house there is an extension of 1904 to the rear by the Arts and Craft Architect John Micklethwaite, with an unusual ballroom. Our guided tour will be followed by lunch and a short visit to the gardens.



Rodmarton Manor interior. Photo courtesy Rodmarton Manor

After lunch we travel north to visit Stanway House, a complete contrast to Chavenage and Rodmarton Manor. Stanway is a magical Jacobean house built in the 16th century with an earlier 14th century tithe barn. It is home to the Earl of Wemyss and it is furnished with wonderful fine and decorative arts including two 'Chinese' day beds attributed to Thomas Chippendale. Here we have a private tour of the house followed by a self-guided tour of the gardens.

On Wednesday, 11th September we travel south to Corsham Court near Chippenham, the home of Lord Methuen. The house was built in 1582, enlarged and adapted in the 18th century and remodelled again in the 19th. The grounds were landscaped by Capability Brown and, later, by Humphrey Repton. The rich interior contains an outstanding collection of fine and decorative arts. On our private tour we will see furniture by John Cobb and Robert Adam and paintings by Tintoretto, Veronese, Salvator Rosa and Van Dyck, amongst others.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

In the afternoon we travel ten minutes to Bowood House where we will see the collections of the Marquesses of Lansdowne. We will enjoy a guided tour of the Robert Adam designed Orangery, the Tapestry gallery and a purpose-made gallery created from the stables and grooms' quarters which houses a wonderful collection of English watercolours.



Bowood House, the Library. Photo courtesy of Bowood House

On Thursday, 12th September, we travel north of Cirencester to Sudeley Castle. This important medieval and Tudor castle was used as a base by Prince Rupert, Charles I's nephew and Royalist cavalry commander in the Civil War. However, the current house, with the ruins of the castle nearby, is the work of Worcester architect Harvey Eginton for the Dent brothers, Worcestershire glove makers, who bought the estate in 1837. George Gilbert Scott restored the nearby chapel in which is the effigy of Catherine Parr, Henry VIII's sixth Queen, who died at Sudeley in 1548. Inside the castle is an amazing collection of fine and decorative art, including a textile collection considered one of the finest in the country. We will enjoy a brief talk about the castle and family on arrival followed by an independent tour of the house and gardens, and we will end with a light lunch.



Sudeley Castle. Photo courtesy HHA



Sezincote. Photo courtesy of Sezincote

After lunch we move to Sezincote. The house is an exotic two-story bungalow with minarets and a copper dome, designed in 1805 by Samuel Pepys Cockerell in the neo-Moghul style. It was built for his brother Sir Charles Cockerell, who also employed Humphrey Repton to lay out the gardens. The nearest parallel is with the Royal Pavilion at Brighton. In the 1960s the interior designer John Fowler was employed to modify Cockerell's interiors. The house was acquired by Sir Cyril Kleinwort in 1944 and is still privately owned. Here we have a private tour of the house and an independent tour of the Repton gardens. From Sezincote we will be able to stop at Moreton-in-Marsh railway station before making our way back to Ilkley via Leeds.

The cost for the four days, including coach travel, all admission fees and guided tours, three lunches and dinner bed and breakfast at the four star De Vere Cotswold Water Park Hotel is £625 per person sharing a double/twin room and £725 (including single supplement) for a single room. **A deposit of £150 with a completed application form is required by 21st May 2024** and the balance of £475 for a person sharing a double/twin room and £575 for a single room will be payable by the 30th June 2024. **Please see the application form at the end of this Newsletter.**

Please note that the itinerary may be subject to minor changes and that although we endeavour to re-imburse members if unable to attend, it is important that you are adequately insured.

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All events may be subject to changes in schedule or itinerary. Although the Chippendale Society will make every effort to ensure that money is reimbursed in the event of change or cancellation, members are advised to make their own arrangements for travel and health insurance.

If paying by cheque, please make it payable to 'The Chippendale Society' and send it with your application form to Cathy Lambert, Hon. Events Secretary, Nesfield Hall, Nesfield, Ilkley, LS29 0BN. If you wish to pay by bank transfer please contact Cathy for further details. Please do not use the membership bank account to pay for any events. Please assume you have a place unless you hear to the contrary. If you wish to have confirmation, please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope or email cathylambert2@gmail.com. For more information contact Cathy Lambert: mobile 07950 206002 or on the email above.

AGM Buffet Lunch, Monday 13th May, 12.30 pm

The cost is £22.50 including tea and coffee. Lunch will be served in the Dining Room at Temple Newsam immediately after the AGM and before the annual lecture which begins at 2.00 pm. **Applications and payment to be received by 3rd May**

Please reserve me.....places for the AGM buffet lunch.

I enclose a cheque for £..... made out to 'The Chippendale Society'.

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Dietary requirements.....

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If you choose not to use the coach, please arrive at 10.15am at Haddon Hall, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1LA

Coach pick-up times. Please indicate your preference.

7.20am Ilkley Old Bridge.....

7.40am Burley in Wharfedale 1st roundabout from Ilkley.....

8.00am Yorkshire Garden Centre, Otley.....

8.20am Bramhope, 1st bus stop after Britannia Hotel.....

8.40am Leeds side of Weetwood roundabout, Otley Rd., at the bus stop in front of the parade of shops.....

8.50am Leeds Ring Rd., first bus shelter after Weetwood roundabout.....

9.00am Park and Ride , King Lane, Leeds, LS17 7AG.....

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7.25am Ilkley Grove Rd, the Lutyens.....

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