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SPRING LECTURE

It is with deep regret that we report the death in January of our 3rd President, Roger Suddards CBE. As a tribute to his distinguished service your committee has arranged a Roger Suddards Memorial Lecture in the large hall at the Methodist Church, Boroughgate, Otley on Wednesday, 27 March 1996 at 7.45. The talk, illustrated with slides and titled:

THOMAS CHIPPENDALE THE SHAKESPEARE OF ENGLISH CABINETMAKERS

will be given by Christopher Gilbert, FSA, formerly Director of Leeds Art Galleries, Chairman of the Furniture History Society and Chippendale's modern biographer. Tickets £2 at the door to include tea and biscuits afterwards.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The AGM will be held at the Methodist Church, Boroughgate, at 8.15 on Monday 29 April 1996. As usual, it will follow a regular committee meeting which any members are welcome to attend. Please inform the secretary if you wish to nominate anyone for election to the committee.

The Annual dinner will be at Otley Golf Club on Friday 21 June 1996 - further details and a booking form will be included in a future Newsletter.

OBITUARIES

ROGER SUDDARDS CBE, DL

What can we say about Roger that has not already been expressed? The press and TV have already attempted to pay tribute to a man whose talents have constantly been put to the service of village, city and country. For my part, I remember him as a friend. We first met when, as a young solicitor in Bradford, he came to see me to resolve a problem. It was done without acrimony and a well-polished style. These gifts, coupled with a razor-sharp intellect, characterised his later successes. We have been friends for almost forty years. As a trustee of the Sam Chippendale Foundation he has always been enormously supportive of this Society. Indeed, Otley has had many benefactions, thanks to Roger and his co-trustee.

In recent times, following the death of Lady Stoddart-Scott, we have had in him the perfect President. Even in the last weeks of his life he was at the cutting edge of this Society's appeal to establish Museum status to enable us to continue to receive grants towards our work in acquiring and restoring artefacts for the Chippendale Society's collection.

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A good friend to us all; warm, generous, quick to smile, unflinching; he was all these things. Yet this man, who was an international town planning consultant, nationally known for his work in creating trusts following disasters like the Bradford Football Club fire, author and universally known as 'Mr Bradford' - was the most approachable and friendly member of this Society anyone could wish to meet. We miss you deeply Roger.

Andrew Firth

HAROLD TWEED

It is with much regret that we have to announce the death of Harold Tweed on December 13th 1995 aged 85

Harold was a long serving member of the Executive Committee of the Society and served as a vice-chairman until his retirement from that position two years ago. He was also a member of the Purchasing sub-committee and it is in no small way due to his assistance and support that the Society has been able to form its collection of Chippendale artefacts.

After wartime service in the Royal Navy, before which he worked on the Bradford Telegraph and Argus, Harold became a partner in the old established Bradford firm of antique dealers, J & W. Tweed of Leeds Road. He was an excellent judge of fine furniture and in this respect, his practical experience and common sense approach were of great assistance to the Society's Committee in its deliberations.

He had a multitude of outside interests. He had been an enthusiastic walker, the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales being some of his favourite haunts. He was a keen photographer and for many years a member of the Bradford Camera Club. In latter years, largely to escape the rigours of the English winter, he spent the first two or three months of the year in the sun of Spain. He loved the country and learnt the language to be able to speak to the people.

His death is a great loss to the Society and his many friends, both in and out of the world of antiques, will miss him enormously. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and we shall all miss his good humour and wise counsel.

Anthony Lumb