

Future Event

Annual Dinner

Tuesday 8 June 1999 at Otley Golf Club

The reason for this experimental move to a mid-week date is because it is felt that more members with weekend commitments may be able to attend.

Further details in the next Newsletter

Report on the Society's Activities

Autumn Lecture 1998

Adam Schoon, the broadcaster and antiques consultant, gave a sparkling and informative lecture on *Chinamania in the Age of Chippendale* at Arthington Village Hall on 18 November. A good attendance at this comfortable venue made this a memorable occasion. The speaker described the passion with which Oriental ceramics were collected by Europeans in the 18th century, the various types and styles of porcelain which were fashionable then and how these affected European imitations. He kindly donated his fee to the Christopher Gilbert Memorial Appeal.

The Chippendale Society

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Christopher Gilbert Memorial Appeal

The Appeal now stands at approximately £4,600 - a magnificent response from members and well-wishers. The Committee are very grateful for your generosity and your wish to remember Christopher in this way.

After some consideration the Committee decided to try and acquire a magnificent Music Desk, identical to the three supplied by Chippendale to Nostell Priory in 1767 at a cost of £2 - 10 - 0d. Indeed this example, which



has been offered to us on special terms by an antique dealer in North Yorkshire, may well be one which disappeared from that house earlier this century.

At the time of going to press we have applied for a grant of £17,500 from the Heritage Lottery Fund and await to hear the outcome. Even if we are successful there remains a shortfall of £4,000 and therefore the appeal remains open. Please contact the Hon Curator (c/o Temple Newsam House, Leeds LS15 OAE) if you would like to make a further contribution.

Christopher saw this splendid piece of furniture shortly before he died and was entirely confident that it was from Chippendale's workshop. He had hoped to lead an appeal to save it for the Society's collection. Therefore it seems entirely appropriate that we should use his Memorial Appeal to carry out his wishes.

Spring Event

Concert in the Picture Gallery at Temple Newsam by Ovation and Private View of the exhibition *Heritage Regained: Silver from the Gilbert Collection*, followed by Supper

Thursday 8th April 6.30 - 9.30

Ovation are a group of highly recommended and talented young musicians who will give a performance of vocal and instrumental pieces suitable for a spring evening

Heritage Regained: Silver from the Gilbert Collection is a selection from the magnificent collection of Mr Arthur Gilbert which has been given to the nation and which will be going on permanent display at Somerset House in 2000.

Thomas Chippendale's *Music Desk* from Nostell Priory, the subject of the Society's Christopher Gilbert Memorial Appeal, will be on display. The Hon Curator will introduce this immediately prior to the concert.

Doors open	6.30
(View of exhibition)	
Concert	7.15
Supper	8.15
Carriages	9.30

Tickets £7.50 (to include finger buffet and first glass of wine)

Please complete reservation form below
and please note that tickets will not be issued

Reservation

To John Holdsworth, Esq., 74 Riverside Park, Otley LS21 2RW

Please reserve me _____ places for the Spring Event at Temple Newsam on 8 April at £7.50 each. I enclose a cheque for £_____ made out to *The Chippendale Society*.