

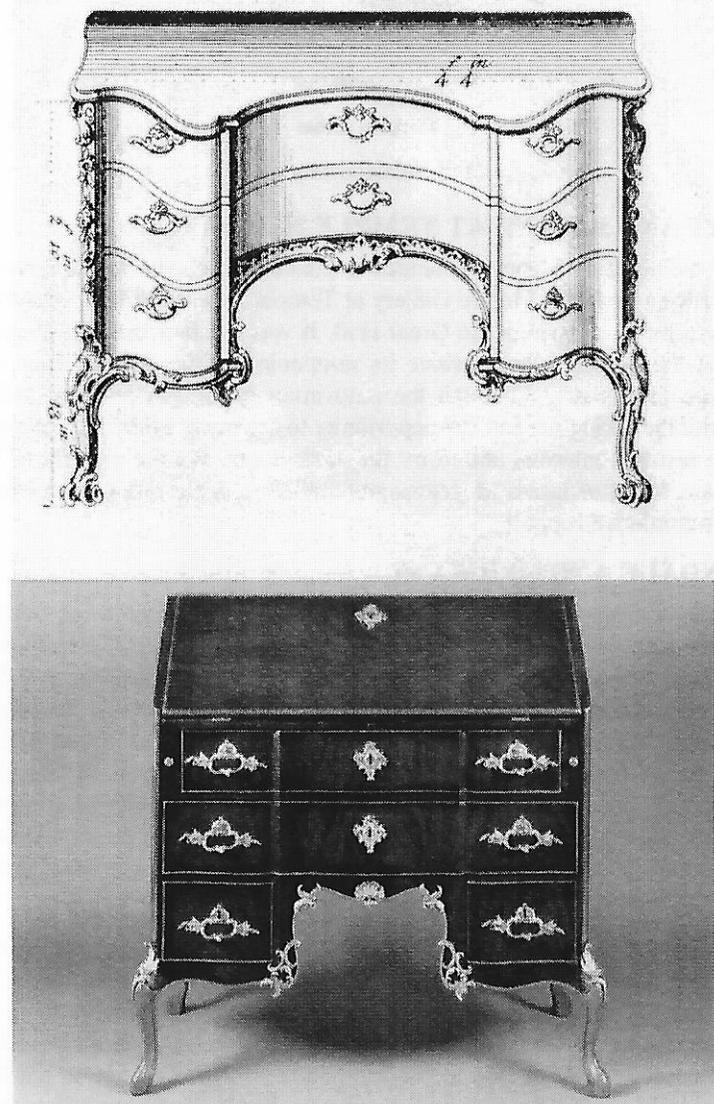
CORRECTION

Mr Joseph Hemingway has pointed out that the illustration used in Newsletter no 93 was incorrectly stated as being from plate XXIII of the 1763 edition of the *Director*. This was a slip from the editor's keypad: it was of course from plate XVIII.

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: John B. Holdsworth, 74 Riverside Park, Otley, LS21 2RW. Tel: 01943 465711
Hon. Membership Secretary: Tony Lumb, 2 Montpellier Gardens, Harrogate HG1 2TF.
Tel: 01423 503776
Hon. Conservator: Ian Fraser, Temple Newsam House, Leeds LS15 OAE, Tel: 0113 264 7321

The Chippendale Society

President: Lord St Oswald



NEWSLETTER No 97

March 2004



Registered Charity No. 501046

www.thechippendalesociety.com

CONCERT AND SUPPER AT TEMPLE NEWSAM

About 120 members and guests attended a concert of choral music given by the Chippendale Singers in the Picture Gallery at Temple Newsam on 23rd October 2003, followed by a buffet supper in the Great Hall. It was the first evening event to have been held at the Society's home since its re-opening in the autumn after over two years' closure for repairs. Although the renovation of the whole house will not be complete until the spring we had the opportunity to see many of the improvements and some of the restored interiors and to try the audio tours. We are grateful to Nicholas Winterbotham, Head of Leeds Museums and Galleries, for greeting us and promising his service's continued support

CHIPPENDALE AND GERMANY

The influence of Chippendale's *Director* on the design of furniture in Germany has often been commented upon but specific examples by known makers are not found very frequently. A well-wisher of the Society has brought our attention to a fine knee-hole desk (in a private English collection) made by Abraham Roentgen with extraordinarily similar features to one of two 'Commode Tables' illustrated in plate LXVII (right) in the 1762 edition of the *Director*. According to Chippendale's commentary it 'is all Drawers in front, the upper one may be a Dressing-Drawer and of the whole Length of the Table. The ornamental Parts are carved out of Wood'. This example is veneered in mahogany, with carved fruitwood legs, gilt brass mounts and must date from before 1765. The handles and locks are English.

Abraham Roentgen (1711- 1793), from Neuwied in Germany, is recorded working in London in the 1730s, moving in the circle of Gomm, Grendey and others. He may well have helped re-introduce the fashion for brass-inlaid decoration in English furniture, hitherto a somewhat Germanic speciality. His recorded furniture in Germany after his return shows a large debt to English rococo design. This is also a hallmark of some of the early work of his more famous son, David Roentgen who was clearly indebted to the *Director*. He was later to achieve great fame for his large scale furniture incorporating brilliant automata, made for many of the crowned heads of Europe.

FUTURE DATES

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the Christopher Gilbert Rooms at Otley Civic Centre on Tuesday 4th May 2004 at 8.00pm

The **Annual Dinner** will take place at Otley Golf Club on Tuesday 15th June. Application forms will be included in the next Newsletter. The speaker this year will be Lady Legard.

VISIT TO ASKE HALL, RICHMOND AND THE BOWES MUSEUM Monday 26 April 2004

Following Lord Zetland's after-dinner speech at last year's Annual Dinner we are taking up his kind offer for us to visit his home at Aske Hall, near Richmond. This ancient house, partly re-built by Carr of York for Sir Laurence Dundas, contains a number of extremely fine pieces of documented Chippendale furniture originally commissioned for here, and the family's other houses at Arlington Street, London and Moor Park, Hertfordshire. We will spend the morning here, also seeing the gardens, and then travel to the Bowes Museum in time for lunch (not included in ticket price, please make use of the café, or picnic in the gardens). There will be a tour of the fine period rooms and collections of English and French furniture of outstanding quality. The Hon Curator will lead the tours at both venues. We aim to return to Otley by approximately 6pm.

Please complete the application form below for tickets and return it with your cheque
.....

Visit to Aske Hall, Richmond and the Bowes Museum, Monday 26 April 2004

Please send me..... tickets at £26 each. Total amount enclosed £.....

Please make cheques payable to *The Chippendale Society* and send with SAE to: The Hon. Curator, The Chippendale Society, c/o Temple Newsam House, Leeds LS15 0AE

Name

Address

.....

.....Tel. No.....

Please indicate where you will be joining the coach:

Otley (opposite Argos) at 8.30 or Wetherby Jarvis Hotel 9.00

Tickets are limited because of the small size of rooms at Aske, so please book early.