

THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY

NEWS-LETTER No. 10

OCTOBER 1973

SIR MALCOLM STODDART-SCOTT

Most members of The Chippendale Society will already have learned, with regret, that Sir Malcolm Stoddart-Scott, first President of the Society, died on June 15th 1973, after a brief illness.

Many have paid tribute to his achievements as physician, soldier, countryman and politician, the one to whom others instinctively turned for the help that was always forthcoming.

To The Chippendale Society, in which he was deeply interested, he brought his own combination of charm, warmth and the drive and know-how of the politician, without which the Society could not have attained its present status and respect. He had already indicated that he would not seek re-election to Parliament, and was looking forward to having more time to give to the affairs of the Society, and the planning of its Museum.

PRESIDENCY

Lady Stoddart-Scott, who throughout had been closely associated with her husband's work for the Society, graciously accepted Councils' invitation to fulfil the duties of President until the next Annual General Meeting in 1974.

NORTHERN ANTIQUE DEALERS' FAIR: HARROGATE SEPT. 1973

Sir Malcolm was to have opened the Northern Antique Dealers' Fair at Harrogate on September 6th. Lady Stoddart-Scott accepted the organisers' invitation to take his place. At the close of the ceremony, they presented a cheque for £150, through her, to the Society's property fund, and gave for the Museum an interesting volume of 'fraudulent Chippendale designs', published in London in 1834, entitled 'A Collection of Ornamental Designs after Chippendale', which reproduces rococo engravings by Matthias Lock. The Society is indebted to the organisers of the Northern Antique Dealers' Fair for these generous gifts, for facilities to bring the Society to the notice of visitors to the Fair, and for arranging a Reception at the Crown Hotel, Harrogate, at which Mr. Christopher Gilbert, M.A., Keeper of Temple Newsam House, Leeds, gave a particularly interesting, informative and beautifully illustrated lecture about Chippendale in the North.

YORK MINSTER GLASS AND SILVER

On September 29th, a number of Members of the Society accompanied Mr. Peter Gibson around much of the stained glass at York Minster, and once more were enthralled and delighted by his vivid descriptions of the history and care of the windows over many centuries. Some of the Members took the opportunity to visit the unique collection of York silver loaned to the Minster by Mr. William Lee of York, a fellow Member of the Society.

AUTUMN LECTURE: NOV. 7th 8p.m. CIVIC CENTRE OTLEY

Mr. Christopher Hutchinson, B.A., Lecturer in Fine and Decorative Arts at Leeds Polytechnic, and a Member of the Chippendale Society, will speak on "YORKSHIRE FURNITURE", a subject of considerable personal research. This illustrated lecture is likely to be of particular interest both to those whose first love is furniture, and to industrial historians.

JOINT CONFERENCE APRIL 26-28th, 1974.

A Weekend Conference is being organised jointly by the Chippendale and Furniture History Societies, to be based at the Post House, Bramhope, Leeds, next April. A stimulating programme, including lectures relating to Chippendale, visits to outstanding country-house collections containing examples of his work, and social events, has been arranged.

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Members of either the Chippendale or of the Furniture History Societies - or of both - will be welcome at the Conference. Those wishing to attend should complete and return the booking form enclosed, as soon as possible, as the number of delegates will be limited to one hundred.

CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY EVENTS FOR YOUR 1974 DIARY

INFORMAL EVENING
13th Feb. 1974,
OTLEY CIVIC CENTRE

"Everything you want to know about Antique Furniture, but haven't dared to ask". An informal evening with refreshments.

JOINT CONFERENCE
April 26-28th 1974

Booking form enclosed herewith.

ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING, MAY,
OTLEY CIVIC CENTRE

Usual Annual General Meeting business, followed by a Speaker.

ANNUAL DINNER
5th or 7th June 1974
OTLEY CIVIC CENTRE

Dinner and Guest Speaker.

Details of all the foregoing will be given in the next News-letter, early in the New Year.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Annual subscriptions for 1973 are now due and, if not already paid, should be forwarded forthwith to:

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