

THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY

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ANNUAL MEETING AND
TALK.

17th May 1974.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Otley Civic Centre at 8.00 p.m. on Friday May 17th when the Officers and the Executive Committee will be elected. After the official part of the meeting, a talk will be given by Mr. R.E. Rawling, late Head Forester of the former Otley Urban District Council, entitled 'TREES AND TIMBER, PAST AND PRESENT'.

ANNUAL DINNER
14th June 1974.

The 12th Chippendale Society Annual Dinner is to be held at the Otley Civic Centre on Friday 14th June 1974, reception 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. The Chief Guest and Speaker will be The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Rosse, President of the Furniture History Society. TICKETS, limited to 150, £2.50 per person, excluding drinks. Dress informal. Please complete the combined Dinner/Summer Excursion tear-off application form at the end of this News-Letter.

SUMMER EXCURSION
27th July 1974.

To BENINGBROUGH HALL and BURTON AGNES HALL. Benningbrough, a dignified red brick house on the banks of the River Ouse, was built early in the 18th Century. It houses an interesting collection of furniture and the Vanbrughian Hall and more intimate carved friezes in the drawing-room are amongst additional highlights. Burton Agnes near Bridlington, a Jacobean house with Robert Smythson connections, will equally interest members. The spectacular carved screen and alabaster chimney-piece in the Great Hall, also the collection of French Impressionist paintings, are important features of the Hall.

Members should bring picnic lunches to eat at Benningbrough. A stop will be made for tea after the visit to Burton Agnes, but the cost of this is not included in the price of the ticket and must be paid for separately on the 27th July. The COACH will depart from OTLEY POST OFFICE at 10.00 a.m. 27th July and arrive back at approx. 8.00 p.m. COST per person, including entrance charges will be £1.30. Please complete the combined Dinner/Summer Excursion tear-off application form at the end of this News-Letter.

ANTIQUES EVENING
20th February 1974.

The panel of experts received an enthusiastic support from the audience who provided an impressive display of objects to match the panel's expertise. Even if the hopeful aspirations of some of the items were temporarily dampened, the evening which was concluded with an impromptu auction, was an enormous success. It has been suggested that the event be repeated on a forthcoming occasion.

JOINT FURNITURE
HISTORY and
CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY
CONFERENCE.
26 - 28th April 1974.

Fortunately, for Yorkshire hosts, who always wish visitors to view their county with pleasure, Friday April 26th offered a fine sunny afternoon and evening; delegates were, accordingly, able to see the countryside at it's best. Many had come from far afield, San Francisco, Washington, Alberta also Edinburgh, London and Bristol.

The conference, once assembled at the Post House Bramhope, travelled by coach to the Otley Civic Centre where Lady Stoddart-Scott, the hostess for the evening, set the tone for the whole weekend with her warm Yorkshire welcome. Her generosity included an invitation to Creskeld Hall for drinks after the two evening lectures. These talks proved most interesting and instructive: Christopher Gilbert spoke on "Chippendale at Farnley, Harewood and Nostell" while Christopher Hutchinson reviewed "Ten Masterpieces at Temple Newsam and Lotherton Hall". A feature of both lectures were the very fine accompanying slides.

Saturday April 27th. After breakfast delegates left by coach for Farnley Hall. The owner, Mr. G.N. Le G. Horton-Fawkes was most generous and patient; we felt, as John Ruskin, that "Farnley is a unique place, there is nothing quite like it in the world". After the intimate atmosphere of Farnley, the party moved on to Harewood House with its great collection of Chippendale furniture; special access was appreciated by the delegates. Saturday afternoon was spent viewing the memorable collection of Chippendale furniture at Nostell Priory and we were indebted to the tolerance of the guides as alarm bells disturbed the peaceful atmosphere of the house. In the evening members gathered for a collective dinner, enlivened by a Chippendale Quiz which was won by Edward Joy's table.

Sunday April 28th. On the last day of the conference we departed for Temple Newsam and Lotherton Hall; by now the weather had turned distinctly cool. Both houses and their art collections were greatly admired and once again special privileges enabled delegates to open many fine cabinet pieces and ignore ropes.

The Conference dispersed at 2.30 p.m. Thanks are due to Messrs. Gilbert and Hutchinson for organising the weekend and to Mr. Hull, the manager of The Post House, for his helpful interest.

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To: Christopher Hutchinson, 3 Firs Crescent, Harrogate, Yorkshire.

Please send me tickets for the ANNUAL DINNER on Friday 14th June 1974.
Tickets £2.50 per person, excluding drinks.

Please send me tickets for the SUMMER EXCURSION on Saturday 27th July 1974.
Tickets £1.30 per person.

I enclose cheque/postal order for (Cheques should be made payable to the Chippendale Society). I also enclose a stamped and addressed envelope.

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