

THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY

NEWS-LETTER NO. 13

OCTOBER, 1974.

ANNUAL MEETING

17 May 1974

The following officers were re-elected:- President, Lady Stoddart-Scott; Vice-Presidents, Mr. T. Pickles and Major A.E. Hughes; Chairman, Mr. A. Firth; Vice-Chairmen, Mr. R.E. Rawling and Dr. J.R. Nuttall; Secretary, Mr. J. Rhodes; Treasurer, Mr. F. Shuttleworth; Membership Secretary, Mrs. A. Nuttall; Assistant Membership Secretary, Dr. L.J. Mallender; Hon. Solicitor, Mr. R. Ingham; Hon. Auditor, Mr. L. Bray; Hon. Curator, Mr. C. Gilbert; Hon. Librarian, Mrs. C. Gilbert; Hon. News-Letter Editor, Mr. C. Hutchinson.

The formal part of the Meeting was followed by a very entertaining and informative talk by Mr. Reg Rawling entitled, 'Trees and Timber, Past and Present'. He spoke about the ancient Forest Laws, the value of native oak for shipbuilding in the past, explained how the name 'wain' for a waggon derived from the traditional term 'wainscot', and showed what a versatile material timber was by bringing along many samples which were fitted for various uses by their differing technical properties. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Rawling back to England after a recent short visit to Canada, where he met a number of Chippendale Society members.

ANNUAL DINNER

14 June 1974

This was very well attended. The Chief Guest and Speaker, The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Rosse gave a most interesting talk on the preservation of English country houses and the role of the National Trust in achieving this. The toasts were replied to by our Chairman, Mr. Andrew Firth, Mr. Tony Harrison and Mr. Alan Thompson.

SUMMER EXCURSION

27th July 1974

The summer outing was again fully subscribed. Members were particularly impressed with the fine carving and recently re-decorated Saloon at Benningbrough Hall and the contrast of Georgian furniture and modern paintings at Burton Agnes Hall.

AUTUMN LECTURE

8 November 1974

Otley Civic Centre, Friday 8th November 1974, 8.00 p.m. by Terry Friedman B.A., PH.D., Keeper Decorative Art Studies, Temple Newsam House, and a member of The Chippendale Society. The subject will be 'THOMAS CHIPPENDALE and COUNTRY HOUSE INTERIORS' and will fascinate members by focussing on the eighteenth century setting for furniture. This is an IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. WHY NOT BRING A FRIEND? Please complete the tear-off application form for your tickets, 30p.each. Coffee (extra) will be served after the lecture. Tickets will also be available at the Otley Civic Centre on 8 November.

PUBLICITY

Mr. Sam Chippindale has kindly offered to act as the Society's Public Relations Consultant and we look forward to a more positive link with the Press.

MISS FLETCHER

Members will be very sorry to learn of the death of Miss Elsie Fletcher at the end of August. Miss Fletcher, who was a well known local historian, was an active and enthusiastic member of the Society.

'FURNITURE MADE  
IN YORKSHIRE'

Members may just be able to include a visit to this exhibition at the STABLE COURT GALLERIES, TEMPLE NEWSAM HOUSE, before it closes on 19 October. Times of opening 1.30 pm. to 5.30 pm., daily except Sunday. This is one of the first exhibitions to concentrate on the work of provincial furniture makers; exhibits include furniture from Otley, Farnley (William Chippindale chest), Leeds, Ripon and Northallerton. Fully illustrated catalogues are available at 25p. each.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Due to rapidly increasing costs, these have had to be increased. From 1 January 1975 they will be:-

Ordinary Members and Societies ..... £1. per annum.

Life Membership ..... £10.

Many subscriptions are still outstanding for this year. Please send these to the Membership Secretary: Mrs. John Nuttall, Whitegates, Pool in Wharfedale, Nr. Otley, Yorkshire, at the earliest opportunity.

FORTHCOMING  
EVENTS.

1975 promises to be an eventful year; arrangements are well in hand for the DINNER, SUMMER OUTING, SPRING LECTURE and other meetings. The WINTER EVENT, early in February 1975, will be a combined cold buffet/entertainment, on a similar scale to the most successful evening held at the Abbey House Museum, Kirkstall in January 1973. Finalised details will be in the January News-Letter.

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

Please send me ..... tickets for the AUTUMN LECTURE, Otley Civic Centre, 8.00 pm. 8 November 1974. 'THOMAS CHIPPENDALE AND COUNTRY HOUSE INTERIORS' by Dr. T. Friedman. TICKETS 30p each (coffee extra).

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

NAME .....

ADDRESS ..... Date .....

.....  
.....