

THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY.

NEWS-LETTER NO. 15

APRIL 1975

THE APPEAL FUND: Target £7,000.

The Society's appeal, launched in January for funds to acquire a set of four original drawings by THOMAS CHIPPENDALE and a lyre-back armchair he made for Lord Melbourne, has so far produced £3,000. This is very encouraging and the committee wish to thank everyone who has contributed. If any members have not sent a donation or know of any antiques-orientated society, please help us in reaching this target; cheques, made payable to 'The Chippendale Society', should be sent to Sam Chippindale Esq., Green Meadows, North Ripton, Nr. Leeds, Yorkshire.

A number of FUND-RAISING FUNCTIONS are being organised for the Summer and Autumn and the committee earnestly hopes that members will actively participate in these activities. Full details of these will be announced shortly.

If you would like to organise a COFFEE-MORNING, a WINE AND CHEESE PARTY, a BRING-AND-BUY or any activity that will contribute £5 - £500 to the APPEAL, why not contact a committee member?

MUSICAL SOIREE After a splendid cold-buffet supper, a crowded Ilkley Manor House
8th February was eloquently entertained to a piano recital by Mr. Alan Cuckston. Mr. Cuckston brought with him, for its first public re-appearance, a mahogany Broadwood grand piano made in 1798 and recently extensively restored. The piano's wooden frame gives a much softer tonal quality than later iron frames. The programme included music by John Field, Mendelssohn, J.C. Bach and the Yorkshire composer John Burton.

SPRING LECTURE The numerous questions and informal discussions which followed,
12th March were clear evidence of the enthusiastic response to Dick Reid's lecture, 'Carving and Ornament on 18th Century Furniture.' Mr. Reid captivated his audience with an illustrated commentary which included not only historical aspects of this subject but also some fascinating practical details on the restoration of carving and the creation of chimney-piece panels or coats-of-arms from the initial blocks of wood.

ANNUAL These are now due and should be paid forthwith to the Membership
SUBSCRIPTIONS Secretary:- Mrs. John Nuttall, Whitegates, Pool in Wharfedale, Nr. Otley, Yorks.

Forthcoming events:-

ANNUAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, OTLEY CIVIC CENTRE, FRIDAY 2 MAY 1975. S.p.m.
MEETING The election of the Officers and the Executive Committee will
2nd May be followed by 'CHIPPINGS on CHIPPENDALE by CHIPPINDALE (S.H.)'

EXHIBITION WITH 5th - 12th JULY 1975, OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL, OTLEY. The four original
OTLEY ARTS CLUB drawings, from the appeal, together with the Society's copy of the Director, our portrait of Chippendale, the coffin furniture presented by The Earl of Ancaster and other treasures will be displayed at this exhibition. VOLUNTEERS are required to man our stand at the exhibition on a rota basis, also to help with a FUND-RAISING function on either SATURDAY 5 JULY or SATURDAY 12 JULY. Please come to the Annual General Meeting with your offers or contact a Committee member.

ANNUAL DINNER
11th June

The 13th CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER, OTLEY CIVIC CENTRE, WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE 1975, reception 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. The Chief Guest and Speaker will be Sir Marcus Worsley Bt. TICKETS, limited to 150, £3.00 per person, excluding drinks. Dress informal. Please complete the APPLICATION FORM at the end of this News-Letter.

SUMMER
EXCURSION
19th July

To CHATSWORTH, Derbyshire. SATURDAY 19th JULY 1975. Chatsworth, the Derbyshire home of the Duke of Devonshire, is a magnificent palace within a picturesque setting. The present house was started in 1685 by the architect William Talman with carving by Samuel Watson, interior decorative paintings by Laguerre and Verrio and a lavish collection of furniture, paintings and ceramics. The Sculpture Gallery is of particular interest. The gardens are vast with formal areas divided by fountains, canals and a cascade, surrounded by a delightful network of woodland paths.

References: Series of nine articles by James Lees-Milne and John Cornforth, 'Chatsworth, Home of The Dukes of Devonshire', Country Life, Vol. CLXIV, April 11th, 18th, 25th, May 2nd, July 18th, 25th, August 1st, 29th, September 5th 1968.

Members should bring picnic lunches to eat in Chatsworth Park, before the house and gardens open at 1.30. A stop will be made for tea after the visit, but the cost of this must be paid for separately on 19th July.

COST per person, including entrance charges will be £2.00. The coach will DEPART from OTLEY POST OFFICE at 10.30 a.m. and arrive back at approx. 8.00 p.m. Please complete APPLICATION FORM at the end of this News-Letter.

AUTUMN EVENTS

Details about an AUCTION and a BRIDGE-DRIVE will be included in the next News-Letter.

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

Please reserve places for the SUMMER EXCURSION to CHATSWORTH on Saturday 19 JULY.

COST £2.00 per person (excluding tea)

I enclose cheque/postal order for (Cheques should be made payable to the Chippendale Society).