

THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY

NEWS-LETTER NO. 20

MAY 1977

We regret to report the death, on April 21st. 1977, of Mr. Austin Hughes, Honorary Vice-president of the Chippendale Society. He was the Society's first Chairman and played an active part in its development and work until, in 1972, ill health led to his retirement.

A member of an old Otley family, Mr. Hughes was for many years a leading figure in the public life of his native town, serving, among many other things, as Urban District Councillor, County Alderman, Governor of Prince Henry's Grammar School and of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic School, and Chairman of Otley Cheshire Homes Committee.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

BRING-AND-BUY STALL, Butter Cross, Otley. Saturday 28 May, from 9.00 am.

Gardeners, cooks, scavengers, 'magpies' - this is your chance ! Please bring your jumble to the Butter Cross, Otley on Saturday morning 28 May, or beforehand during office hours, to Barret, Chamberlain & McDonnell, Royal Oak, Manor Square, Otley, with a price on each article. Garden produce, jam, clothes, old books, gramophone records, food and cakes (nearer the time please !) will be most welcome.

For more information and collection ring OTLEY 2056 (evenings) .

ANNUAL DINNER FRIDAY 24 JUNE 1977

The 15th. CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER will be held at KIRKLANDS, MAIN STREET, MENSTON, reception 7.30 pm. for 8.00 pm. The Chief Guest and Speaker will be Mr. Roger Suddards, the Bradford solicitor, a Chairman of the Industrial Tribunal and Secretary of the Chippindale Foundation.

TICKETS, limited to 120, £3. 75 per person, excluding drinks. Dress informal.

Please complete the APPLICATION FORM at the end of this News-letter.

RESIDENTIAL CHIPPENDALE WEEK-END, at GRANTLEY HALL, RIPON. 8 - 10 JULY 1977

Reservations have already been received for this conference, please ensure your place by writing direct to The Warden, Grantley Hall, Ripon, (Tel. Sawley 259)

ANNUAL EXCURSION SATURDAY 23 JULY 1977

To SHUGBOROUGH, Staffordshire. Nikolaus Pevsner, The Buildings of England, Staffordshire, p.236 " For picturesque grounds and garden furnishings few houses in England can compete

with Shugborough. The approach from the Milford Lodges is an experience which will never be forgotten. " The house was started in 1693, with alterations and additions being made by the Anson family during the 18th. century and early 19th. century. It contains a fine collection of 18th. century, Regency and French furniture. The monument set in beautiful parkland and intimate gardens were mostly constructed by Thomas Anson and the architect James "Athenian" Stuart after 1760 and inspired by their visits to Athens earlier in the century. There is also a county museum and park farm. Please bring packed lunches to eat at Shugborough. Afternoon tea has been arranged for 4.00pm. at the Museum Tea Rooms and will be approx. 72p. extra per person. The coach will depart from OTLEY POST OFFICE at 9.30 am. , will call at LEEDS CIVIC HALL between 9.50 and 10.00 am., and return through Leeds to Otley between 7.00 pm and 8.00pm.

COST per person £2. 50 including entrance charge to house, (£2. 25 for National Trust Members) excluding afternoon tea.

Please complete the APPLICATION FORM at the end of this News-letter, indicating in the box, if you would like tea. To save postage, no tickets will be issued for this excursion.

' GOING FOR A SONG ' , An evening of ANTIQUES AND ENTERTAINMENT.

Friday 2 December 1977 OTLEY CIVIC CENTRE. This informal evening will be arranged along the lines of similar functions held in 1975 and 1974. There will be a panel of experts to answer your questions and this will be followed by an impromptu auction. The aim of the evening is to provide entertainment and raise money for the restoration of the marquetry pier table made by Chippendale and bought by the Chippendale Society last year.

There will be more details about this event in the Autumn News-letter.

CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY NEWS.

Mrs Surtees, of Durham, has given a most remarkable mid-eighteenth century ledger to the Society. It belonged to John Ward, an Otley attorney, and contains interesting references to Thomas Chippendale's father and other relatives.

Our chairman and his wife, Mr. and Mrs Andrew Firth, were guests of the Leicester Antique Society in Harrogate on Saturday evening 30th. April. Mr. Firth spoke on Otley and Thomas Chippendale from the folklore point of view and a lively discussion followed.

The soiree at the Abbey House Museum, Kirkstall, on Friday 11th. March, was well supported ; members enjoyed a buffet supper and then a selection of poems and music by Anna Adams, Cal Clothier and the Churwell School Recorder Quartet directed by Carol Riley. The imaginatively arranged programme in celebration of Spring included

'Tourist's Guide to Chippen Dale' and several 'Limericks for T.C. ' !

Our Spring Lecture was on a more serious note. Francis Bamford, the only furniture historian who has studied the cabinet trade in Edinburgh during the 18th. century, gave a most interesting and enlightening talk on furniture made by Chippendale's contemporaries in Scotland. He also illuminated the background of James Rannie, the Edinburgh merchant, who provided the working capital for Chippendale to set up business in St. Martin's Lane in 1754. Mr. Bamford suggested that the firm's early success in attracting Scottish patrons, notably the Earls of Dumfries and Morton, was due to Rannie's commercial contacts.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

These are now due and should be paid to the Membership Secretary : Mrs. John Nuttall, Whitegates, Pool in Wharfedale, Otley, Yorkshire.

APPLICATIONS for ANNUAL EXCURSION and ANNUAL DINNER.

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

Please reserve..... places for the Annual Excursion to SHUGBOROUGH, on Saturday 23 July 1977.

COST. £2.50 per person (£2. 25 for National Trust members ; please bring your membership cards.)

I would like to have afternoon tea (approx. 72.p extra) Please tick

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TEAS SHOULD BE PAID FOR ON THE DAY

I enclose a cheque for..... (Payable to The Chippendale Society)

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Address..... Date.....

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