

THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY

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'GOING FOR A SONG' An evening of ANTIQUES and ENTERTAINMENTS

OTLEY CIVIC CENTRE. 7.00 pm. for 7.30 pm.

FRIDAY 2nd. DECEMBER 1977

Tickets, at the door, 50 p.

This will be an informal evening arranged along the lines of the highly successful and similar functions held in 1974 and 1975. The main feature of the evening will be 'GOING FOR A SONG' at which a panel of well-known experts will discuss a selection of antiques brought along by members. A lively and entertaining discussion is ensured. There will also be - TOM-BOLA, - a second-hand BOOKSTALL, - a WHITE ELEPHANT and PRODUCE STALL, - a BAR, and an impromptu AUCTION.

The programme is as follows :-

7.00 - 7.30. STALLS, TOM-BOLA, BAR.
7.30 - 8.45. 'GOING FOR A SONG' .
8.45 - 9.15. Interval. STALLS etc.
9.15 AUCTION.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The aim of the evening is to provide entertainment and raise money for the restoration of the marquetry pier table made by Thomas Chippendale and bought by the Chippendale Society last year.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- By coming yourself with a party of friends.
- By donating prizes for the Tom-Bola; books, bric-a-brac, plants, jam etc. for sale on the book and White Elephant stalls.
- By bringing a piece of furniture, or other item, for sale in the Auction.
- By bringing objects to puzzle the panel of experts.

For information about collection of prizes, gifts etc., please ring (during the last week in November) :- Mrs John Nuttall, Arthington 2536 , or Mr Jack Rhodes, Otley 2295. OR, items may be left at Barclays Bank, Manor Square and Royal Oak House, Manor Square, Otley.

OR bring them along on the actual evening -

REMEMBER THE DATE..... 2nd. DECEMBER.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in Otley on Friday 6th. May 1977

The following officers were re-elected :-

President, Lady Stoddart-Scott ;

Chairman, Mr.A. Firth ; Vice-Chairmen, Mr.R.E.Rawling and Dr.J.R. Nuttall ;

Secretary, Mr.J. Rhodes ; Treasurer, Mr.J.B. Holdsworth ;

Membership Secretary, Mrs.J. Nuttall ; Hon. Solicitor, Mr.R. Ingham ;

Hon. Auditor, Leslie Bray & Co. ; Hon. Curator, Mr.C. Gilbert ;

Hon. Librarian, Mrs.C. Gilbert ; Public Relations Consultant, Mr.S.H. Chippindale ;

Hon. News-Letter Editor and Photographic Consultant, Mr.C. Hutchinson.

CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY NEWS.

The Bring-and-Buy stall at the Butter Cross, Otley, on the 28th. May 1977, was a great success, raising nearly £80. Our thanks are due to the enthusiastic helpers and contributors.

The 15th. Chippendale Society Annual Dinner, held at Kirklands on Friday 24th. June, was very well attended. After an enjoyable meal, members and guests listened to the Chief Guest, Mr. Roger Suddards, who delighted his audience with an eloquent and humorous speech which ranged from the genius of Thomas Chippendale to the design awards attained to-day by many small firms.

This year's annual excursion visited Shugborough, Staffordshire on Saturday 23rd. July. The coach was again fully booked ; members were able to explore the huge informal park and gardens that surround Shugborough and visit the fine collection of furniture and ceramics within the house.

Visitors to the Northern Antique Dealers' Fair in Harrogate in September, will have seen the Society's superb lyre-back armchair, made by Thomas Chippendale, displayed on a revolving plinth near the entrance to the Fair. The chair was made for Lord Melbourne's library at Broomfield Park, Hertfordshire about 1770 and has just been re-upholstered by J. Crisp & Son of London, who have taken a deep interest in this piece of furniture. The Society is indebted to Charles Lumb & Sons Ltd. of Harrogate for magnificently restoring the chair frame and generously contributing to the cost of the upholstery. Our thanks are also due to the organisers of the Northern Antique Dealers' Fair for allowing us to raise funds for the restoration of the pier table, with a collection box.

Members will be interested to learn that Christopher Gilbert's book, The Life and Works of Thomas Chippendale, is in the press and is due to be published shortly before Christmas 1978.