

THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY

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SPRING LECTURE. Wednesday 8th. March 1978. Lecture Hall, Methodist Church,  
Boroughgate, Otley. At 8.00 pm.

SPEAKER : PAUL WOOD

SUBJECT : 'THE OTLEY CHIPPENDALE LEFT BEHIND'

Paul Wood is Hon. Keeper of the Otley Museum. Members will know that he designed and compiled the most useful and interesting leaflet A WALK AROUND OTLEY which was jointly sponsored by the Chippendale Society, Otley Civic Society and the Museum Committee of the Otley Historical Society. Paul Wood's fascinating subject will be illustrated with colour slides.

Please support this occasion by bringing your friends.

Admission at the door : 50p (including refreshments) . Students 30p.

WINE and CHEESE EVENING . Saturday 15th. April 1978 . From 7.30 pm.  
Chevin Close, Birdcage Walk, Otley.

Our Chairman and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Firth, will be at home for a wine and cheese evening. There will also be a Bring-and-Buy Stall, to which members are invited to contribute. The proceeds will be added to the restoration fund for the marquetry pier table made by Thomas Chippendale and bought by the Chippendale Society in 1976. Tickets, on application, £1. 00

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Friday 12th. May 1978. At 7.30 pm.  
Lecture Hall, Methodist Church, Boroughgate, Otley.

The election of Officers and the Executive Committee will be followed by an "informal evening".

The 'Going for a Song' evening, held in the Otley Civic Centre last December, was a great success and very well attended. The Tom-Bola, Bookstall, White Elephant stall, and the Auction, together raised over £300 to help swell the fund for the restoration of the marquetry table. Our thanks to everyone who assisted and contributed - particularly the 'Going for a Song' panel of experts.

#### A PUBLICATION TO BE PROUD OF..

Members will recall that at the 1977 Annual Dinner, Lady Stoddart-Scott presented to the Society a fine copy of Genteel Household Furniture in memory of our first president Sir Malcolm Stoddart-Scott, M.P. Thomas Chippendale contributed a number of designs to this interesting and now exceedingly rare furniture pattern book and, it is pleasant to record that an elegant reprint of the volume has just appeared with an art-historical introduction written by Christopher Gilbert. The reprint is certain to enhance the international prestige of the Chippendale Society which owes an immense debt to Lady Elsie and her family for this commemorative gift; also to Morrison Heckscher of New York for news of its appearance on the art market and to Simon Redburn for donating a luxurious slipcase.

The reprint of Genteel Household Furniture is published by E.P. Publishing Ltd., 1978 Price £6. 75

#### RESTORATION OF THE MARQUETRY TABLE.

The pier table made by Thomas Chippendale for the circular room at Harewood House was purchased by the Society in May 1976 for £8,800. The marquetry top was in a distressed state and a further £4,000, spread over two years, is needed to restore the surface to its original condition. Happily the Museum and Art Gallery Service for Yorkshire has agreed to pay 44% of the cost and, with the aid of substantial grants from the Pilgrim Trust (£500) and the Sir George Martin Trust (£350), plus individual contributions and the proceeds from various enjoyable fund raising events, the Society has paid the first year's installment without touching any of its own reserve funds. It is hoped that a similar strategy, to finance the second phase of restoration, will prove equally successful so that the table can be finished in time for the bicentennial celebrations in 1979.

If members know of potential benefactors who might like to be associated with the project, please contact the Hon. Curator, Christopher Gilbert, c/o Temple Newsam House, Leeds LS15 0AE.

News-Letter No.23, which will be circulated in May '78, will bring you details and application forms for the ANNUAL DINNER in June and the ANNUAL EXCURSION in July, also preliminary information about the CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY CONFERENCE to be held in the Spring of 1979.