

THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY

NEWS-LETTER NO. 23

MAY 1978

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:-

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, 12th May 1978 at 7.30 pm

Lecture Hall, Methodist Church, Boroughgate, Otley.

ANNUAL DINNER

FRIDAY 2nd JUNE 1978.

The 16th CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER will be held at KIRKLANDS, MAIN STREET, MENSTON, reception 7.30 for 8.00 pm. The Chief Guest and Speaker will be Brigadier Kenneth Hargreaves, CBE, TD, LL D, Lord Lieutenant of Yorkshire up to February 1978, Past Master and now member of the Court of The Cloth Workers Company. TICKETS, limited to 120, £4.00 per person, excluding drinks. Dress informal. Please complete the APPLICATION FORM at the end of this News-Letter.

ANNUAL EXCURSION

SATURDAY 5th AUGUST 1978

To SUTTON PARK, Near York, and HOVINGHAM HALL.

Sutton Park was built between 1750 and 1764 and is the Yorkshire home of the late Major E C R Sheffield and Mrs Sheffield. It contains a fine collection of furniture, clocks, porcelain and paintings, some magnificent plasterwork and the house is delightfully situated on a carefully planned terraced garden surrounded by woodland walks and semi-wild glades. Sutton Park is being specially opened for The Chippendale Society on this occasion.

Hovingham Hall is about half an hour's drive from Sutton Park and was built at about the same time, by Thomas Worsley. It is now the home of Sir Marcus and Lady Worsley who have very kindly allowed the Society to visit the Hall and personally show members round. Christopher Hussey, in Country Life June 15th 1961, described Hovingham Hall as "a family home with much individual character part of the village community." The entrance is through the riding school with spectacular vaulted halls that form a monumental basement to the house. Members will particularly appreciate the furniture and paintings by old masters as well as the attractive rooms and domed staircase. The coach will depart OTLEY POST OFFICE at 9.30 am arriving at Sutton Park between 10.30 and 10.45. Members may either bring a packed lunch to eat in the park or alternatively buy light refreshments (coffee, sandwiches, scones, etc.) in the very pleasant cafeteria which will remain open between 11.00 and 1.00 pm. The coach will leave Sutton at 1.30 pm arriving Hovingham at 2.00 and depart for Helmsley at 4.00 pm. Afternoon tea (included in the price) will be taken at THE FEATHERS HOTEL, HELMSLEY at 4.30 pm and the coach should arrive back in Otley before 7.00 pm. COST per person, including both entrance fees and afternoon tea, £4.00. Please complete the APPLICATION FORM at the end of this News-Letter. To save postage, no tickets will be issued for this excursion.

CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Spring Lecture was given on Wednesday 8th March. Paul Wood, author of the enterprising Walk Around Otley leaflet published in 1974 by the local Civic Trust and Otley Historical Society in collaboration with The Chippendale Society, spoke eloquently on 'The Otley Chippendale left Behind'. Mr Wood punctuated his talk with apt quotations from 18th century documents to illuminate the social background and craft traditions with which Chippendale enjoyed childhood contact. He outlined the extent of the mediaeval market town and traced its growth, noting how the present street plan follows the ancient layout and drew attention to the remarkably unspoilt vernacular character of the architecture. This prelude was followed by a slide show of the most significant buildings and others now destroyed. Mr Wood has done more than any other individual to ensure that the historic centre of Chippendale's home town is conserved and local relics preserved. It was a privilege to be present at this excellent lecture.

The Society is indebted to Andrew and Norah Firth for the very enjoyable Wine and Cheese Evening held recently at their home in Birdcage Walk. About eighty members, their families and friends supported the cause. Brisk trade was carried on at the Bring-and-Buy Stall run by Miss Wells and Miss Hopcraft. A total of £65 was raised for the Appeal Fund towards restoring the Chippendale marquetry table from Harewood House. The committee would be delighted to hear from any member who might be prepared to organise a similar function later this year.

Restoration of the Marquetry Table

Members will have noted from our News-Letters that the Society continues to organise fund raising activities to finance the second phase of the restoration of the marquetry table. These have always been well attended, very pleasurable and successful events. To help swell the Appeal Fund by alternative means, some members have signified their willingness to enter into a covenant with the Society to pay a fixed sum over a period of seven years. This is a very attractive method, for the Society as a charity is able to claim back tax at the Standard Rate prevailing in any fiscal year. For every £1 covenanted in this way, the Appeal Fund would benefit by approximately £1.50 and it is hoped that members and other potential private benefactors may like to be associated with the Restoration Appeal in this manner.

A form of covenant and Bankers Order is included with this News-Letter and should be forwarded duly completed to our Treasurer, Mr J B Holdsworth, at Barclays Bank Limited, 2 Manor Square, Otley.

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

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To: Mrs John Nuttall, Whitegates, Pool in Wharfedale, Otley, Yorkshire.

Please reserve places for the EXCURSION to SUTTON PARK and
HOVINGHAM HALL on Saturday 5th August 1978. COST £4.00 per person (includes
entrances and tea)

I enclose cheque for (Cheques payable to the Chippendale Society)

Name

Address Date

To: Mrs John Nuttall, Whitegates, Pool in Wharfedale, Otley, Yorkshire.

Please send me tickets for the ANNUAL DINNER, Kirklands, Main Street,
Menston, on Friday 2nd June 1978. 7.30 for 8.00 pm. TICKETS £4.00 per person
(excluding drinks).

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

Name

Address Date

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I _____ of _____
hereby covenant with THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY of THE OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL,
Manor Square, Otley, West Yorkshire, to pay annually for the period of
seven years from the _____ day of _____ 197 _____ or
during the residue of my life whichever shall be the shorter such a sum
as after deduction of Income Tax at the rate for the time being in force
will amount to the net sum of £ _____. The said payments are to
be made out of my general fund of taxed income and the first payment is
to be made on the _____ day of _____ 19 ____.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the
day of _____ 197 ____.

SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED by _____)
the said _____)
in the presence of: _____)

To _____ Bank Limited of _____

Please make annual standing order payments to THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY
in accordance with the details shown below until this order is cancelled
by me.

Signed _____ Date _____
Address _____

Please debit my account numbered _____

Amount of yearly payment £ _____ (_____)

First payment to be made on the _____ day of _____ 197 ____, and
thereafter annually on the same day of each year.

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