

THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY

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SPRING LECTURE Friday 14th March 1980 at 8.00 p.m.
Lecture Hall, Methodist Church, Boroughgate, Otley.
SPEAKER: MARY MAUCHLINE
SUBJECT: 'CHIPPENDALE'S HAREWOOD COMMISSION: It's Social and
Domestic Background'.

Miss Mauchline is a member of the Chippendale Society and until recently Head of the History Department at Ripon College of Education. Many members will have read her fascinating book Harewood House, published by David and Charles.

As a sequel to the Chippendale Bicentennial Celebrations of 1979 and our visit to Harewood House at the Chippendale Conference in November, this illustrated lecture should not be missed. Please bring your friends. Admission at the door 50p.

For your diary:-

Details of the following forthcoming events will be published in the next News Letter No. 29.

Friday May 9th at 8.00 pm. Annual General Meeting
Lecture Hall, Methodist Church, Boroughgate, Otley.

Friday June 6th, 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm. Annual Dinner
Prince Henry Grammar School, Farnley Lane, Otley.

Sunday June 8th, Mrs Frank Marshall has very kindly offered to open her beautiful garden to members of the Chippendale Society from 2.30 - 6.00 pm. at Briery Wood, Hebers Ghyll Drive, Ilkley. Mrs Marshall specialises in Pink Pearl Rhododendrons and magnificent and colourful varieties of azalias. Admission 50p. Children 25p. Tea and biscuits extra.

Saturday June 21st. Annual Excursion to Cragside Hall
Recently acquired by the National Trust and sublimely situated in the wooded Northumbrian hills near Rothbury. The house was the creation of the 1st Lord Armstrong (1810 - 1900) and is full of interesting furniture.
Wednesday September 10th. Social Event. A Chippendale Evening at Hazelwood Castle.

Reports on recent events

Wine and Cheese Evening Saturday September 1st 1979.

Nearly 150 members and friends attended a most enjoyable Wine and Cheese evening held at Green Meadows, North Rigton. On a fine autumnal day we were able to enjoy Mr Sam Chippindale's beautiful house and garden - the more active took advantage of the indoor swimming pool or joined the snooker competition. Our thanks are due particularly to Mr Chippindale for so generously providing us with "an open house" and to the "bar-tenders", "sports-officers" and "administrators" who all contributed to making this such a successful social event.

The Bicentennial Chippendale Conference November 9th - 11th

Ninety members of the Chippendale Society and Furniture History Society assembled at the Post House, Bramhope on November 9th for the Bicentennial Chippendale Conference. The programme commenced with a visit to Temple Newsam House to view the splendid Chippendale Exhibition and was accompanied by a most acceptable wine reception. It was a somewhat awe inspiring experience to see sixty items of Chippendalia condensed into 3 or 4 rooms - nine items had been loaned by the Chippendale Society. For the first time visitors to the exhibition were able to see the spectacular compass-fronted pier table originally supplied with a silvered frame in 1775 for the Yellow Drawing Room of Harewood House.

In contrast to the opulence of the majority of exhibits was the linen airer from Paxton House and the firescreen from Petworth House.

Saturday started fine and proved ideal for a visit to Nostell Priory.

Here it was easy to appreciate the value of having practitioners, collectors and historians as conference members, for the party soon fragmented into small groups discussing the finer points of construction, wood analysis, textile restoration, style, etc.

It was a change to attend an almost leisurely conference where the culinary needs were sedately cared for and in style. After Saturday lunch at the Post House, the coaches left for Bolling Hall, Bradford and the exhibition "Thomas Chippendale Taste in the Fashions". There was plenty of time here to wander round relatively few rooms each designated to display a different aspect of Chippendale's work and design. It was interesting to see the Library table by Gillows of Lancaster made in 1778 and copied from plate LVI in the first edition of the Director. Another room at Bolling Hall had been set out to give the original appearance of the Couch Room at Harewood House and included, of course, the recently restored couch bed

with a magnificent replica of the original crane crowning its canopy. Perhaps the highlight of this exhibition was the Chinese Bedroom containing the white and green painted furniture supplied to David Garrick, the famous actor, for Hampton Villa.

Back at the Post House, there followed the Bicentennial Banquet with the inevitable Chippendale Quiz (professional conference-goers in the North might have anticipated this Gilbertian goody). We were reminded that the purpose of the quiz was to indicate how little we all knew about T.C.; Christopher Gilbert could not have been disappointed. We have until the year 2018 to improve our knowledge.

Many delegates will consider that of the conference visits, Newby Hall represented the climax. We were welcomed on Sunday by the owner, Mrs R E J Compton and graciously allowed to freely wander through most of the house. Here was Chippendale furniture displayed in one of the most delightful and "lived-in" Yorkshire settings. Our visit here was too short and we were again on our way to another Post House treat - this time a "traditional English lunch". We spent Sunday afternoon at Harewood House - a house that never ceases to fascinate and our awareness of Chippendale's work was sharpened by excellent commentaries from Christopher Gilbert and Mary Mauchline. It remains to thank Christopher Gilbert and his team of assistants for their excellent and considerate organisation.

Antiques Fair, Saturday November 17th

This also proved to be a successful and enjoyable event. Thirty stalls selling antique furniture, jewelry, porcelain, etc. were manned by members of the Leeds Antique Collectors' Club and filled the Menston Community Hall. The Chippendale Society is very grateful to Mrs J C Evans and the Club for organising this Fair and for an extremely generous donation to Society funds.

The appointment of an Honorary Citizen

Members will be delighted to learn that Mr Reg Rawling, until just recently a Vice-Chairman of the Chippendale Society, has been appointed an Honorary Citizen of Otley. Mr Rawling joins a very elite list - there are only two other Honorary Citizens selected from names submitted by individuals and organisations.

Mr Rawling was Otley's first forester and has been responsible for the re-forestation of the Chevin and the creation of the Chevin Nature Trail and Chippendale Ride - an area that has been officially recognised as one

of the best kept woodlands in the North of England.

Reg is a very active officer in the Chippendale Society and the Society is proud to offer him its congratulations.

The Chippendale Society Library

A list of books in our library is enclosed with this News Letter. Members wishing to borrow books should contact the Hon. Librarian Mrs Mary Gilbert, c/o Temple Newsam House, Leeds 15.

Annual Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions (£2.00) are now due and should be sent to the Membership Secretary:-

Mrs A Lumb,
Charles Lumb and Sons Ltd.,
Montpellier Parade,
Harrogate,
North Yorkshire.

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Lending List:

- A Miniature History of the English House - J M Richards
- Chippendale - Country Life Collectors' Guide
- The Publications of the Yorkshire Parish Register Society Vol. 44 -
Donated by Thomas Pickels Esq. 1974
- This Little Town of Otley - Harold Walker
- Genteel Household in Furniture by a Society of Cabinet Makers, (Reprint)
Donated by Christopher Gilbert 1978
- Thomas Chippendale - T Pickles
- Harewood House - Mary Mauchline
- The Furniture of Robert Adam - Eileen Harris
- Chippendale and his contemporaries - John Kenworthy-Browne (2 copies)
- Christie's Review of the Year 1969 - 1970
- The Gentleman and Cabinet-Maker's Director - Thomas Chippendale
A Reprint of the Third Edition
- Thomas Chippendale - Oliver Brackett
- Chippendale Furniture - Antony Coleridge
- Various Guides, Booklets, articles, magazines etc.
- Old English Furniture A Simple Guide - Hampden Gordon
- A Description of Great Britain - donated by F Morrell 1979
- Thomas Chippendale 1718 - 1779 - Bradford Art Galleries
- The Mansions of England in the Olden Time - donated by F Morrell
- Furniture at Temple Newsam and Lotherton Hall - Christopher Gilbert (2 volumes)
- The Life and Work of Thomas Chippendale - Christopher Gilbert (2 volumes)

Reference Only - Printed Books

- Gentleman and Cabinet Makers Director - Thomas Chippendale
First Edition - 1754 - Donated
- Houshold Furniture in the Present Taste. By a society of Cabinet Makers,
Upholsterers etc. Second Edition printed by Robert Sayer (1763-64)
Donation.
- Collection of Ornamental Designs chiefly after Thomas Chippendale
published J Weale circa 1834