

THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY

NEWS LETTER NO. 31

JANUARY 1981

We have pleasure in announcing the following events for your diary:-

SUNDAY 8th MARCH 1981

To mark the 200th Anniversary of the death of Thomas Chippendale, Mr C W E Shillito, Chairman of Otley Arts Club, has made a cupboard from fine local oak. It is beautifully carved and panelled, with an appropriate inscription on a brass plaque and is to be placed near the door inside Otley Parish Church. The handing over ceremony at OTLEY PARISH CHURCH will be on SUNDAY 8th MARCH at the MORNING SERVICE commencing at 10.45 am. It is hoped that as many members of the Society as possible will join in the Service. The Chairman, Mr Andrew Firth, will read the lesson.

FRIDAY 10th APRIL 1981. SPRING LECTURE

ALMSCLIFFE HALL, Huby, Near Harrogate. Doors open 7.30 pm. Lecture 8.00 pm

SPEAKER: SQUADRON LEADER JAMES RUSH, AFC

SUBJECT: "THE INGENIOUS BEILBYS. Glass of the Chippendale Period"

This lecture is based on the best selling book, The Ingenious Beilbys. Squadron Leader Rush is Chairman and Managing Director of his family business, James Rush & Co. Ltd., of Bridge Glass works, Newcastle upon Tyne and he is considered to be one of Britain's foremost authorities on English glass. During the Chippendale period Newcastle upon Tyne became the largest glass producing centre in the world with the Beilby family as prominent and established craftsmen in the city.

This will be a most fascinating lecture and should not be missed. Please support the occasion by bringing your friends.

Bar facilities are available at Almscliffe Hall and light refreshments will be served after the lecture.

Admission at door: £1.00.

Details of the following events will be included in the next Newsletter No. 32

FRIDAY 8th MAY 1981. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY

Methodist Church, Boroughgate, Otley. 8.00 pm.

The Agenda will be circulated with News Letter No. 32.

FRIDAY 5th JUNE 1981. NINETEENTH ANNUAL DINNER of the CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY

Kirklands, Main Street, Menston. Reception 7.30 for 8.00 pm. The Guest Speaker will be Major T L Ingram, President of the Furniture History Society.

SATURDAY 20th JUNE 1981. ANNUAL EXCURSION

SATURDAY 4th JULY 1981. WINE and CHEESE EVENING. One of our members, Mrs IRIS BATTY has very kindly offered to open her house and garden at Mocar Hill Farm, Kearby.

In addition the CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY will be holding a Buffet Supper and entertainment at DENTON HALL, Otley on a Friday evening during early September. As with the previous four events - more details in the next News Letter!

Other News

150 Members and their friends gathered for a thoroughly enjoyable and informal evening at Hazelwood Castle on 10th September 1980. Although the weather was not ideal for walking in the Castle gardens, we were able to view the interior of the interesting early Georgian house and its recent restoration. Hazelwood Castle is now a Retreat Centre run by the Carmelite Friars and after a brief account of its history, members were entertained to a programme of music and readings by the St Peter's Singers of Leeds. An impressive buffet supper was smoothly and efficiently dispensed by a firm of outside caterers.

Robert Rowe, CBE, MA, FMA, Director of Leeds Art Galleries was the speaker at the Autumn Lecture on 10th October 1980. The audience was treated to an entertaining and fascinating illustrated talk on the "Golden Age of Silver". Mr Rowe discussed changing style and methods of silversmithing from the work of the Huguenots in the early years of the 18th century, through elegant Rococo examples of the 1740's and '50's up to the Neo Classical style of Robert Adam and his contemporaries at the end of the century. Many of the pieces Mr Rowe so lucidly described can of course be seen at Temple Newsam House - for instance, the bread basket by James Shruder, the Holmes and Dumee race cup and stand and the cassolets by Matthew Boulton.

Members will be interested in two recent acquisitions made by the Chippendale Society:

In December the Society purchased Thomas Chippendale's marriage licence, a previously unrecorded document which appeared at Phillips Auction Rooms London on 11 December 1980, lot 147. It fetched £620 and was bought with the aid of a 50% government grant and a contribution of £150 from Lionel Golodetz, Esq. Simon Redburn who bid on our behalf charged no commission and Phillip's generously waived their buyers commission. We are very grateful to everyone who assisted in the acquisition of this rare and important document which is written on vellum, measures 6 x 8 in and has a seal applied. It reads "19 May 1748 Whereas Thomas Chippendale and Catherine Redshaw of St Martins in the Fields Being Desirous to enter into the State of Matrimony without the publication of Banns Have Solemnly Declared that they are of the age of 21 years or Upwards, and that there is no Lawful impediment by pre contract, by any other Marriage, by being too nearly Related by Blood, or Marriage, or any other way whatsoever; That they are not under the care of the Court of Chancery, I have Consented that they be Married at the New-Chapel in May-Fair (endorsed) Ordinary to the s'd Chapel.'

The Society has also bought for £75 three loose engraved plates from the first edition of Chippendale's Director which correspond to three of the original manuscript designs which we purchased in 1975. These will be mounted and framed so that we can exhibit the drawings and the engravings side by side.

Clare Jameson BA Fine Art Valuer and Auctioneer, and a member of the Chippendale Society, has recently left Phillips Fine Art Auctioneers, Leeds to establish Potterton Books specialising in Architecture, the Fine and Decorative Arts. A regular handlist of Antiquarian Second hand/Out of Print and Modern works on Art and Collecting is now available. Anyone wishing to receive a complimentary catalogue should send an s.a.e. to Potterton Books, Potterton Hall West, Potterton, Nr Barwick in Elmet, West Yorks. or contact Clare Jameson at Leeds (0532) 812973. In addition, from March 1st 1981 Clare is opening premises on 1st Floor at 8 Montpellier Parade, Harrogate, telephone Harrogate (0423) 521439.