

## THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY

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### Forthcoming Events

#### Friday, 11th September, 1981 - An Evening at Denton Hall

Arrangements have now been finalised for what should be a most enjoyable function at Denton Hall, one of Wharfedale's premier mansions which is now in the ownership of the N.G.Bailey Organisation. The upper floors are now used as offices but the ground floor rooms can be viewed and a sherry reception will take place in the main entrance hall from 7.30 to 8 p.m. Then follows a buffet supper in the dining room followed by entertainment which will take the form of 35 minute film of local interest kindly provided by the National Trust. Bar facilities available and we intend to run a Tombola, prizes for which will be most welcome and can be forwarded to the Treasurer or Andrew Firth, c/o Barrett & Co., Solicitors, Manor Square, Otley. Wine can be purchased with the meal. Cost £8 per person and tickets will be issued for this event. Please complete the application form at the end of this News Letter.

Please note that numbers are unfortunately limited to a maximum of 70 and early application is therefore recommended to avoid disappointment.

#### Friday, 13th November, 1981 - Autumn Lecture in the Methodist Church Hall, Otley at 8 p.m.

Food in Seventeenth Century Yorkshire by Peter Brears, Dip.AD, F.M.A., F.S.A.

Mr.Brears formerly Director of the Castle Museum, York, and now Director of Leeds City Museums is a most distinguished and entertaining speaker, whose talk will be illustrated with slides. He has written books on Traditional Recipes, Country Pottery, Dairying, Domestic Utensils, Horse Brasses and Folk Life. In addition to researching the diet and eating habits of our ancestors Mr.Brears has cooked many of the dishes he describes. This promises to be a very lively evening so do come and bring guests along. Admission at the door 50p (including tea and biscuits). Make a note in your diary now!

### Other News

The Nineteenth Annual Dinner of the Society took place at Kirklands, Menston, on Friday, 5th June, 1981, when over one hundred members and friends attended on a lovely summer evening. Guests included the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Leeds, The Town Mayor of Otley and his Lady, and the guest speaker, Major T.L.Ingram, who is President of the Furniture History Society. The event had been organised by the Society's treasurer and again proved to be a most enjoyable social occasion.

The Annual Excursion to Shandy Hall, Newburgh Priory and Newby Hall took place on Saturday the 20th June, 1981. We were again lucky with the weather and although not as well supported as on previous occasions the outing was enjoyed by some thirty members and friends. This event was arranged by Christopher Hutchinson.

On Saturday, the 4th July, 1981, we were most fortunate in organising the next summer social event to coincide with a lovely clear evening, when Mrs.Iris Batty of Mocar Hill, Kearby, near Harewood very kindly opened her house and gardens to over one hundred members and friends of the Society. Members of the Executive Committee together with a hard working hostess and friends had arranged a wine and cheese buffet plus tombola, bring and buy stall and raffle which resulted in £230 being raised for the Society's funds. Visitors were able to stroll in the magnificent gardens and enjoy the wonderful views of the Wharfe Valley looking over to Harewood. We are most grateful to Mrs.Batty, a member of the Society, for her kind and generous hospitality.

Members may not be aware that our President, Lady Stoddart-Scott enters hospital on the 31st July for an operation which we all trust will be very successful and we wish her a speedy convalescence. She has already indicated that she firmly intends to be at Denton Hall in September!

### Recent Acquisition

In May the Society seized the opportunity to purchase a very rare scrap book album compiled in 1757. It contains clippings from furniture pattern books issued by Chippendale's great rival Matthias Lock, ornamental engravings by Vivares and Collins, several manuscript and designs, title pages, trade cards and other ephemera. Such anthologies of fashionable decoration are exceedingly rare - the Gideon Saint Scrap book at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, comes to mind - and it is most satisfying to have acquired so reasonably this important document of taste. Much research will need to be done on its precise function and ancestry, but it appears to have descended in a north country branch of the Boydell family who published suites of mid-18th century engraved ornament. We bought it at an auction in Chester for £146 the money being donated by Raymond Burton and Herbert Heidelberger. The Society is deeply grateful to these private benefactors for their magnificent support.

### Annual Subscriptions

May we remind any members who may perhaps have missed the announcement in an earlier news letter that Annual Subscriptions (£2) are due and should be forwarded to the membership secretary, Mrs.A.Lumb at:

Charles Lumb & Sons Ltd.,  
2 Montpellier Gardens,  
Harrogate, HG1 2TF,  
North Yorkshire.

### Denton Hall - Application Form

Members attending this function from the Otley, Leeds area should cross the bridge in Otley taking the first road to the left signposted Askwith/Denton. This is the back road to Ilkley, proceed through Askwith then in approx. 2/3 miles turn right sign posted Denton. The entrance to the Hall is  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile on the right with parking areas clearly signposted. A one way system operates in the grounds but the entrance to the Hall is at the front of the building. Members from Bradford, Menston area take the main Ilkley road turning right over the iron bridge just past the Ben Rhydding Sports Ground. Then right along the road signposted Middleton/Denton, then in  $\frac{5}{4}$  mile turn left sign-posted Denton.

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To: Mr.J.B.Holdsworth, Chippendale Society,  
c/o Barclays Bank Ltd.,  
2 Manor Square,  
Otley, West Yorkshire.

I wish to apply for ..... tickets for the Denton Hall Evening on Friday, 11th September, 1981, 7.30 for 8 p.m. Cost £8.00 each.

(I require ..... of the tickets for friends who are not members of the Society. Please delete if not applicable.)

I enclose a cheque for £..... (Payable to the Chippendale Society) together with a stamped, addressed envelope.

Name .....

Address .....

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..... Tel.No. ....

Date .....