

THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY

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Forthcoming Events

Wednesday, 31st. March 1982.

The Chippendale Society's Antiques Road Show

7.30 for 8.00 pm. The CIVIC CENTRE, OTLEY.

Admission at the door.... £1. 00.

You are invited to a convivial and informal evening of discussion and entertainments. A panel of celebrated experts will examine a wide selection of objects. The audience is invited to bring small pieces of furniture, silver, ceramics, objets d'art or photographs for the panel's inspection and comments.

There will be a Bar, Tom-bola (the Committee would welcome prizes for this) and a White Elephant Stall. How about looking out that unsolved Rubick Cube, a well thumbed copy of "Brideshead Re.....", one of the numerous sets of table-mats you had for Christmas, the unused cocktail shaker or a "deserted" disc (33's or 78's) ?

This has been traditionally amongst the Top-Ten for popularity in the Chippendale Society's social calendar. Make a note in your diary -

Don't miss this event and please bring your friends.

Monday 10th. May 1982.

The Annual General Meeting of The Chippendale Society

8.45pm. Old Grammar School, Manor Square, Otley

The Annual General Meeting this year will be after a meeting of the Executive Committee. Members wishing to nominate other members to serve on the Executive Committee or as Officers should notify the Secretary 14 days before the date of the A.G.M.

Friday, 4th. June 1982.

The Twentieth Annual Dinner of the Chippendale Society

7.30 for 8.00pm. Kirklands, Main Street, Menston.

The Guest Speaker will be The Marchioness of Zetland.

Further details and an Application Form will be included in the next News Letter.

Other News.

The Evening at Denton Hall, in September, proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable event, attracting maximum capacity numbers. The warm weather enabled members to enjoy the gardens at Denton Hall and an excellent buffet supper was followed by an illustrated talk from a representative of The National Trust.

The Autumn Lecture "Eighteenth Century Cooking" was by Mr Peter Brears,

Director of Leeds City Museums. In his usual informal and entertaining manner, the speaker introduced the audience to some of the culinary equipment of the period - a jug for the hare, mechanical devices for working the spits, and pictures of a variety of ovens. An accomplished cook himself, Peter Brears described the diet and eating habits in the 18th. century before tempting fascinated members with tantalizing recipes for cakes, bread, pastries and other deights. Only those on strict diets would have felt slightly depressed !

Members may be wondering about progress in restoring and conserving the pole fire screen acquired two years ago at a cost of £2,000 with the aid of a 50% government grant and £500 from the N.A.C.F. The Pilgrim Trust have donated £400 and the Sir George Martin Trust £250 towards the cost of restoration. So far Dick Reid has carved a new finial and frame surround and Frances Eyre has covered the oval panel with vertical box pleats in ivory silk. These missing elements have been exactly copied from one of the strikingly similar documented fire screens Chippendale made for Burton Constable in 1778. We hope to attract a 43% MAGSYH grant towards conserving the old painted and gilt surfaces of the limewood stand and japanning the new panel surround and finial. The work should start in May and be completed by the financial year end. One has to be patient, because it is important that items in our collection are entrusted only to the best conservators in the country.

Annual Subscriptions

May we remind any members who may have missed the announcement in an earlier News Letter, that Annual Subscriptions (£2) are due and should be forwarded to the Membership Secretary :-

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