

## THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY

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### ESSENTIAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Fuller details below)

- 6th April      THE SPRING LECTURE at The Methodist Church Lecture Room,  
Boroughgate, Otley.
- 14th May      THE A.G.M.                      at Barclays Bank, Manor Square, Otley.
- 8th June      THE ANNUAL DINNER at Otley Civic Centre.
- 21st July      SUMMER OUTING TO CLIFTON CASTLE AND RABY CASTLE.

#### Friday 6th April - THE SPRING LECTURE

The Speaker is Mr.G.McTague on the subject of 'Paintings of the Chippendale Period'. The venue is the Lecture Hall, Methodist Church, Boroughgate, Otley at 7.30 p.m. This promises to be a most interesting evening, admission charge £1 which will include tea and biscuits. Senior Citizens and Students - 50p.

#### Monday 14th May - THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY

7.30 p.m. Barclays Bank, Manor Square, Otley.

As last year the A.G.M. will follow a meeting of the Executive Committee which will start at 7.30. All members are welcome to attend this committee meeting if they wish. The official A.G.M. will not commence before 8.15 p.m. Do please come along.

#### Friday 8th June - THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY

To be held at the Otley Civic Centre 7.30 for 8 p.m. Dress informal (Lounge suits) when the principal guest speaker will be Mr.P.Crotty, O.B.E., a former Lord Mayor of Leeds.

It is again hoped that this major social event in the Society's calendar will be well supported by members and their friends. An excellent meal will be served, bar facilities and a selection of table wines will, as usual, be available for purchase prior to the Dinner. The cost is £8 per head and it would be appreciated if early bookings could please be made to the Treasurer using the enclosed form (at the end of the Newsletter). Once again tickets will not be issued for this occasion, but there will be a seating plan.

#### Saturday 21st July - SUMMER OUTING TO CLIFTON CASTLE AND RABY CASTLE

Further details and booking form will be included in the next Newsletter.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

All members of the Society will be delighted to learn of Christopher Gilbert's appointment as Director of Leeds City Art Galleries. Many congratulations Christopher.

Members will be pleased to hear that Christies offered to send membership application forms with their mailing list. This has already brought a heartening response and we have enrolled a substantial number of new overseas life members.

#### Grant from the Sir George Martin Trust

Members will be delighted to hear that the Directors of the Sir George Martin Trust have most generously voted £750 towards the cost of restoring the blue and gold tripod firescreen made by Thomas Chippendale for the saloon at Harewood House about 1771. This polescreen was purchased by our Society in 1983 for £2000, half the price coming from the Sam Chippendale Foundation and half from the Victoria and Albert Museum. We are profoundly indebted to our benefactors and very happy that it will now be possible to make an early start on restoring this treasure to its original state.

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The renovation will be in two phases. Firstly, a new scroll-toe needs to be carved on one of the feet, and several missing fan roundels on the stand re-worked; a new pole, finial and screen surround is also required. The proportion and decorative detail of these missing elements will be based on a richly-styled gilt tripod fire screen of almost identical date by Chippendale made for the Tapestry Room at Newby Hall.

#### Young People

The pupils of Prince Henry's Grammar School are taking part in a Chippendale Competition during National Heritage Year. It will comprise three sections:

- (a) Painting
- (b) Crafts
- (c) Essay

We are indebted to Mr. Neville Bousfield, M.A., B.Sc., the Headmaster, for his interest and co-operation.

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#### APPLICATION FORM FOR ANNUAL DINNER

J.B.Holdsworth, Hon.Treasurer, Barclays Bank P.L.C., 2 Manor Square, Otley, West Yorks.  
Tel. No. 466366 LS21 3AP.

The Annual Dinner to be held at the Civic Centre, Otley on Friday 8th June 1984  
7.30 for 8 p.m.

I wish to apply for \_\_\_\_\_ places at the Dinner at a cost of £8 per head and  
enclose my cheque of £ \_\_\_\_\_ in settlement.

I would like to be seated with \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Member \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Guests in Party \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_