

# THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY

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## THERE IS STILL TIME TO BOOK FOR THE ANNUAL DINNER

The Chippendale Society Annual Dinner will be held at the Otley Civic Centre on Friday 8th June, 7.30 for 8.00, when the principal guest speaker is to be Mr. P. Crotty, OBE, a former Lord Mayor of Leeds. All members are encouraged to attend with their friends. This popular social event returns to Otley once again. The cost is £8 per head, tickets will not be issued but there will be a seating plan. Please send your cheque with names of those attending to The Treasurer, Chippendale Society, c/o. Barclays Bank, 2 Manor Square, Otley, West Yorkshire, LS21 3AP.

## SUMMER OUTING to CLIFTON CASTLE AND JERVAULX ABBEY - Saturday 21 July

This year we are going to CLIFTON CASTLE near Masham, the home of the Hill family and a very fine Regency house built by Timothy Hutton. The house contains much fine furniture including one of Thomas Chippendale's documented master-pieces, and as it is not normally open to the public, we have an unusual opportunity for an 'exclusive view'

The original intention was to go on to Raby Castle, to make a double event, but unfortunately their opening arrangements did not meet our date and your committee eventually decided that this and the available alternative 'other halves' made a rather long day and perhaps a more expensive one than members might find acceptable. From Clifton, therefore, we shall go on to Jervaulx Abbey for picnic lunch, afterwards returning to Otley.

DETAILS      Date Saturday 21 July 1984

<u>Timings</u>	9.30	Coach leaves Otley Post Office
	11.00	Arrive Clifton
	12.45	Leave Clifton
	1.00	Arrive Jervaulx
	2.30	Leave Jervaulx
	4.00	Approx. arrive Otley

Lunch      Members should bring their own picnic

Cost        £3.50 per head to include entrance to Jervaulx  
for those who wish

Please forward attached pro forma with cheque payable to  
'THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY' as soon as possible.

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To : The Excursion Secretary,  
Chippendale Society  
9 Great Pasture,  
Burley-in-Wharfedale,  
Ilkley, W. Yorkshire LS29 7DD

SUMMER OUTING 1984

I require ..... seats on the coach.

My cheque for £ ..... is enclosed.

NAME (block capitals) .....

## TWO MAJOR NEW ACQUISITIONS

In April the Society was very fortunate to be offered two magnificent pieces of furniture which Thomas Chippendale made for David Garrick's villa on the Thames at Hampton in 1770. A dwarf book case painted ivory with dainty chinoiserie decoration in green commissioned for the famous actors own bedroom and a half round pier table originally painted green and white from the drawing room, one of a pair for which Chippendale charged £10.0.0 with '2 Green Cloth Covers to do' costing 15/-. They were acquired by William Hardman in 1864 and passed by direct descent to the vendor. The Society is profoundly grateful to the Sam Chippindale Foundation in particular for contributing half the purchase price of these two items which together cost £3,000; the other half was financed by a government grant. It is extremely satisfying to have acquired two items displaying such a unique artistic personality. The table as at some time been painted white all over, but the old surface remains beneath the later finish and can be revealed by dry stripping. These two pieces could have gone straight into any museum in the world. The dwarf book shelves will be on display at the Annual Dinner.

## LOANS TO THE ROCOCO EXHIBITION

The Society has lent the following articles from its collection to the international exhibition Rococo : Art and Design in Hogarth's England being held at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London 16 May - 30 September. Engraved inscription tablet and a handle from the coffin which Chippendale supplied for the funeral of Lady Bridget Heathcote in 1772; Chippendale's manuscript design of three chairs for plate 12 of the Director, 1754; loose engraved plate from the Director; scrap book of engravings for ornament, 1757; invitation ticket, c.1755 engraved by M. Darly from a drawing by Thomas Chippendale.

## NEW OFFICERS

At the A.G.M. on May 14th Tony Lumb was elected membership secretary and Christopher Gilbert newsletter editor. The post of secretary is at present vacant.

## FUTURE EVENTS

There will be a major social event in the autumn, details will be announced in the next newsletter.