

BOOK NOW FOR THE ANNUAL DINNER

The Chippendale Society Annual Dinner will be held at the Otley Civic Centre on Friday 7th June, 7.30 for 8.00. The principal guest speaker is to be Mr. P. Crotty, OBE, a former Lord Mayor of Leeds, who was prevented from addressing us last year due to ill health. All members are encouraged to attend with their friends. This popular social event is happily to be held once again in Otley where Chippendale was baptised on 5 June 1718 and spent his formative years. The cost is the same as last year - £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. There is an application form at the foot of this newsletter.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 13 May, 7.30 at Barclays Bank, Manor Square, Otley. As last year the AGM will follow a meeting of the executive committee which will start at 7.30. All members are welcome to attend the committee meeting if they wish. The official AGM will commence about 8.15. Do please come along.

REPORT ON THE CHIPPENDALE CRANE APPEAL

It is good to report that, with the aid of a recent contribution of £2,000 made by the government through the Victoria & Albert Museum, the fund stands at about £5,750 and we have just completed the purchase of this splendid carved and gilt figure from the canopy of a dome bed made by Chippendale for Harewood House. It cost £4,000 so the appeal should also cover the cost of the leaflet and essential conservation (removing Victorian gilding to reveal the original finish). Our best thanks to everyone who helped to ensure this successful outcome.

REPORT ON THE CHIPPENDALE EVENING AT TEMPLE NEWSAM

On Friday April 26th some 125 members and friends gathered for a soiree at Temple Newsam. The evening started with wine and light refreshments in the Great Hall, then everyone moved to the Long Gallery where our entire collection of furniture, documents, books and other items of Chippendalia was on display. Our Hon. Curator then talked for 40 minutes, tracing the growth of the collection since 1972 and explaining why and how each object had been acquired. To see everything together was a truly impressive sight and the Society can be justly proud of its achievement. It was a most enjoyable occasion which attracted many members who have not recently attended functions. Some 25 people travelled on the coach from Otley and we enrolled several new members. Our thanks are due to Leeds City Council for making the house available.

APPLICATION FORM FOR ANNUAL DINNER (dress informal)

To : J.B. Holdsworth, Barclays Bank, 2 Manor Square, Otley, LS21 3AP. Tel : 466366
To be held at the Civic Centre, Otley, Friday June 7th, 7.30 for 8.00.

I wish to apply for places at £8 per head and enclose my cheque for £

NAME OF MEMBER

NAME OF GUESTS IN PARTY

I WOULD LIKE TO BE SEATED WITH

HOME ADDRESS

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