



The Chippendale Society

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THE CHIPPENDALE SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Otley Civic Centre on Friday 5 June 1987 at 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm. The cost is £9.00 per person. Tickets will not be issued, but there will be a seating plan. Please send your cheque with names of those attending with the application form attached to this Newsletter.

We are extremely fortunate to have Mrs Robin Compton of Newby Hall as our guest speaker. Members will be aware of the outstanding collection of English furniture at Newby which includes many pieces made by Thomas Chippendale for the principle rooms designed by Robert Adam. One of the most celebrated interiors is the tapestry drawing room. Members will recall last year how fascinating it was to hear personal anecdotes from Lady St Oswald about living in a Chippendale house. Mrs Compton has initiated a brilliant programme of re-furbishment at Newby aimed to create authentic period interiors.

The price has once again been kept as low as possible, and the Committee very much hopes that as many members and their friends as possible will support what promises to be a glittering occasion. The caterers, who looked after us so well last year, have been booked once again.

Lastly, it is pleasant to record that the dinner this year falls on the very day - 5 June - that Chippendale was baptised 269 years ago.

It is anticipated that demand will be high and therefore please complete the tear-off slip for places at the foot of this page and return it as soon as possible.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 11 May 1987 at 7.30 pm at Barclays Bank PLC, Manor Square, Otley. As usual the A.G.M. will follow an Executive Committee Meeting to which all members are welcome to attend. Please make a special effort to attend.

Mr Andrew Firth, due to work commitments, is to stand down as Chairman of the Society and the Secretary has received a nomination for that post for election of Mrs Mary Gilbert.

REPORT ON SPRING LECTURE

Some 50 members listened to an inspired talk by Peter Gibson F.S.A. on the ancient stained and painted glass of York Minster which he illustrated with a beautiful and unique collection of slides. Special reference being made to the Rose Window damaged by the now not so recent fire. The speaker was thanked most warmly by the Chairman of the Society and Lady Stoddart-Scott also added a few words.

REPORT ON THE CHIPPENDALE STATUE MAINTENANCE FUND

An account appeared in the last Newsletter of the commissioning and unveiling of the splendid new statue of Thomas Chippendale in Manor Square, Otley. At the same time it was announced that an endowment fund maintaining this fine statue was being set up and the names of individuals and firms who had made contributions were listed. It is good to record that the Fund now stands at £1,050 and we gratefully acknowledge additional sums have been received from the following:

B Greenwood; W M Sinclair (Stationers) Limited;
R S Howard; VAG (UK) Limited; Mrs F J Smith; Otley Chamber
of Trade; Thomas Chippendale; Mrs B Reynolds; Mr and
Mrs B L Denton; Lady Ingrow; Raymond M Burton; Bramhope
Ladies' Circle; Francis Johnson.

Our target is £2,500 and needless to say further donations would be very welcome.

LOAN TO NACF

The National Art Collection Fund has over the years been very generous in helping the Society to acquire masterpieces of furniture. It was accordingly pleasant to be able to repay their kindness by lending our lyre-back library armchair made by Chippendale for Brocket Park to their stand at the Midland Antiques Fair last month. It was insured for £40,000.

APPLICATION FORM FOR ANNUAL DINNER - 5 JUNE 1987 (dress
informal)

Please reserve places at £9 each (tickets will not be
issued)

NAME OF MEMBER

NAME OF GUESTS IN PARTY

I WOULD LIKE TO SIT WITH

HOME ADDRESS

..... Tel. No.

Cheques made payable to "The Chippendale Society" and sent to
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Yorkshire, LS21 3AP (Tel. 466366)