



The Frederick Parker Collection
part of The Furniture Makers' Company

19th Annual Frederick Parker Lectures and Dinner at Furniture Makers' Hall - Thursday 15 March 2018

Andrew Cox-Whittaker – Wright & Elwick and the Wakefield Cabinet Trade

Richard Wright and Edward Elwick established themselves as cabinet makers and upholsterers in Wakefield in 1747. In various partnerships over more than fifty years they supplied many of the grandest houses in the north of England. They have been called Yorkshire's answer to Gillows of Lancaster, but in spite of making some very distinctive furniture, few people have heard of them. What do we really know about them and how did such a provincial firm find itself catering for the needs of so many important and wealthy clients? Andrew Cox-Whittaker is a second generation antiques dealer. He has worked with Wilkinson's auctioneers for nearly twenty years and with T L Phelps Fine Furniture Restoration for the last thirteen. He is on the executive committee of the Chippendale Society and has a keen interest in regional furniture studies. His research into Wakefield furniture has been supported with a Regional Furniture Society bursary.

Richard Williams – The Furniture-making Dream and My Three Decades of Reality

Richard will talk about his experiences of being lulled by the romantic ideals of fine craftsmanship, and how he then faced the challenges of achieving commercial success. Richard opened his workshop in 1990 and it has grown steadily since into one of the great success stories of British bespoke furniture making. In 2010 his team moved into a beautiful barn conversion at Beaconsfield and currently numbers eleven, including four craftsmen, two trainees and an apprentice. Richard still handles all aspects of creative design himself. He is a liveryman of the Furniture Makers' Company and chairs the Bespoke Guild Mark Committee. He has lectured in many colleges around the UK and in the US.

The lectures will be followed by a sparkling wine reception, which will be an excellent opportunity to meet other supporters of the Frederick Parker Collection and members of the Company. Following the reception, there will be a three course Dinner with wine at 8.15. Proceeds from the evening will go to support the Collection.

Time Tea/coffee from 5.30, Lectures at 6.00, Reception at 7.30 and Dinner at 8.15
Price Lectures, Reception and Dinner £66.67 + VAT = £80
 Lectures and Reception only £16.67 + VAT = £20
Dress Lounge Suit
Closing date Monday 5 March, after which no refunds can be made for cancellation.
Places are limited so please book quickly.

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I would like to reserve places for the Lectures and Reception only @ £20
 places for the Lectures, Reception and Dinner @ £80
and will pay £ as follows:

- Online payment via the [Events Section](#) of the website
 Cheque (enclosed) payable to **The Worshipful Co of Furniture Makers Charitable Fund**
 Direct Debit on first day of the next month (members only)
 Payment to Allied Irish Bank, sort code 23-83-98, account no 01403035
 Visa/Visa Electron/Mastercard/Visa Debit/Maestro and I will telephone the office with my card details

My name and the name of my guests are

Title	First Name	Last Name	Special dietary requirements (if attending the dinner)
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