

Following the successful purchase of the set of six chairs by Walter Puddifer, the Centre is now seeking assistance to purchase another Thames Valley chair, name stamped by the maker, Thomas Truman (fig. 5). This chair was brought to our attention by Gill Meddings and Keith Pinn of Leonard's Antiques in Essex. Gill and Keith have kindly held the chair until sufficient funds can be raised. Made from beech with a walnut arm bow, ash arm supports and an elm seat, the turned leg profiles and overall design suggest a date of manufacture of circa 1740 - 1760, placing it amongst a very small group of other 18th century Windsor chairs from this region for whom makers can be ascribed.

The Mormon genealogical index records several Truman families living in the Thames valley area during this period, including the town of Beaconsfield. A search of Parish records is now necessary in order to identify a Thomas Truman who was either a turner, chairmaker, or wheelwright by trade.



**Fig. 5. Windsor
Chair stamped
T. Truman**