

Curatorial Column

Exhibitions

A PAINTER'S CHOICE

Stanley Warburton's selection from the collection of watercolours at Towneley continues until 28th November and there will be a chance to hear more about these paintings at Tea at Towneley on 24th November at 2 p.m.

DAVID WILD

David is selling copies of his prints to raise funds for the Darfur Appeal.

They are available from the Museum shop for £20 which will buy a significant amount of supplies for the refugee camps.

From 1st to 23rd December there will be a fundraising exhibition of works by other artists including James Taylor and Liam Spencer. There will be a private view on 1st December at 7 pm. This is being hosted by the Towneley Hall Society and there will also be a recruitment drive for the Society.

So bring a friend or let us know if there are any potential new members who would like an invitation.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Towneley will be closed from 24th December to 1st January 2005.

CHARLES TOWNELEY EXHIBITION IN 2005

Next January 3rd will be the 200th anniversary of the death of Charles Towneley the collector. On 12th July 1805, an Act of Parliament was passed to allow his collection to be purchased by the Government for the benefit of the public and there will be an exhibition at Towneley during 2005 to commemorate the event.



THE TOWNELEY HALL

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Sir Simon Towneley, KCVO, JP, MA, D.Phil.

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Dear Member

Christmas Event

We didn't have a Christmas Event last year, as the idea was to join in with the one put on by Towneley Hall. This year, by moving our own party forward to the 6th December, members are able to attend both events if they wish to do so.

We have invited Worsthorne Ringers to come along with their handbells to play for us and afterwards we'll be given an opportunity to have a go ourselves!

Christmas Carols and a Fun Quiz will take us on to Supper, with potato pie, or an alternative of cheese and onion pie (please indicate this on the booking form).

A glass of wine or fruit juice will be offered to wash this down with coffee/tea and mince pies to follow. The cost for the evening is £8.50.

Our super raffle will be even better if you bring along a prize on the night.

Afternoon Tea at Towneley

In a change from the printed programme, on Wednesday, the 24th November, Susan Bourne will be meeting us in the Art Gallery (use the lift) to talk about some of the Turner water colours at Towneley Hall. The Lecture Theatre is in use on that day. Following the talk, we shall have Afternoon Tea and an opportunity for a little socialising. Please take the opportunity to bring a friend along.

Don't forget that the Society's own print of Towneley Hall by Turner on sale in the Shop at £22.50 is available to members of the Society at a special price of £17.50.

Subscriptions

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please accept this as a gentle reminder to do so. The year is drawing to a close and our Treasurer would like to have his records in order. £12.50 per member (2004-2005)

Recruitment Campaign

The Committee is to have a membership drive. A new Towneley Hall Society leaflet has been published and a copy is enclosed for you to see.

We hope you like it, and perhaps you could pass it on to somebody who may be interested in joining.

These leaflets will be on display at Towneley Hall, and will be handed out at Christmas events, social occasions, wedding receptions, parties, etc. Please help us to gain support for the Society at a time when public funding is so difficult.



Towneley Trivia Quiz Sheets

May we invite you to buy a Quiz sheet (price £1) and better still to take a few to sell. It's funds for Towneley Hall and your support is most appreciated.

David Wild's Darfur Appeal

On Wednesday, the 1st of December David Wild will be at Towneley Hall from 7.30 p.m. selling copies of his print to raise funds for this African Crisis.

The Towneley Hall Society will be donating wine for the event and serving the refreshments. You will receive an invitation to attend.

40th Anniversary Celebration

We hope to have one or two special events to mark this occasion, the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Towneley Hall Society which falls in March 2005.

Manchester Jewish Museum

I wonder if anyone would fancy coming with me to Manchester Jewish Museum one evening in Spring 2005. The Museum is housed in the oldest purpose-built synagogue in the city which was opened in 1874. If there are a few of us, I suggest car-sharing and am willing to organise this. I anticipate that the cost would be in the region of £8 per person including transport. This will allow the car driver's expenses to be reimbursed. Please indicate as shown on the Christmas Event booking form or tell me (Rita Walsh).

An Architectural History of Towneley Hall, Burnley

If you haven't already purchased your copy of this publication, it is available at £20. It was sponsored by a number of bodies including The Towneley Hall Society.

Towneley Hall Christmas Event

Tickets for the three dates, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 16th, 17th and 18th of December have sold well, and there may now only be availability for the Thursday evening. Our members who have booked are assured of an excellent evening out.

Towneley Hall Shop

Please don't forget that the Shop has an extensive range of merchandise at prices to suit all pockets. For something a little out of the ordinary, a special gift, or item of local interest, have a browse around as there's such a lot to see.