

SPECIAL EVENTS

A Midsummer Night's Dream (outdoor theatre) Sunday, August 20th

Bringing History Alive: Sunday August 28th with costumed actors

Heritage Weekend: Sept 9th – 12th
Hall open every day 12 noon – 5 p.m.

Thursday (8th) **Re-enactment:** Richard Towneley the Scientist. Re-live the 1700's. Scheduled performances

Friday (9th) **Local Craft Museum** open 12 noon – 5 p.m.

Visits to the **Ice House**, 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 3 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Saturday (10th) Complimentary guided tours of the Hall 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Limited numbers

Local Craft Museum open 12 noon – 5pm.

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Historic Car Cavalcade Leaves Towneley Hall at 10 a.m. en route to Helmsshore Museum via Queen St Mill and the Weavers Triangle

Monday (12th) Complimentary guided tours of the Hall-1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Limited numbers **Local Craft Museum** open 12 noon – 5pm.

Craft Fair: Sunday, November 27th

EXHIBITIONS 2005

Nature Illustrated

June 4th – August 7th

Natural History illustrations complemented by specimens from the collections

The Celebrated Connoisseur Charles Townley 1737-1805

June 18th – September 4th

Celebrating the Bi-centenary of the purchase of Charles Townley's celebrated collection of classical statues by the British Museum.

Photography Exhibition by Mr Luigi A Lombardi

Armenia – People and Places

August 13th – Sept 25th

Padiham Photographic Society

October 1st – 30th

Recent work by members

The Sea

October 1st – December 31st

Paintings of the sea to celebrate 200 years since the Battle of Trafalgar on October 21st.



THE TOWNELEY HALL

August 2005 Newsletter

Patron

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

*The Towneley Hall Society is a Registered Charity
(No. 515939)*

Dear Member

President

For those who were unable to attend the AGM, as you will note from the Minutes enclosed, we have a new President, Colin Sanderson, who is a founder member of the Society. For many years he and Cynthia have been dedicated members and fund-raisers, and are now running the Bar at weddings and private functions held in the Hall which raise a significant amount of profit for us. Welcome, Colin, in your new role. I am sure all the members join me in wishing you a long and enjoyable Presidency.

The Committee

The existing committee was re-elected unopposed at the AGM and is as follows:

Chairman and	
Speaker Secretary	Tony Mitchell
Secretary	Rita Walsh
Treasurer	John Hagan
Press Secretary	Cynthia Sanderson

Committee members

Irene Birchenough,
Audrey Hall,
Frank Rushworth,
Gordon Thompson

Subscriptions

As you will see from the AGM Minutes, an error was made last year, when having agreed an increase of £2, a request was made to members for £12.50. Please feel free to adjust your payment to accommodate this mistake if you wish to do so and accept the sincere apologies of the Committee. Hopefully, at next year's AGM we shall be able to confirm the annual subscription as £12.50.

Programme

The new programme is enclosed and we hope you find it both interesting and varied.

Towneley by Moonlight

On Tuesday, September 20th, we offer you an invitation to explore the history, myths and legends linked to Towneley Hall in the company of Simon Entwistle, famous for his local "ghost walks". A short stroll around the grounds (weather permitting) will be followed by supper in the Servants Quarters, then a tour of some of the rooms on the ground floor and first floor. This will be a preview of an event which will be offered to Group Organisers and fund-raising bodies and is intended to be a light hearted diversion which does involve a little walking. £10 covers the cost of the evening, including welcome drink, pie and peas, and a choice of sweet followed by tea or coffee.

If you haven't already booked for the trip to **Astley Hall on August 22nd**, please don't delay. If you would appreciate transport, then let me know (Rita Walsh 07946 503000)

Out and About

A party of around thirty arrived at **Manchester Jewish Museum** back in May for what was to be a most interesting and informative visit. There was much to see and we had an excellent guide. Thanks Sylvia for suggesting this outing.

In July, thanks to Ken Darwen, Manager of Towneley Hall, a group visit was made to **Stonyhurst College** for a guided tour, which again was fascinating. Do you know that fees for boarders there are £21,000 per year. Wow!

Escafold Medieval Day

In lovely sunshine our stalls out on the courtyard in front of the shop offered a selection of books, videos, cassettes, and plants. Zara and Sarah painted children's faces and a Bran Tub full of mystery packages intrigued the young ones. Tickets for our Grand Raffle with super prizes sold well. Altogether we raised £225.40. Many thanks to Colin, Cynthia, Audrey, Barbara, Tom, Gordon, Sandra and of course Susan and the staff. Special thanks to new members Terry who raised £20 by selling his sketches, assisted by Marie.

Car Parking Charges

Burnley Borough Council have now approved car parking charges for Towneley Park at some time in the future. How these charges are to be implemented is as yet unresolved. However, our President, Colin Sanderson is attending all the relevant meetings to represent our members' interests and we will keep you informed of any developments.