

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Christmas Craft Fair:** Over 25 stalls.
November 27th Open 12noon – 4 p.m.
- Welcome Days Out** Daytime events on various dates.
- Festive Concerts:** Contact Mrs A. Sanderson
Late Nov/early Dec (01282 779800)
- Towneley by Moonlight** The history, myths and legends of Towneley accompanied by Simon
December 3rd Entwistle Famous for his local "ghost walks".
Mayoress's Committee Contact Jackie Sim (01282 424213)
- A Christmas Concert** A cornucopia of music, song and readings
December 6th presented by a local ensemble. Buffet and entertainment £12.50.
(N.S.P.C.C.) Contact Cynthia Ramsay (01282 439234)
- Festive Carol Concert** Traditional and new festive music performed by the choir & band of the A Cappella Singers. £15
December 17th Includes Festive Buffet.
Ring Ken (01282 424213)
- Christmas at Towneley** Formal evenings of festive fun, dine, dance and be entertained in the Regency Rooms
21st & 22nd December

A full programme of events is now being planned for 2006

EXHIBITIONS 2005

The Sea

October 1st – December 31st

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

Museum Selection

We were requested to circulate copies of the Winter 2005 catalogue and I hope you have received yours. If not please contact me (01282 424004/07946 503000) and I will deliver. We are to be reimbursed for the cost of postage and receive a small donation from Museum Selection.



THE TOWNELEY HALL

November 2005 Newsletter

Patron

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

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

Dear Member

Christmas Party

This year's event is on Monday, December 12th, and I'm delighted to tell you that Simon McClure, who was such a star at the event following the Annual General Meeting, has agreed to come and entertain us again.

A brilliant pianist with a wide repertoire, Simon will be playing music from the shows and perhaps a Christmas carol for us to join in with.

Another treat in store - we hope to welcome a group from Burnley Light Opera Society to entertain us in their inimitable way.

Supper is potato pie, with an alternative of cheese and onion pie (please indicate this on the booking form), with a glass of wine or fruit juice to wash it down and a mince piece with tea/coffee to follow. The cost for the evening is £8.50. Please let me have your booking form by December 5th. Remember that friends are more that welcome.

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

Afternoon Tea at Towneley

Following November's Tea at Towneley with Susan Bourne incorporating a re-enactment of the Victorian kitchen, with staff in costume, we look forward to the January Tea at Towneley on Wednesday, the 18th, with Mike Townend. Before touring the Exhibition "Their Past - Your Future" we shall be hearing about wartime Britain and how home cooking changed to accommodate the deprivations of War. Perhaps we may partake of a Spam sandwich, although you won't be forced to have a teaspoonful of Virol or a cup of dandelion coffee.

Award winning visitor attraction

Towneley Hall has been awarded a Quality Assurance Certificate by Visit Britain (formerly the English Tourist Board). Following a three-year training programme conducted by the North West Tourist Board, this national recognition is a tribute to the Management, staff and volunteers working at Towneley Hall and a first for Burnley.

Subscriptions

Please accept this as a gentle reminder to those who haven't as yet got around to paying membership subscriptions. John Hagan would be delighted to accept your cheque by post, or cash in hand. Thank you for supporting the Towneley Hall Society.

Helmshore Mills Textile Museum

The first visit on offer in 2006 is to Helmshore Textile Museum on Tuesday, January 31st. Arriving for 7 pm. the guided tour, incorporating a re-enactment of the Victorian classroom will be followed by supper in the café. £8.50 includes transport, tour, tea/coffee with sandwiches and cake. Car sharing will be organised by myself, please let me know your requirement. A booking form is enclosed which should be returned to me by January 25th. Again, remember that friends are very welcome to come on this trip out. Best thing is that if the weather that night is nasty, the whole visit can be cancelled and re-arranged. How is that for good service.

Charges at Towneley

The Council is considering introducing charges for non-residents of the borough to visit Towneley Hall. It is proposed to introduce car parking charges in April 2007.

You are each to receive a copy of the Public Consultation document which will give you an opportunity to express your views. Please take the time to fill this in and return it to the Hall or to me by 16th December. Your opinion matters! If you have already completed this form then please pass the new one to somebody else.