

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday Craft Fairs: March 26th, April 30th,
May 28th

Wedding Fayre: Sunday, April 9th

Sunday Craft Fair & Easter Egg Hunt: April 16th

Family Fun Day: Bank Holiday Monday,
Entertainment, stalls, May 29th
games.

Brass Band Concert and Afternoon Tea: June 4th

Classic Car Show: Sunday, July 2nd

Burnley Balloon Festival: Friday – Sunday, July
21st/23rd

Classic Car Rally: Sunday, August 13th

Children's Theatre in the Park: Friday evening, August
18th
Goldilocks & Teddy
Bears Picnic

Theatre in the Park: The Merry
Wives of Windsor Sunday evening, August
20th

**A full programme of events is now being
planned for 2006**

EXHIBITIONS 2006

Their Past, Your Future

January 9th – February 16th Travelling display commemorating the Second World War

Picture of Elvis

February 25th -March 26th Portraits by Malcolm Stead with lots of memorabilia

L.A.C.I.

April 2nd – May 14th Young Lancashire Creators in glass, light and ceramics

Preston Threads

April 8th – May 28th Textile and Embroidery Group's work

The English Regional Chair

April 9th – October 19th (TBC)Rush seated and Windsor chairs from the Cotton Collection

Burnley Photographic Society

April 9th – May 7th New work by members

Yaadein

May 20th – June 25th Memories of Pakistan. Crafts and poetry by local people

Furniture by Burnley College

June – July (TBC) Annual Degree Show

200 years of Puzzle Jugs

July 1st August 13th A fascinating private Collection

The Lister Group

August 20th – October 1st Inspired by Towneley



THE TOWNELEY HALL

February 2006 Newsletter

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

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Dear Member

Happy New Year!

Christmas Party

December 12th was an evening filled with entertainment from start to finish. Simon McClure's performance at the piano was as enjoyable as always, and members of Burnley Light Opera Society performed two sessions of seasonal readings, from Christmas past to Christmas present. We all had a thoroughly enjoyable evening out.

Afternoon Tea at Towneley

The January meeting was a fantastic success. Following the presentation by Mike Townend entitled Their Past, Your Future, Society members were joined by parties from various other community groups at the invitation of Towneley Hall for a tea dance. Members of staff were dressed in 1940's style and sandwiches of marmite and spam were served followed by carrot cake, washed down with tea. Liquid refreshments consisted of dandelion and burdock or vimto. A jolly good time was had by all with credit to the musicians who played a variety of dance music.



Spring Event

Your booking form for this special evening is enclosed. We are to have a preview of the Burnley Light Operatic Society's Spring production entitled "Hot Mikado" which will be staged at the Mechanics at the end of March. In fact, one of our raffle prizes will be two seats for the show (kindly donated by Colin Sanderson). £8.50 includes supper of potato pie (or cheese and onion) followed by a sweet and tea/coffee. A welcome drink will be on offer.

Trips out and about

Sorry we had to cancel the outing to Helmshore Mills Textile Museum. A long awaited refurbishment scheme is about to start and our visit must be postponed until this is complete. However, we have planned a conducted tour of St Peter's Church in Burnley on Tues 9th May. I'm sure we have all at some time visited this ancient building, but nowadays there is even more of a story behind its preservation. Quite recently a Heritage Centre tracing the development of Burnley since its inception to the present time has been opened. We are to meet there at 7 p.m. and our visit is free of charge. Our friends at St Peter's have offered to provide tea and biscuits at the end of the evening.

This year's **Summer Outing** is to the Bronte Parsonage Museum at Howarth, kindly organised by Audrey Hall. The date for your diary is Monday, August 21st and our visit will incorporate a guided tour of the house and gardens, a short lecture about the Brontes,

followed by wine and biscuits. The Museum shop will be open. The price will be around £10.50 and I hope to be able to organise car sharing again. Further details and booking form will be included in a later newsletter.

Family Fun Day

On Bank Holiday Monday, May 29th, Towneley Hall is anticipating huge crowds to attend what promises to be a great afternoon out. Various entertainments are planned and there will be stalls, side-shows, games and much more. The Society is to have a few stalls out in the courtyard in front of the shop as we did last year. A book stall, with CD's, videos, DVD's etc, raffle, plant stall, bran tub and face-painting for the children are to be on offer. If you can spare a couple of hours between 12 noon and 4 p.m. to fund raise for Towneley Hall, then please tell me (Rita Walsh). Even if you can't come, you can help by donating items for the above.

Proposed School

On behalf of members we have written to Lancashire County Council expressing concern about the proposed school, and emphasising that if it must be then the building should be of the highest possible quality. We have also written to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister advising that this proposal should go to a Public Enquiry to avoid Lancashire CC from in effect, giving themselves planning consent.