

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Sunday Craft Fairs:** April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 28<sup>th</sup>

**Family Fun Day:** Bank Holiday Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>  
Entertainment, stalls, games.

**Brass Band Concert and Afternoon Tea:** June 4<sup>th</sup>  
Performance Mozart's

**Cosi Fan Totte** Thursday evening, June 8<sup>th</sup>

**RS Turbo Rally:** Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Burnley Balloon Festival:** July 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Classic Car Rally:** Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

**Children's Theatre in the Park::** Friday evening,  
August 18<sup>th</sup> Goldilocks & Teddy Bears Picnic

**Theatre in the Park:** Sunday evening, August 20<sup>th</sup>  
The Merry Wives of Windsor

**Open Heritage Days** Friday Sept 8<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept.

### EXHIBITIONS

**L.A.C.I .** April 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 14<sup>th</sup>

Young Lancashire Creators in glass, light and ceramics

**Preston Threads** April 8<sup>th</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup>

Textile and Embroidery Group's work

**The English Regional Chair** April 9<sup>th</sup> – October 19<sup>th</sup>  
(TBC) Rush seated and Windsor chairs from the Cotton  
Collection

**Burnley Photographic Society** April 9<sup>th</sup> – May 7<sup>th</sup>  
New work by members

**Yaadein** May 20<sup>th</sup> – June 25<sup>th</sup>

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 13<sup>th</sup>  
A fascinating private collection

**The Lister Group** August 20<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>  
Inspired by Towneley

### Income & Expenditure for the Year to 31st March 2006

	2005		2005/2006
<b>Income f</b>			
	1286.50	Subscriptions	886.00
	3918.26	Refreshments/Bar	6511.50
	3959.50	Events	2162.07
	1597.66	Donations, Hall Box	1153.82
	36.00	Legacy & Donations	630.31
	98.06	Interest Received	<u>276.82</u>
			11620.52
<b>Less Expenses</b>			
	1597.66	Donations to Hall	3303.22
	678.47	Other	427.77
	120.14	Postage, printing etc	63.95
	437.21	Meeting expenses	547.21
	2273.28	Refreshments	<u>492.62</u>
			4834.77
		Opening Balance	19315.01
			26100.76
	512.50	Bar Stock	950.00
	634.12	Bar Petty cash	
	19315.01	Closing Balance	<u>£ 27,050.76</u>

### The Funds are held as:

Current a/c	10740.16
Deposit	15360.60
Bar/ Stock	<u>950.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 27050.76</b>



# THE TOWNELEY HALL SOCIETY

## April 2006 Newsletter

### Patron

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

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

Dear Member

### Resignation

The bad news is that our Treasurer for the past two years, John Hagan has handed in his resignation due to work commitments. Good news is that he has agreed to stay on the Committee and be our webmaster as well as typesetting our newsletters. Further good news is that we have a volunteer to take over from John, new member Peter Woodhead. However, if anyone else is interested in offering then please contact the Secretary. Believe me, there are jobs for all!

### A.G.M.

Following this year's AGM, after refreshments we are to hear from Mrs Katie Grant (nee Towneley), journalist and writer who is in the area on a series of school visits, speaking to children about how history and personal interests can be turned into the best story in the world. Katie grew up at Towneley and will be taking us on a tour of the Hall and talking about her ancestors and times past. An occasion not to be missed. Your attendance at the AGM is urgent and necessary.

### Spring Event

Sadly, this event did not find favour with the membership at large and as only twenty-five bookings were confirmed, it was decided to cancel, rather than be outnumbered by the performers. We are indeed grateful to the producer and cast of "Hot Mikado" for their kind offer, and rather embarrassed that we could not find a viable audience.

### Trips out and about

Don't forget our conducted tour of **St Peter's Church** in Burnley on Tuesday, May 9th. 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. Late bookings by 'phone to Rita Walsh on 424004.

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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. A booking form is enclosed.

### Cosi fan Tutti

A leaflet is enclosed and we recommend that you book early for this outstanding opportunity to see this entertaining opera sung in unique surroundings at Towneley Hall.

### Family Fun Day

On Bank Holiday Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 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, a bouncy castle, fairground rides, 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 as well

as Jolly Jack (a Punch & Judy Show) in the Lecture Theatre, for which we will be manning the door. If you can spare a couple of hours between 11 a.m. 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. Collection upon request (424004/07946 503000/01282 424213)

### Towneley Hall Shop

In addition to the Video (£7.50) or DVD (£8.99) entitled "Spellbound at Towneley Hall", the shop now has on offer a DVD "Spellbound on the Borderline" featuring among others, Towneley Hall, Gawthorpe Hall, Queen St Mill and the Weavers Triangle. The price is £15.99. More news soon, about several limited edition items on order for the Christmas season.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2006**

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts and the Minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting will be available.

The 2004/5 Committee is:

President	Colin Sanderson
Chairman	Tony Mitchell
Secretary	Rita Walsh
Treasurer	John Hagan
Members:	Irene Birchenough Audrey Hall Frank Rushworth Cynthia Sanderson Gordon Thompson

The Curator, Susan Bourne, is an ex-officio member of the Committee.

If you are interested in helping with the work of the Society, or wish to nominate anyone for office please complete the enclosed form.