

SPECIAL EVENTS

In the Hall

The Marriage of Figaro **Aug 21 & 22**
Tickets: 01772 451991

Open Heritage Days **Sept 7 – 10**
Main Hall, Local History Museum and
Ice House are open all weekend and
Friday. Admission free to everyone.
Special behind the scenes tours and
Re-enactors.

The Big Draw **October**
Art Event

Christmas Craft Fair **Nov 25**

Carol Concerts **Dec 17 & 18**

Christmas Dinner Dances **Dec 20 & 21**

New Year's Eve Ball **Dec 31**

In the Park

Pet Fun Day **Aug 5**

Classic Car Show **Aug 12**

Bat Walk at 7.30 pm **Sept 12**

EXHIBITIONS

Joyce Taylor Watercolours
Embroidery and water colourist
July 8 – Sept 2

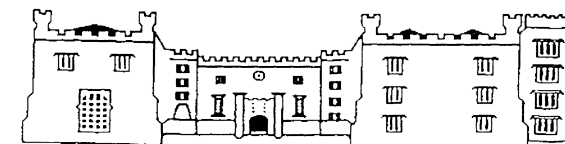
Costume Dolls
Mrs Widdow's renowned collection of
Dolls showing historic costumes
Aug 4 – Sept 30

Stitch and Sketch
Painting and embroideries by local People
Sept 1 – Sept 30

Ten Plus Textiles
Contemporary textiles and embroideries
from the North West
Sept 8 – Oct 20

Calligraphers
The work of the East Lancashire
Calligraphers Guild
Oct 7 – Nov 30

It's Your Choice
The people of Burnley create their own
Exhibition with items from our collections
Oct 27 – Dec 23



THE TOWNELEY HALL SOCIETY

August 2007
Newsletter

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

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

Annual General Meeting

A copy of the Minutes is enclosed and as you will see the Committee remains unchanged. However, we are as always, happy to welcome support, help and ideas from members. Contact Rita Walsh (01282 426063).

Subscriptions

Thanks to those who responded to the reminder in the last newsletter. The present subscription is £12.50 due on April 1st each year. A final reminder letter is enclosed for those who may have been caught up in summer holidays and activities.

The entrance charge of £2.50 introduced by the local Council last year, and increased to £3.50 this year, applies only to visitors who do not live in Burnley. Our Treasurer, Peter Woodhead, would like to remind all members who reside outside the Borough that membership of the Towneley Hall Society entitles them to free entry. We shall be submitting a list of fully paid up members of the Society to the Hall so that staff on duty are able to grant admission without charge to all our members.

Programme

The new programme is enclosed and includes some special fund-raising events. Please remember that non-members are welcome to these events and also to meetings (a £2 cover charge would be welcome).

Members will be pleased to note that two of the Society funded projects will come to fruition when the long awaiting Millennium clock, with its 17 foot pendulum, made by Professor Alan Smith is installed in the Great Hall. The chime on the clock at the front of the Hall is to be re-instated using the original bell. Thanks to the Society by Susan Bourne, the Curator have been recorded.

Goodshaw Chapel and the Weavers Cottage

A booking slip is enclosed for this year's August outing which takes us to two local important historical sites. We are to be escorted by members of the Rossendale Civic Trust who will show us around the Chapel and tell us of its history and then move on to the Cottage with a show round followed by a talk and slide show. The evening will conclude with light refreshments. If you would like a lift or are willing to offer one, then please let me know.

Heritage and Woodland Festival

On Sunday, September 9th, during Heritage weekend, the Society is to have a few stalls in the courtyard outside the shop (weather permitting). As before, we shall have a raffle, children's bran tub and be offering for sale books, CD's, DVD's, videos etc. If you can come along and help, please let me know (426063) otherwise any items suitable for our stall or raffle would be very welcome and can be collected upon request.

Heritage Lottery Funding

As part of the car parking management plan there is now a charge of 50p an hour between 10am and 5pm for the Hall car park. Annual passes are available for £40. The other car parks remain free and disabled parking is free for up to three hours. Riverside car park is much improved and refreshments are available from the Rotunda. From there, enjoy a pleasant seven-minute walk up the replanted avenue where you have the best vista of the Hall with no cars in front of it. The refurbished Café was officially opened by the Mayor on July 16th and offers views overlooking the fountain and restored pond.

Joyce Taylor Watercolours

The late Joyce B Taylor was a member of the Haffner family of Burnley. She studied and taught in Burnley, Manchester and Bolton all her life as well as being an artist and crafts-woman. Members should enjoy her embroidery and painting of flowers and dolls. The Exhibition ends September 2nd.

A night at the Opera

May we recommend that you book early to enjoy a performance of 'The Marriage of Figaro' on August 21st or 22nd. Seats for 'La Boheme' sold out last March.

For your information

Enclosed is a leaflet detailing the Free Shuttle Bus Service to Towneley Hall and Park which is operating as detailed and proving to be very popular.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Education Information booklet which has been sent to all primary schools in Lancashire as well as some in Yorkshire and South Cumbria. This leaflet sets out what is on offer in the history and science/geography areas, and an art package for primary and secondary schools is now being developed.