

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### In the Hall (2007)

#### **Christmas Craft Fair**

20+ stalls. Free admission

Sunday, Nov 25<sup>th</sup>

#### **N.S.P.C.C.**

#### **Christmas at Towneley**

South Pennine Singers.

£12.50 includes Buffet & glass of wine/juice.

Tuesday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

Contact 07946 503000

#### **Carol Concerts**

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

#### **Christmas Dinner Dances**

Thursday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

Friday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>

#### **New Year's Eve Ball**

Monday, Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

### In the Hall (2008)

#### **The Elixir of Love**

Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>

Tickets: 01772 451991

## EXHIBITIONS (2007)

#### **Calligraphers**

The work of the East Lancashire

Calligraphers Guild

Oct 7<sup>th</sup> – Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

#### **It's Your Choice**

The people of Burnley create their own

Exhibition with items from our collections

Oct 27<sup>th</sup> – Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>

## EXHIBITIONS (2008)

#### **Ben Hall**

Wildlife Photography

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **Secrets of a Peruvian Mummy**

Recent discoveries by York University  
about a South American mummy brought  
to Towneley Hall in 1910 by intrepid  
traveller W.T. Taylor

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>

#### **Padiham Photographic Society**

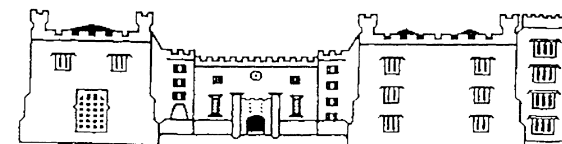
Members most recent works

March 1<sup>st</sup> – March 30<sup>th</sup>

#### **Bolton Threads**

Contemporary textiles and embroidery

March 15<sup>th</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup>



# THE TOWNELEY HALL SOCIETY

## November 2007 Newsletter

#### **Patron**

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

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

## Dear Member

### Christmas Concert and Hot Buffet Supper

A booking form is enclosed for our Christmas Event on Monday, December 10th. Burnley Junior Alliance Band will open our Concert at 7.30 p.m. with a varied programme including some seasonal music.

The Hot Buffet will be served at around 8.30 p.m. with a choice of sweet and tea or coffee. Richard Sanderson, popular local entertainer will follow supper and round off the evening with songs and stories of good cheer. Don't forget guests will be welcome. £8.50 includes a free Christmas raffle ticket.

### Lecture by Stephen Green

Please note a change of date - this event will now be held on Saturday, March 1st as Mr Green is to attend an important conference in Northern Ireland the weekend of the 8th. As we anticipate that this event will sell out quickly, advance booking is open to members now, contact Rita Walsh (07946 503000). The price per ticket is £27.50 which includes a welcome drink, buffet, and the illustrated lecture by Mr Green, former Curator of the MCC Museum and librarian at Lords.

### Honorary Member

At the most recent Committee meeting, following discussions, it was proposed and unanimously agreed to offer Honorary membership to Mary Egerton, who retired as President in 2005. Mary became a member of the Society Council back in 1979 and

subsequently spent 16 years as Secretary following some time as Assistant Secretary. She took office as President in 1997. Surely a worthy candidate to be the first Honorary Member of the Towneley Hall Society.

### The British Association of Friends of Museums.

The Society is honoured to be hosting the North West Regional Meeting of the Association at Towneley Hall on Saturday, April 19th 2008.

This prestigious event is generally attended by around fifty delegates from around the region along with members of the host organisation. Our Patron, Sir Simon Towneley has agreed to welcome guests and we hope that Burnley's Member of Parliament, Kitty Ussher will also speak (although she will officially be on maternity leave on that date).

We hope for good support from members of the Society and request that you note the date in your diary and make every effort to attend what will hopefully be an interesting and informative event, reflecting well on Burnley and the Towneley Hall Society.

### A night at the Opera

Advanced booking is certainly recommended for the one night performance on Friday 29th of February of "*The Elixir of Love*"

### Past Events

Our visit to Goodshaw Chapel and the Weavers Cottage back in August was a delight, although the evening was decidedly chilly up on the hills in Rossendale. Mrs Fishwick of the Civic Trust brought both venues to life and we were amazed to find such a slice of real industrial heritage virtually on our doorstep.

Roger Frost's presentation on Lancashire's Calderdale did not disappoint and we learned a lot about the local landscape.

We met Mrs Fishwick again when she came to Towneley Hall in October and she gave a slide show about Weavers' Cottages. Those at the meeting will now have fun identifying these properties which can be found throughout East Lancashire and over the border in West Yorkshire.

For once, the weather was kind and Heritage weekend back in September was enjoyed by hundreds of visitors to Towneley Park. Our combined sales of raffle tickets, bran tub dips, books, tapes, etc. amounted to almost £200. Oh, and it was a good day out too.

### Towneley Hall Shop

Many Seasonal gifts are now in stock - please browse and buy.