

Dear Member

Annual General Meeting

A copy of the Minutes is enclosed and as you will see Gordon Thompson's resignation due to ill health was accepted with regret and the Committee has a new member, Tony Kitto, who, as voluntary Researcher at the Hall keeps and catalogues the Library, assists with the various Exhibitions and has produced an A - Z which traces the Towneley family. The Committee, as always, welcomes support, help and ideas from members. Contact Rita Walsh (01282 426063).

Subscriptions

Thanks to members who have paid promptly. For those who may have been caught up in summer holidays and activities and overlooked their renewal a form is enclosed. If you have now paid, please ignore this reminder and accept our apologies for sending it. Our Treasurer, Peter Woodhead, would like to remind members that subscriptions can be paid automatically each year from their bank account by a 'standing order'. It needs to be set up only once and your subs will be paid each year on the date you confirm. It can of course be cancelled by yourself at any time. To set up this arrangement, you will require the following information to complete your bank's standing order instruction. The Towneley Hall Society's bank details are as follows:

Lloyds TSB, Burnley (Manchester Road) Branch
Bank Sort Code 30-11048
Account number 08966084

Please be aware that all members who reside outside the Borough are entitled to free entry to the Hall and we submit an updated list of paid members so that staff on duty are able to grant admission without charge.

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).

The Parish Church of St Mary's and All Saints, Whalley

A booking slip is enclosed for this year's outing, on August 18th which takes us to Whalley Parish Church for a conducted tour introduced by Roger Frost and escorted by the vicar Chris Sterry. Please meet at the church for 7 p.m. The evening will conclude with a glass of wine/juice and 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.

Painting of the Month

Since May 2008, visitors to the Art Gallery at Towneley have the opportunity to choose a painting of the month. The touchscreen computer that was provided for the "Your Choice" Exhibition in 2007 has been moved to the Art Gallery. Now known as the Collections Display, it shows paintings that are not currently on display, being either in store or out on loan. The painting of the month for June was "After Rain, Hardcastle Crags" by local artist Leonard Shaw. It was chosen by the artist's daughter (Cynthia Ramsay) who is depicted in this painting as a child. Come along and make your suggestion for future paintings of the month.

A night at the Opera

We recommend that you book early to enjoy a performance of Mozart's classic work 'The Magic Flute' on August 13th or 14th. Contact Heritage Opera on 01772 451991

Festival of Flowers - 4th / 7th December

Volunteer stewards are required to assist with this event. The opening hours are Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be three shifts of between two and two and a half hours. Please contact Rita Walsh (426063) if you can help.

We are having our Christmas Event as a part of the Festival on Friday, December 5th. Further details are in the programme and will be in future newsletters.