

SPECIAL EVENTS

IN THE HALL

Easter Chick Hunt

12th April,
Easter chick trail around the Hall

IN THE PARK

Bird & Bat box making

7th March, 1 – 3.30 p.m.
Meet outside Offshoots

Trees & Spring Flowers

25th April, 2 – 4 p.m.
Meet outside Towneley Hall Shop

Dawn Chorus

3rd May, 5 – 7 a.m.
Meet at Riverside car park
Bookings only (01282 831053)

May Day Festival

4th May
Annual May Day celebrations

Race for Life

9th and 10th May
Sponsored fun run for women

Big Band Concert with Choir

14th June, 2 – 4 p.m.
Pendle Vale College

EXHIBITIONS (2009)

Haslingden High School

14 Jan – 1 March
Textiles by V1 Form Students

Padiham Photographic Society

31 Jan – 26 Feb
Work by members

Wild at Art

14 Feb – 11 Mar
A collection of wildlife illustrations and paintings by local artist Hayley Welsh

Noel H. Leaver

7 March – 24 May
The bequest of 62 watercolours by Burnley's artist to the Towneley Hall Society. A booklet will be available.

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14 March – 2 April
A display of fashion and personal images by local photographer, Andy Gray.

Burnley Photographic Society

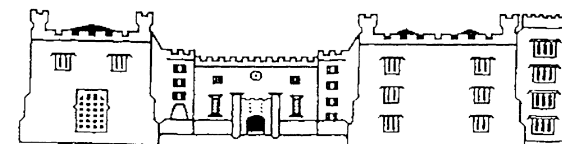
14 Mar – 14 April
Work by members

Burnley College Furniture

23 May – 18 June
Annual show of students' work

David Newton

A contemporary installation on the theme of Towneley Treasure House



THE TOWNELEY HALL SOCIETY

February 2009 Newsletter

Patron

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

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Dear Member

Noel H Leaver Watercolours

Your invitation to the Preview Evening is enclosed – please note the change of date which is now Friday, March 6th. At the same event, we shall have a chance to see again the bust of Charles Townley, safely back at Towneley Hall, having been rescued from impending export to America. Our Society is publishing a booklet about the Bracewell collection edited by Tony Kitto and this will be available at the Preview. Please feel free to bring family and friends to this prestigious event.

British Association of Friends of Museums

Last year's North West Meeting of BAFM was held in April at Towneley Hall. Over 90 delegates attended and many compliments were received regarding the standard of the programme presented and the excellent catering! This year's event is on April 4th at the Whitworth Art Gallery in Manchester. The cost for the day is £15 and if you are interested in attending please contact the Secretary.

Mary Corner

We were saddened to hear of the death of Mary, who appeared to be making such a good recovery when she came to the November Tea. Edith's talk was frequently supported by Mary's comments, much to the amusement of the audience. How she will be missed!

In Concert

The Society is honoured to present Rachael Clegg (oboe), Manchester Camerata musician-in-residence, accompanied by Roberto Carrillo-Garcia (guitar) in an entertaining evening of favourite Classical pieces by some of the great composers. This Concert will be held in the Regency room at Towneley Hall on Wednesday, May 20th at 7.30 p.m. Admission is by ticket only, but free of charge to members of the Society, who may have as many tickets as requested, contact Rita Walsh 01282 426063 or 07946 503000. Members of the public will pay £2.50 per ticket.

Tea at Towneley

Edith Corner's recollections of Burnley stirred the memories of all who attended the November meeting. Thanks are recorded to Sylvia Hagan and Audrey Hall who supplied the traditional home-made refreshments for our pre-Christmas Tea.

Park Ranger Graham Gavaghan's slide show of Towneley Park through the year was first class, and we are planning to enjoy his return visit in the new programme.

And for the children

John Cunliffe, the author of Postman Pat and the early Rosie and Jim stories will be hosting a drop in writing session and will be signing books on Easter Monday from 12 – 4 p.m. The Easter chicks will take the place of the popular mouse trail over the holidays.

Flower Festival

This event attracted over 3000 visitors to the Hall, which had been transformed into a Winter Wonderland, amazing and delightful! All who braved the freezing weather agreed that it had been more than worth while. Susan Bourne records her thanks to those who worked so hard in the café. The visitors appreciated a good cup of tea. A sum of £4000 has been presented to the Hospice. A DVD of the event is on sale in the shop.

In the Park

Causeway End, the traditional public entrance to Towneley Park by the Golf Club is being widened and the gateposts restored. The Lime Avenue has been re-seeded and planted with shrubs replacing the overgrown rhododendrons. At the top of the Avenue, Foldys Cross, the former market cross for Burnley dating from 1520 has been dismantled and restored. It was moved to this position in 1911 to commemorate 50 years since the first Council elections, the third position it has occupied. You can find out more in the foyer display by the shop. The Victorian garden by the side of the Hall is to be planted with summer bedding in the Spring when the ground has dried out.

Coming soon

Don't forget our next talk on March 16th by Freddie Harris, former Curator of Brantwood, the home of John Ruskin, author, poet, artist and social thinker.