

The Annual General Meeting

All members are urged to attend the AGM on May 18th. This year we are looking for two Committee members. Long standing member Audrey Hall has had to resign due to health issues but hopefully will continue to attend and support our events. Tony Kitto has decided that he is best able to serve the Society as he has done in the past without Committee membership. As always your Committee invite nominations, or volunteers to come forward and join us in planning our lecture programme and fund-raising events. The other important duty involved is spending the funds raised on artefacts, amenities and equipment to enhance Towneley Hall which is loved by us all. I can be contacted on 01282 426063 or 07946 503000.

Subscriptions

Our Treasurer, Peter Woodhead, will be delighted to issue receipts for cash or cheques at the AGM and would appreciate early payment of subscriptions which are held at £12.50.

Flower Festival

Following the AGM, David Hall will be presenting a film tour of the Flower Festival held at Towneley Hall in December.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 18th May 2009

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts, and Minutes of last year's AGM will be available at the meeting

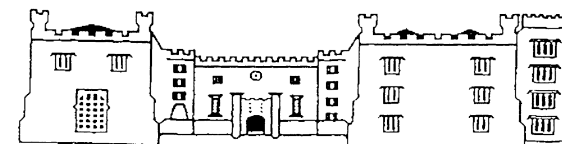
The 2008/9 Committee is:

President	Colin Sanderson
Chairman	Tony Mitchell
Secretary	Rita Walsh
Treasurer	Peter Woodhead

Members: Irene Birchenough
John Hagan
Audrey Hall
Tony Kitto
Cynthia Sanderson

The Curator of Towneley Hall, 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 advise the Secretary (01282 426063/07946 503000)



THE TOWNELEY HALL SOCIETY

April 2009
Newsletter

Patron

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

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

Dear Member

Concert

On Wednesday evening, May 20th, the Society is privileged to present Rachael Clegg (oboe) of the Manchester Camarata accompanied by Roberto Carillo-Garcia (guitar) in Concert. This event will be held in the Regency room at Towneley Hall and starts at 7.30 p.m. Admission is by ticket only, which are free of charge to members of the Society. There are just a few seats left, please contact me on 01282 426063 or 07946 503000.

Queen Street Mill

Shamefully, many of us neglect to visit places of interest which are on our very own doorstep, and it seems that we have some members who haven't been to Queen Street Mill. Now is an opportunity to take a conducted tour on Tuesday, June 2nd meeting at the Mill at 7 p.m. Roger Frost has agreed to join us and will talk about the textile industry in Burnley and the Mill's history before handing over to a member of staff for a tour of the site. A booking form is enclosed.

The Green Parlour

Do have a look at this room (off the Grand Hall) which has been restored to its former appearance around the 1740's. The Society has funded the navy blue wool window hangings and Holland blind which were installed on April 24th.

A "Regal" Raffle

Prior to last year's event "Beyond Reasonable Doubt" our friend Barbara Murray wrote to Prince Charles hoping to receive an item to puzzle us with during the evening. Barbara's letter must have been incredibly persuasive, and a book written by the Prince entitled "The Elements of Organic Gardening", signed by him on the flyleaf duly arrived, but too late for our event. Since then we have pondered on how best to ensure that this most desirable collector's item, which would grace any coffee table, should be used to raise funds for Towneley Hall, as was the Prince's intention. We propose to use it as the main prize in our annual raffle at the Woodland Festival, this year to be held on Sunday, September 13th. As usual, between 12 noon and 4.30 p.m. we'll be in the courtyard, outside the shop with our book stall and bran tub and your help would be very much appreciated on the day. If you can spare an hour or so please contact me.

Heritage Opera

Please remember to book early for the performances of Puccini's Tosca in the Regency rooms on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, the 19th and 20th of August. Call 01772 451991.

Events & Exhibitions

Enclosed is a copy of the new Events and Exhibitions leaflet telling you all about what is happening throughout the year.

Programme

The programme for 2009/10 is now being compiled and already we have a number of attractive visits, talks and lectures. Following last year's escorted tour of Whalley Church which was so popular, this August we plan to visit Mitton Parish Church, accompanied once again by Roger Frost. Park Ranger Graham Gavaghan is to return, by popular request, with another slide show based on Towneley Park and Woodlands. A special lecture is being prepared to mark the centenary, at the end of the year, of Burnley's Philanthropist Brewer, Edward Stocks Massey. The dates for all these and other meetings, events and outings will be in the programme to be sent to you late summer.

Past Events

Life in the Workhouse was not always just as grim as we imagine, and depended very much on the location, the Board of Trustees, and the all important "Beadle" Presented by Peter Watson in February, this talk provided an interesting insight into what must be the foundations of our present day huge Social Services network.

In March John Ruskin was brought to life by Freddie Harris, the former Curator of Brandwood, Most of us had to admit knowing very little about this immensely talented Victorian, who outraged his contemporaries with revolutionary ideas of social reform.

The Secretary
The Towneley Hall Society
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Cheques payable to The Towneley Hall Society
please

QUEEN STREET MILL

I wish to book places for the visit to
Queen Street Mill on Tuesday, June 2nd
@ £5 each and enclose a cheque for £.....

Name

Address

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Post Code

Telephone no.....

I would like a lift please.....

Please note that the evening starts at 7 p.m.
Meeting at Queen Street Mill

RETURN BY 26th MAY PLEASE