

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Start of WW11**

5th September

Burnley and the Home Front

Talk and handling session in

Lecture Theatre 1.30 – 3.30p.m.

### **The Butterflies of Offshoots**

6th September. 2 – 4 p.m. in the Park

### **Heritage Weekend**

Friday – Sunday 12th/14th September.

Free guided Tours throughout the day

### **Woodland Festival**

13th September in the Park

Craft stalls and attractions

### **The Big Draw**

10th October in the Hall

Make your mark at Towneley

### **Medal Day**

15th November

Medals and Burnley's past in foreign Wars with the East Lancs Medals & Militaria Society.

Lecture Theatre 12 – 4p.m. FREE

### **Bat Walk**

16th October. 8 p.m. In the Park

### **Woodland Extravaganza**

25th October. 1 – 3 p.m. In the Park

### **Christmas Craft Fair**

November 29th, In the Hall

### **Winter Wildlife Walk**

29th November. 1 – 3 p.m.

## EXHIBITIONS (2009)

### **Synergy II**

18 July – 11 Sept

Fans, shoes and other contemporary

Crafts by Textile Workshop

### **Stitch Sisters**

5 Sept – 15 Oct

### **Fairies**

12 Sept – 5 Nov

### **Stitch and Sketch**

24 Oct – 19 Nov

Work by local artists

### **Photographic Alliance of Great Britain**

7 Nov – 29 Nov

Annual show

### **Great British Watercolours Exhibition**

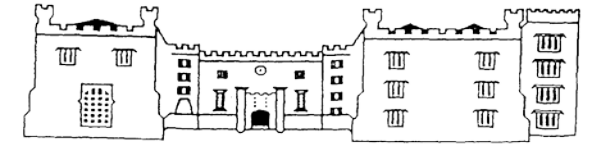
14 Nov – 24 Dec

### **Edward Stocks Massey**

28 Nov – Jan 2010

Commemorating the centenary of

Burnley's Philanthropist Brewer



# THE TOWNELEY HALL SOCIETY

## August 2009 Newsletter

### **Patron**

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

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

Dear Member

### **Annual General Meeting**

A copy of the Minutes is enclosed and you will see that Tony Kitto's resignation from the Committee was accepted following his assurances that the invaluable work he does for the Society will continue. Pauline Roberts will be a welcome addition to the team.

### **Subscriptions**

Thanks to members who paid promptly. For those who may have overlooked their membership, a renewal form is enclosed. Don't forget that life membership is now offered at £175, and information with regard to payment by standing order is available from our Treasurer Peter Woodhead (01282 430373).

### **Programme**

Your new programme is enclosed and I hope you will find that it offers variety and interest. Your ideas, along with your help and support is always welcome. Contact me (Rita Walsh 01282 426063). Remember that non-members are welcome to attend meetings (a £2 cover charge would be very welcome).

### **All Hallows Church, Mitton**

Once again we are indebted to Roger Frost who first of all suggested this outing, then made our booking and will be coming with us to introduce the tour on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. A booking form is enclosed and transport can be arranged for those who may need a lift. Please meet at the Church at 7 p.m. The evening will conclude with light refreshments.

### **Puccini's Tosca**

Performances on Wednesday and Thursday evening, the 19th and 20th August. A few seats are still available, call 01772 451991.

### **Heritage and Woodland Festival**

On Sunday, September 13th during Heritage weekend, the Society will have stalls in the marquee at the rear of the Hall. We shall be selling books, CDs, DVDs and videos and have a bran tub for the children. A plant stall would be nice if we are able to get plants and cuttings to sell. The highlight will be our "regal" raffle with the first prize being a signed copy of Prince Charles' book "The Elements of Organic Gardening". Donations would be welcome, as would offers of help on the stall, or selling raffle tickets in the park. From around 12 noon to 4 p.m.

### **Past Events**

The Concert by Rachael Clegg of Manchester Camarata at Towneley Hall in May was delightful.

The visit to Queen Street Mill was both enjoyable and informative. Our thanks to Roger Frost, who once again was able to set the scene for us before the actual tour.

### **Thanks**

President Colin Sanderson who acts as Bar Manager (on behalf of the Society) at social events and functions in the Hall wishes to record thanks to two non-members who regularly turn up to help. Our appreciation is expressed to Gerald Holden and Gordon Fell.

### **Stewards**

In the past, volunteers from the Society were happy to join the staff at Towneley Hall, stewarding and assisting with group visits. It has been suggested that the Craft Museum, which is sometimes closed due to staffing issues, could be open on a regular basis from Easter until October half-term between noon and 5 p.m. if a rota could be compiled. Two volunteers would be required for each session. I have enclosed a reply slip for you to return to me if you might be interested in being involved. Whether we are able to take this project forward will depend on the number of positive responses we receive.

### **Susan Bourne Retires**

You will see from the Programme that Curator Susan Bourne is retiring in February 2010 and we plan to celebrate her forty years of service with a party and presentation on Friday evening, February 26th. Please put this date in your diary and don't miss an opportunity to wish her a long and happy retirement. Susan hopes to complete the refurbishment of four bedrooms off the Long Gallery before she leaves and the Committee has pledged the sum of £10K to enable her to seek match funding. Of course, we hope that she will return to entertain and educate us at meetings in the future.