

## Past Events

Our August visit to **All Hallows Church, Mitton** proved to be a wonderful and uplifting experience. To see such an ancient Church beautifully restored and restructured to suit the modern needs of the local community was inspiring, and we were made most welcome. Thanks are recorded to Roger Frost, who, as usual, introduced the tour with a wealth of background information which made it so much more interesting.

The **Heritage and Woodland Festival** in September was blessed with perfect weather and we had a very good fund-raising day with over £500 to Bank. Prince Charles' book "The Elements of Organic Gardening" was won by a member of the Woodturners Association.

Brian Warburton was both informative and entertaining with his talk on "**The History of Shoes**" and left us in a reflective mode after hearing of all the changes in the industry, and how most of our shoes nowadays are made abroad, mainly in the far East.

Susan Bourne's lecture with slides on **Victorian Paintings** at Towneley was, as always enthralling, and as Chairman Tony Mitchell commented, our future visits to the Art Gallery will now be much more perceptive.

## EXHIBITIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

### Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

7 Nov – 29 Nov  
Annual show

### Great British Watercolours

14 Nov – 24 Dec

### Edward Stocks Massey

28 Nov – Jan 2010  
Commemorating the centenary of Burnley's Philanthropist Brewer

### Christmas Craft Fair

November 29<sup>th</sup> in the Hall

### Winter Wildlife Walk

29<sup>th</sup> November. 1 – 3 p.m.

### Christmas Tree Festival

7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> December in the Hall  
Charities display trees in each room

### Santa comes to Towneley

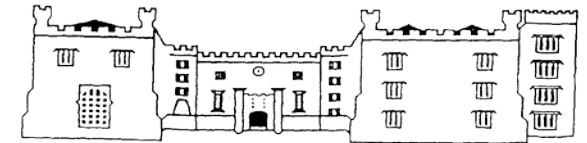
13<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas Carol Concerts Including Buffet Supper

14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Admission by ticket only £15

### Christmas Dinner Dance

19<sup>th</sup> December



# THE TOWNELEY HALL SOCIETY

## November 2009 Newsletter

### Patron

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

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## Dear Member

### Edward Stocks Massey

Enclosed is your invitation to the Preview of the Exhibition commemorating the centenary of the death of Burnley's Philanthropist Brewer, which will be preceded by a talk, with slides, by Roger Frost in the Lecture Theatre on Friday, November 27th at 7 p.m.

### Flower Festival

Regrettably not enough people were interested in a trip to the NAFA Flower Festival at Lytham on Friday, December 4th to justify booking a coach. Admission is £8. Those who did put their names on the list will be contacted to see if a car share may be possible.

### Christmas Tree Festival

A first for Towneley Hall, this event has been well supported and our Society will have a tree on display. Do come and have a look around, 7th to 13th of December. A small admission charge may apply.

### Tinsel and Tea at Towneley

Come to the Party on December 16th. We have a Christmas tree, crackers, mince pies and - a Pantomime Dame, in the person of Martin Wrench. A booking form is enclosed because we need to know the numbers. There is no charge and no need to post back - just give me a ring to say you are coming. My answerphone works well!

### Great British Watercolours

Towneley has worked with Gallery Oldham to obtain a Heritage Lottery Fund grant to conserve and show the best of their watercolour collection. This Exhibition will run from November 14th to December 24th 2009.

### Susan Bourne Retires

Plans for Susan's Retirement Party on Friday, February 26th are in hand, and the Events Sub-Committee is working with Ken Darwen, the Hall Manager, to compile the guest list, order the buffet and book the entertainment. This should be an evening to remember and you are all cordially invited. Put the date in your diary now!

### Tea Party in the Park

The Lottery project ends next year, and a celebration is planned for Sunday, June 13th 2010. In case of inclement weather, a large marquee will be erected. To make this occasion both special and memorable, ideas are being sought as to what could be included on the day, to ensure that everyone has a great day out. An open meeting is to be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10th in Towneley Hall Lecture Theatre and all are welcome.

### Stewards

Not enough volunteers came forward to make this initiative viable. Perhaps the time of year was wrong, giving very short notice, so we may try again in the New Year before abandoning the idea.

## Have your say on Towneley's Future

Come along to a Workshop or contact Annette direct. Workshops at Towneley Hall Lecture Theatre will take place on Tuesday and Saturday, November 10th and 14th between 2 - 4 p.m.) when there will be an opportunity to plan for the coming years.

### A short introduction will:

- Review the progress of the HLF restoration works
- Review the achievements of Towneley Action Plan in 2009
- Explain the Green Flag Award scheme and the priorities for action

This will be followed by -

### Discussion time to have YOUR SAY

- Set the targets for the Green Flag Action Plan 2010
- Look ahead for the next 5 years until 2015

## This year priorities for the park include:

- Improvements at the main Hanbrig entrance off Todmorden Road
- Avenue restoration works along Towneley Holmes Road
- Refurbishment of the bowling green toilets in the walled garden
- Improving the information available for the public to understand and enjoy the restored landscape at Towneley
- Creation of new parkland following demolition of existing Unity College.

For further details on the workshops and Towneley Park's Management Plan please contact Annette Birch on 01282 424213 and e-mail [abirch@burnley.gov.uk](mailto:abirch@burnley.gov.uk)

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## TINSEL AND TEA AT TOWNELEY

I wish to book.....places for this event on

Ley.gov Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 p.m.

GUESTS ARE WELCOME  
A DONATION OF £2 WOULD BE APPRECIATED

Name .....

Address .....

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Post Code .....

Telephone no .....

PLEASE RETURN BY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009

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