

SPECIAL EVENTS

IN THE HALL

La Traviata

Sunday, February 21st
SOLD OUT

Don Giovanni

Friday, June 11th

Madam Butterfly

Sunday, August 8th

**For information on the above contact
Heritage Opera 01772 451991**

Lancashire Food Festival (Marquee)

Saturday, June 12th

Comedy Show (Marquee)

Saturday evening, June 12th

Tea Party in the Park

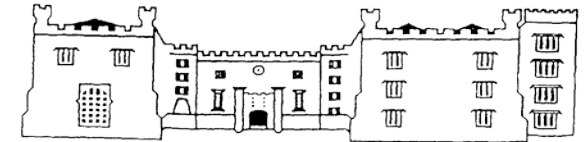
Sunday June 13th

IN THE PARK

Brass Band Concert

Sunday, June 27th

**Easter activities for children will take
place in the Hall and grounds**



THE TOWNELEY HALL SOCIETY

**February 2010
Newsletter**

Patron

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

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

Dear Member

Susan Bourne's Retirement Party

Enclosed is your invitation to this prestigious event on Thursday evening, February 26th. Susan has given 38 years of service at Towneley Hall. Upon retirement she intends to live in Whitchurch, but will spend part of the winters at Low Fell in the Lakes. Her immediate plans include quite a lot of travel. We all wish her well and hope she will return, as promised, to give a talk to the Society as part of our programme for the new session. Please remember to rsvp as requested on the invitation card.

A Letter from America

Our Chairman, Tony Mitchell will be presenting a slide show, with commentary at our next meeting. Beware the ides of March, according to Shakespeare. Remember the 15th if you don't want to miss what promises to be a most interesting photographic journey to the New World.

British Association of Friends of Museums

This year's North West Meeting will be held at the Helmshore Textile Museums on Saturday, March 27th. Coffee and Registration is at 10 a.m. and the day ends with afternoon tea at 3.30 p.m. In between will be talks on various subjects, a tour of the museums and lunch. The cost is £12 per delegate. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Secretary.

Tea Party in the Park

The Lottery project ends next year, and a celebration is planned for the weekend of 12th/13th June. A large marquee is to be erected adjacent to the Hall, and on Saturday will house a Lancashire Food Fair during the day. In the evening, the local Rotary Clubs are planning to have a Comedy Evening in the marquee, with a bar run by the Towneley Hall Society under the stewardship of Colin Sanderson. On Sunday, there will be a Grand Parade through the park with many activities, demonstrations and much more, culminating in a Huge Tea Party.

Past Events

Our Christmas Party, entitled Tea & Tinsel at Towneley was great fun. Former Pantomime Dame, Martin Wrench, overcame our initial resistance to audience participation and soon had everyone involved in the usual groan-inducing gags and singing silly songs. Incidentally, Sylvia Hagan shows great potential as a "conjurer's" assistant (Debbie McGee - watch out). Thanks go to Colin & Cynthia Sanderson, Sandra Thompson, Peter & Paulene Woodhead and Audrey Hall for raffle prizes and contributions towards the buffet.

The Towneley Hall Society Christmas Tree situated in the Great Hall was very imaginatively decorated by Paulene Woodhead and Cynthia Sanderson. It was undoubtedly the talking point of the Christmas Tree Festival. This was very successful and will certainly be added to the Hall's list of annual events.

Graham Gavaghan, as usual, had the audience enthralled with his film show and commentary entitled "More Wild Life Wanderings with a Park Ranger". We look forward to meeting Graham again with a new selection of photographs at next year's Annual General Meeting.

Rachael Clegg (oboe) and Joanna Porter (piano) performed in the elegant surroundings of the Regency Room at Towneley Hall on February 4th. We are fortunate to have the opportunity of presenting such accomplished musicians for the entertainment of our members at no cost, due to Arts Council funding. Both are locally born, Rachael is from Nelson and is Musician in residence with Manchester Camerata. Joanna is a Burnley girl.