

Tony Mitchell's slide show entitled "A letter from America" took us on a journey to parts of the U.S.A. perhaps not as well known to us as others.

Our final lecture was a fascinating look into the world of art restoration and conservation. Heather Davies of Lancashire Museums made it all come to life, and I'm sure she will be back again in the future with a talk about stained glass.

British Association of Friends of Museums.

81 delegates attended this year's North West Meeting at the Helmshore Textile Museums in March which proved to be an excellent day out for Society representatives Rita Walsh, Cynthia Sanderson and Audrey Hall. An interesting and varied programme of talks included David Holland, Conductor of Helmshore & Haslingden Prize Band, who brought along a few of his musicians to provide musical interludes in his talk about the history of brass bands.

Subscriptions

Renewal forms where appropriate are included with this mail out, and Peter Woodhead will be delighted to issue receipts for cash or cheques at the AGM and would appreciate early payment of subscriptions.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 17th May 2010

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

The 2009/10 Committee is:

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

Members:

Irene Birchenough
John Hagan
Audrey Hall
Pauline Roberts
Cynthia Sanderson

The former Curator of Towneley Hall, Susan Bourne, was 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

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Patron

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

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Dear Member

Annual General Meeting

All members are urged to attend the AGM that will be held on May 17th. As always your committee invite nominations, or volunteers to come forward and join in planning our lecture programme and fund-raising events. The more important duty involved is wise and strategic spending of the funds raised, in the purchase of artefacts, amenities and equipment for Towneley Hall. For more information or to make a verbal nomination, contact Rita Walsh on 01282 326063

Irene Birchenough

After over twenty years of service on the Society Committee, we have reluctantly accepted Irene's resignation. Happily, she is still going to help out with the refreshments at our meetings.

Thanks

On the subject of refreshments, may thanks be recorded to Audrey Hall, who is no longer able to lead our refreshment team, but did a great job up to last year. Fortunately, a seamless handover to new Committee member Pauline Roberts ensured that excellent service continues. Many thanks to the other team members, Barbara West and Sylvia Hagan.

Better than Chalk and Talk

Following the AGM, Mike Townend, Senior Curator at the Hall will be presenting a film show entitled "Better than Chalk and Talk" which will include footage on "Games we used to play", scenes from Abel Street School and the excavation of Mosley Heights led by Walter Bennett of Burnley Grammar School. All are from the archives of Sam Hanna, circa 1950's, black & white and silent.

Pleasington Priory

For our annual evening summer visit, our friend Roger Frost, has organised a tour of Pleasington Priory, Blackburn. This Roman Catholic Church is an architectural gem with an interesting historical background. The date is Tuesday evening, May 25th meeting at the Priory at 7 p.m. Roger will set the scene for us historically, as usual, then Stephen Child, who has recently written a book on this subject will take us on a conducted tour of the interior of the building and the exterior with graveyard (weather permitting). Please indicate on your reply slip if you need a lift or directions to the Priory.

Heritage Comedy Night & Hog Roast

The local Rotary Clubs in partnership with the Towneley Hall Society led by Colin Sanderson are presenting a unique event on Saturday evening, June 12th as part of the Celebration weekend to mark the completion of the Lottery project. Held in a large marquee to be erected adjacent to the Hall, Billy Bean will provide the comedy and "Elvis" will be making a special appearance. The evening will be compared by our local legend, Gerald Holden.

Tickets are now available at £18 including supper and disco afterwards from Towneley Hall or call 01282 424213/691650. On Saturday afternoon the marquee will house a Lancashire Food Fair. On Sunday, there will be a Grand Parade through the park with many activities, demonstrations and much more, culminating in a Huge Tea Party for the children.

Past Events

Susan Bourne's Retirement Party was an elegant affair with champagne and canapés on offer which suited the ambience of the Great Hall. We intend to make a more personal tribute to Susan from the Society when she returns to speak to us in the new session. Some subscriptions have already been received but if you would care to contribute to the gift fund, please see Peter, Colin or Rita.