

William Holt

In September, we welcome the Town Clerk of Todmorden, no less, to present an illustrated lecture on this famous character. Catherine Emberson will cover just some of the many fascinating aspects of the "All or Nothing" man which I'm sure will include a mention of his horse "Trigger".

Christmas card

Arising out of our joint venture with the three local Rotary Clubs, a donation of £250 from each has been received towards the purchase price of £1500 for a picture by local artist Geoff Butterworth entitled "Virgin Snow - Christmas at Towneley which is to be the Hall's Christmas card this year. We shall have one for you to see as soon as they are in print.

Your invitation to the Preview of an Exhibition of this artist's work to be held in the Hall during early September is enclosed.

SPECIAL EVENTS

IN THE HALL

Madam Butterfly

Sunday, August 8th

Die Fledermaus

Sunday, October 24th

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

Heritage Weekend

September 10th/12th

Free guided tours of the Hall and children's activities

Prehistoric Art

31st July/2nd September

Geoff Butterworth

The People, The Place

September 4th - 30th

A Picture of Burnley

September 19th/October 17th

Pippa Pixley

October 2nd - 31st



THE TOWNELEY HALL SOCIETY

August 2010 Newsletter

Patron

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

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

Dear Member

Annual General Meeting

A copy of the Minutes is enclosed and a copy of the Accopunts is available upon request. You will see that Irene Birchenough's resignation from the Committee after many years service was accepted and it was unanimously agreed to offer Honorary Membership to a lady who has been a Society stalwart. Irene will continue to assist with refreshments. New Committee member Michael Hewitt is a welcome addition to the team.

Subscriptions

Thanks to members who paid promptly. For those who may have overlooked their membership renewal a form is enclosed. Life membership is now offered at £175, and information with regard to payment by standing order is available from our Treasurer Peter Woodhead (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 are always welcome. Contact me (Rita Walsh 01282 426063). Remember that non-members are welcome to attend meetings (a £2 cover charge applies).

Treasure Hunt

In a change to our usual programme, for our Autumn outing this year we have on offer of a gentle stroll around Whalley (you won't need your hiking boots for this) with just a few questions to test your powers of observation followed by an excellent supper at the Abbey. Meat and potato or cheese and onion pie with peas will be served and drinks are available from the bar. The date is Tuesday, August 17th, and registration is from 6.45 p.m. We expect to eat around 9 p.m. Parking is available on the Abbey car park through the archway and just at the top of the steps facing is where you sign in (I will be there to meet you). The cost is £6.50 per person and a booking form is enclosed. Do come to what promises to be an enjoyable social occasion. Bring your own team (friends are welcome) or join up with other members. Ladies, the route takes us right past Maureen Cooksons!!

Heritage and Woodland Festival

On Sunday, September 12th during the Heritage weekend, our Society will have a couple of stalls in the marquee at the rear of the Hall. We shall be selling books, CDs, DVDs and videos and have a bran tub and name game for the children. Your donations would be welcome, as would offers of help

on the stall, or selling raffle tickets in the park. The Festival runs from around 12 noon to 4 p.m. Contact me to volunteer (426063)

Pleasington Priory

Forty members and friends enjoyed our visit to this Church which is of great historical significance to East Lancashire. Roger Frost again impressed us with information about the area and the benefactors who funded the building of this Church. Stephen Child, who recently published a book about the Priory was a very able guide and the weather was fine enough for us to walk around the graveyard.

Heritage Comedy Night & Hog Roast

It was good to see so many of our members supporting this event organised by the Rotary Clubs in partnership with the Towneley Hall Society led by Colin Sanderson. As part of the celebratory weekend marking the completion of the Lottery project this was a triumph and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Over 300 tickets were sold and the Society received a cut of £1020. Several of our members enjoyed being "hands on" with the banners which were carried in the Grand Parade through the park on the Sunday which culminated in a Huge Tea Party for the children.