

Woodland Festival

Your unwanted books, compact discs and DVD's are welcome for our stall on Sunday, September 11th. Items can be collected upon request. In addition we shall be having the usual raffle and a children's game. If you can offer to help, even just for an hour or so, please let me know. The weather hasn't always been kind, but fingers crossed that this year it will be fine and sunny.

Mobility Buggies

In response to a request from The Friends of Towneley Park for help with the purchase of two buggies, your committee agreed to give a donation of £1000. This was very much appreciated by the Friends. These buggies are now in operation and many disabled people and those who have difficulty in walking have had the opportunity of joining their families and friends in enjoying the park.

Free Concert

Don't forget that the award winning Besses o' the Barn Band perform on the lawned area at the rear of the Hall on Sunday, June 19th.

Heritage Opera

Bookings are now being taken for the world premiere performance of "Mansfield Park" in the Regency Room at Towneley Hall on Monday and Tuesday evenings, August 1st/2nd Contact 0843 208 0500.

The 2011/12 Committee is:

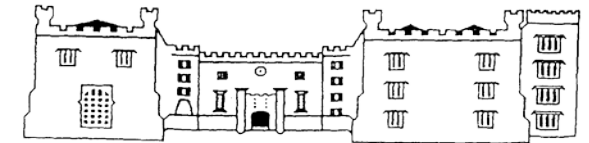
President	Colin Sanderson
Chairman	Tony Mitchell
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Treasurer	Peter Woodhead

Members:

Louise Chesbrough
John Hagan
Michael Hewitt
Pauline Roberts
Cynthia Sanderson

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)

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THE TOWNELEY HALL SOCIETY

June 2011 Newsletter

Patron

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

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Dear All

Annual General Meeting

A copy of the Minutes is enclosed and you will see that Audrey Hall's resignation from the Committee due to mobility problems was accepted. The Committee extends a welcome to Louise Chesbrough, who is also a member of the Friends of Towneley Park and will be able to liaise between our two organisations in areas where mutual support would be useful.

Subscriptions

Thanks to members who paid promptly. For those who may have overlooked their membership renewal a 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).

Meeting Time

The proposal to change the time of meetings to 1.30 p.m. was unanimously approved at the A.G.M. and seems to have been accepted by members in a positive way. I know that for many of us walking the path to and from the Hall on dark evenings was not something to look forward to and members may be more inclined to turn out for meetings in daylight hours.

Lower Heugh Cottage Garden

On June 20th, we have booked a visit to this Open Garden at Eastby, Skipton, which is laid out in the Japanese style. A conducted tour, followed by home-made refreshments is on offer at a cost of £5.50 per person.

Make your own way there. A booking form is enclosed and places are limited, so please book as soon as you can. Thank you to Louise for suggesting this outing.

St James Church, Altham Hall and Altham Mill

I am thrilled to report that I have been able to persuade Roger Frost to accompany us on our August outing to this ancient Church which was founded in 1140 and formerly dedicated to St Mary. As usual, Roger will set the scene for us with a little about the history of the Church, Altham Hall and the Mill and then the vicar, Reverend John Tranter will take us on a guided tour which will include, weather permitting, a look at some of the interesting graves in the Churchyard. Thence a short walk to Altham Mill, built in the earliest days of the Industrial Revolution as a corn mill, then adapted to the textile industry and now a carpentry and woodworking business. This is the oldest surviving Mill in our area, still in use, with a surrounding industrial community.

Our visit is planned for Monday, August 15th and we meet at the Church for a 2.00 p.m. start. Parking advice is to use the main road between the Church and the Walton Arms. Light refreshments will be served in Church at the conclusion of our Tour. Your booking form is included but need not be returned to me until the end of July.

Programme

Your new programme will be forwarded in early August, but for those who keep strict diaries, it might be useful to note the meeting dates, which are as follows:

2011	12 Sept	10 Oct	14 Nov	12 Dec
2012	9 Jan	13 Feb	12 Mar	16 Apr
			14 May	(AGM)

Past Events

The Ultra Secret presented by Mike Challen, who was an Intelligence Officer based at Bletchley Park throughout World War II followed the AGM. It seems I made a big mistake being away on holiday as I'm told it was riveting. Apparently, Mike has another illustrated talk entitled "War at Sea" so I'll be in touch with him soon to agree a date!

Thanks to Mike and Sylvia Hewitt, our recent Treasure Hunt was again a great night out attended by 37 members and friends. Following a cold rainy day, the evening was chilly, but dry and we all enjoyed exploring the delightful village of Pendleton. Our Treasurer, Peter won first prize in the raffle and was thrilled to accept a large bottle of Grouse whisky. Supper was delicious - full marks to Whalley Abbey.