

A new Art Gallery picture guide book has been produced by Vanessa (our shared Keeper of Art) who is working on new exhibitions for the re-opened Watercolour Gallery.

Many exciting Exhibitions are being planned for 2012/13 including a major Sculpture Exhibition.

The Concert in the Park on the 13th of August was a huge success and brought top line acts into Burnley to the delight of many young people and family groups who attended. Despite one or two hiccups, the organisation was praised by the promoters and the local police, and hopefully this is set to become an annual event.

The annual Burnley Business awards saw Towneley Hall hosting four hundred business people in a large marquee on the lawn at the back of the Hall. A prestigious event which brought credit to all involved.

A Christmas Gift Fair being organised by the East Lancashire Newspaper group for Sunday, December 4th of December is expected to attract around 3000/5000 visitors.

The Christmas trees for the Charity Tree Festival will be decorated on Friday, December 2nd and our Society will again take ownership of the second tree in the Great Hall.

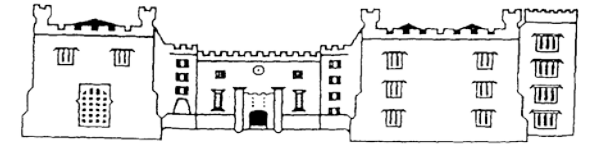
Past Events

Our conducted tour of Lower Heugh Cottage Garden at Eastby, which is laid out in the Japanese style was breathtaking. Who would have imagined what awaited us as we went through the side door and out into a series of gardens, each of which had a story. Wow! By the way, the home-made cakes were good too!

A fine, dry day was the icing on the cake for our August visit to St James Church at Altham in the company of our good friend, historian Roger Frost. As usual, Roger set the scene for us with a little about the history of the area and then the vicar, Reverend John Tranter, an enthusiastic and engaging character took us on a guided tour of the Church, which contained so many items of interest. A look at some of the interesting graves in the Churchyard followed, then a short walk to Altham Mill, surrounded by its former workers' cottages, completed our day out.

Thanks again to Roger for a great outing.

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THE TOWNELEY HALL SOCIETY

September 2011 Newsletter

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Dear All

Programme

Your new programme is enclosed, unless you already received one from me during our visit to Altham, where I handed them out. I hope you find what is on offer to be interesting and that our change of time turns out to be favourable, as it seems to be up to now.

Parking

You may expect to be met at the Hall Car Park on Monday, September 12th from around 1.15 p.m. Then you will be handed a parking pass for that car park and Riverside Car park which will cover all our meeting dates. If you do not attend this first meeting, then please contact me (01282 426063/07946503000 and I will make sure you have a pass for the meeting you propose to attend.

May I request all members to be patient as we find out how this new meeting time will work. If you are unable to find a space, or have a problem with a parking pass, then please come to the Shop and give us an opportunity to sort things out for you. Ken Darwen (Hall Manager) has fully briefed all the staff, and has even swapped his day off in order to be there at the first meeting. Thank you Ken.

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, if 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.

Fun Quiz Night

Are you up to the challenge? Teams of no more than five are invited to come along on Tuesday, September 27th at 7.30 p.m. and test their knowledge in what promises to be an amicable battle of wits between friends. Even if you can't answer the questions you are guaranteed to enjoy the pie and pea supper. Tickets are now available at a cost of £5 each and the friends you bring will receive a warm welcome.

Your booking form is enclosed. Win the Quiz, win a raffle prize - who knows? Triumphalism will be discouraged!

News from the Hall

I'm sure that many of you have been watching 'Antique Master' on BBC2 Monday nights at 8.30 p.m. Mike Townend, Senior Curator, has set up an "Antique Master Trail" around the Hall, using some items from the Collection. Visitors are asked to guess the age of these objects. There is now also a small display of production photographs of the Hall as it is when being used as a TV Studio.

Curtains and blinds paid for by our Society are now installed in the bedrooms off the Long Gallery. Take a look when you can - it's a great improvement.

Two new members have joined the guide/attendant team in July. Leteesha and Neesha are both at Towneley Hall on an 18-month funded museum placement scheme: no cost to the Hall or to Burnley Borough Council. They are to focus on customer service skills and have been given the scooter hire project to look after amongst other duties. Having two extra staff members has enabled the Local Craft Museum to be open every day during the summer school holidays.

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FUN QUIZ NIGHT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH AT 7.30 p.m.

I would like to order tickets at £5 each

Includes meat/potato or cheese/onion
pie and peas.

GUESTS ARE WELCOME

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