

Dear All,

### Programme

I hope you find that the programme for 2018-19 offers both variety and interest. Outings and talks suggested by members are included as always and please do keep them coming. A reminder that non-members are encouraged to come on our trips and to attend events and also the monthly meetings (to which a £2 cover charge applies, deductible if an annual subscription is subsequently paid). Your membership card allows you and a guest access to the Hall free of charge.

### Our President Tony Mitchell writes:

Reluctantly, at the AGM, we accepted the resignation of our Chairman Pauline Roberts. Pauline had decided to stand down after holding the post for three years. During that time, she worked tirelessly and meticulously for the good of The Society and the furtherance of our aims. Pauline remains an active member of The Society and a volunteer in The Hall and we are grateful for her contribution.

### The Annual General Meeting

It was "all change" on May 14th when Pauline Roberts resigned as Chairman after a three-year term of office. Thank goodness Tony Mitchell and Peter Woodhead remained as President and Treasurer, respectively! A high level of computer literacy is required in order to comply with the new data protection act, so Sandra Thompson became Membership Secretary and will continue to organize our July Garden Visit. Sheila Williams is our new Committee Secretary. Michael will plan the Society's two popular annual events, the Treasure Hunt and the Fun Quiz.

Peggy Green will head up the meeting refreshments team. Paulene Woodhead remains as our Webmaster and social media editor. I write this newsletter as Chairman and will continue to compile the programme and organize events and outings. We are a busy bunch who would be only too pleased to welcome another Committee member should anyone feel like having a go. Please speak to me or any of the others above.

### Subscriptions

Those members who have paid should by now have a membership card and a copy of the new Programme. New members please make sure you also have a parking pass which covers parking in front of the Hall, or at Barwise, and Riverside car parks, free of charge for the duration of any meeting or event linked to the Towneley Hall Society, provided you are displaying your pass. Existing members will find that their passes run out at the end of the year when they will be replaced.

### Lancaster Castle

There are a couple of seats still available for this outing on Monday, August 13th. The coach will leave Riverside Car Park at 10.00 a.m. to arrive in time for our conducted tour of the Castle at 11.30 a.m. Please contact me if you are interested. The price is £20 inclusive of coach and tour.

### Who does What at Towneley?

Come to the September meeting at the Hall and find out what goes on at Towneley Hall and who does it. I am looking forward to a very interesting afternoon. Please book if you wish to stay for the Afternoon Tea which follows. A £5 charge applies.

### Browsholme Hall.

A date for your diary! We're off to Browsholme Hall in the Ribbles Valley on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> for a tour starting at 2.00 p.m. followed by light refreshments. £12 inclusive. Make your own way there or contact me if you need a lift.

### Eddy Rawlinson Photographs

You may have seen the recent Exhibition featuring black and white photographs of local views by well-known Cliviger resident and former professional newspaper photographer, Eddy Rawlinson, who has kindly donated these framed pictures to the Towneley Hall Society.

At the September 10th meeting, they will be on display priced at £25 each. Peggy Green will be on hand to help with viewings and purchases.

### Fundraising stalls

May Day Bank Holiday Monday was our first opportunity this year to have our stalls up and running and super weather meant a super result of £395. Spring Bank Holiday Monday was no disappointment either with a very handy £271 raised. Stalls at the Classic Car Show brought in a super £320. A big thank you goes to all who helped in any way.

August 27th is the next date in the diary and we desperately need help in setting up. All the books and bric-a-brac has to be brought out of our cupboard in the Lecture Theatre. It can be heavy work although we do have the use of a trolley. Volunteers to help would be very much appreciated. We are always happy to accept books, especially children's, portable bric-a-brac and tombola and raffle prizes for adults and children. The Woodland Festival is on September 9th and if we are lucky with the weather, this is potentially a massive fundraiser for us.

## Past Events

Stuart James presented "Transports of Delight" following the Annual General Meeting and it went down a storm. Even now, I flinch when I think about that train teetering over the bridge. What an excellent finish to last year's programme!

The annual Treasure Hunt took us towards the Rossendale Valley on a very scenic route. The clues were as mystifying as usual, but the pleasant weather ensured that everyone arrived back at Greenbank Bowling Club in high spirits after exploring Rawtenstall high street with its interesting variety of independent shops. The hamper was won by Sharon Hall and her team, and the supper was enjoyed by all. Thank you, Michael, - see you at the Quiz Afternoon!

All went well on our visit to Arley Hall which began with a tour of the Hall, followed by free time to take a woodland walk, explore the award-winning gardens, which were still magnificent despite the ongoing heatwave. We enjoyed lovely refreshments at the Gardener's Kitchen café and were able to buy plants at the shop. A great day out - thank you Sandra for organising once again.

## News from the Hall

The Events Car Park (part-funded by the Society) has been in use several times recently, to accommodate cars linked to weddings at the Hall.

A busy summer season with two popular Exhibitions in the Hall, '**End of the Line**' which features photographs and memorabilia from the Railway Steam age (it's 50 years since steam powered trains ran on British Rail mainline) and '**Book Illustrations**', a selection from the Hardcastle collection purchased for the Hall in 1927. Both Exhibitions continue until September 30th.

Eric Knowles visited recently to confirm that he will be involved with the '**Evelyne de Morgan Paintings Exhibition**' in 2019 and also on the major '**Moorcroft Pottery Exhibition**' planned for 2020.

Mike Townend's art workbook for children visiting the Art Gallery has been printed and is now in use.

A new Assistant Curator is to be appointed by the end of this month.

The civic heads of Lancashire, 36 mayors plus their partners recently enjoyed a Tour of the Hall and Lunch.

The Decorative Arts Room (Pilkington Royal Lancastrian Pottery collection) can once again be accessed from the Jacobean Staircase. The Servants Hall is traversable once again. Both areas have been cordoned off recently due to minor ceiling collapses.



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### **Patron**

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