Towneley Hall historic house, art gallery and museum, located in 400 acres of beautiful parkland, provides all the ingredients for a fun, adventurous and educational day out.

The magnificent hall, which dates from the 14th Century, contains fine period rooms decorated with oil paintings and sculptures.

The museum houses an eclectic collection including an Egyptian mummy, the Whalley Abbey vestments, Lancashire-made oak furniture, Pilkington Pottery and the Towneley Bear! Children will enjoy following the wooden mouse trail.

The art gallery boasts a spectacular collection of oil paintings including works by Sir Lawrence Alma Tadema, John William Waterhouse and Johan Zoffany. A programme of exhibitions in the galleries cover a wide range of arts and crafts. There is always something new to see.

Visitors can explore life “below stairs” in the Victorian kitchen, servant’s bedroom and discover the hidden Priest’s Hole.

The Stables cafe is close to the hall and provides a range of refreshments from light bites to full meals.

New Galleries

Decorative Arts Gallery - A stunning new display of 20th Century ceramics and studio pottery.

The Sanderson Gallery - This new gallery will host a program of exciting exhibitions and displays throughout the year.
William De Morgan
Sublime Symmetry
Exhibition 5th March–5th June 2016.

The De Morgan Collection and the De Morgan Foundation

The De Morgan Collection features work by Arts and Crafts ceramicist William De Morgan and his artist wife Evelyn Pickering De Morgan. They were both highly esteemed in their fields. The De Morgan Collection was formed by William De Morgan’s sister-in-law, Mrs Wilhelmina Stirling, who provided public access to the works at her home, Old Battersea House in London. After her death in 1965, the De Morgan Foundation was established to care for the collection. The Foundation’s drawing and manuscripts archive can be viewed by appointment. Access to the De Morgan Collection is provided through a programme of national and international exhibitions and loans.

William De Morgan

William De Morgan is considered to be the most important ceramicist of the Arts and Crafts Movement. He began his artistic career working alongside William Morris and Edward Burne-Jones before opening his own pottery studio in 1872. De Morgan’s experiments in ceramic glazes led him to rediscover the lost art of lustre decoration and he excelled at reproducing the brilliant colours associated with Islamic pottery, particularly the bright turquoise which features prominently in his ceramic work. De Morgan was especially inspired by Isnik work of the 16th Century and was responsible for installing and repairing the magnificent Arab Hall at Leighton House (Royal Borough of Kensington).

De Morgan worked primarily as a ceramic designer and had a substantial staff of decorators. During his career he worked on a range of commissions from stately homes to the Czar of Russia’s yacht, and his tiles decorated the public rooms and corridors of several P&O liners. He was a colourful character and many of his intricate designs demonstrate his invention and humour. However, his head for invention rather overtook his business sense and he struggled to make a financial success of the pottery.
Runs until 12th February
**Great British Watercolours**
A collection of watercolour paintings from Towneley Hall’s collection including work by David Cox, Frederick Walker, Myles Birket Foster and Francis Towne.

17th January-21st February
**Generation Tour: The Tree, The Caterpillar and the Butterfly**
The third travelling exhibition from Generation. This time visitors enter an interactive ‘garden’ inspired by nature and technology. Supported by Arts Council England (ACE) and the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

26th February-20th November
**Studio Pottery**
A display of the collections from Towneley as well as loans from the family of renowned local potter, Derek Clarkson.

13th-28th February
**Padiham Camera Club**
Annual exhibition of members’ work.

5th March-5th June
**Sublime Symmetry**
The Sublime Symmetry exhibition showcases the work of William De Morgan, the celebrated Victorian Arts and Crafts designer. The exhibition presents over 80 magnificent works, including ceramics from the De Morgan Collection and his designs on paper on loan from the V&A. The pieces have all been chosen to demonstrate the mathematical concepts which are the basis for his beautiful and colourful ceramic designs.

Children and whole families will be able to explore the patterns, shapes and symmetry in De Morgan’s elaborately decorated tiles and pots. Making learning maths fun, there will be interactive games and a family trail that can be enjoyed by budding mathematicians young and old. The exhibition is supported by an exciting schools programme and teacher information pack aimed at Key Stage 2.

Entry to the family friendly exhibition is either free or included within the standard admission price at each venue.
12th March-20th November
**Pilkington's Royal Lancastrian Pottery**
Towneley has one of the largest collections in the country and this exhibition will show all the collection in rotation.

7th June-3rd July
**Burnley College Furniture**
Traditional and quirky designs from young and mature college students.

8th-26th June
**Burnley Camera Club**
Annual exhibition of members’ work.

9th July-21st August
**Eastern Fashion Design**
Work by Eastern fashion students from the University of Central Lancashire, Burnley campus.

9th July-25th September
**Generation Tour: Musical Chairs**
The final travelling exhibition from Generation. A different slant on the game where artists use craft, design and technology to create new ways of communicating. Supported by ACE and the HLF.

2nd July-30th October
**The King of the Cats**
Four visual artists and a storyteller respond to Lancashire folktales through the mediums of sculpture, painting, ceramics, film, sound and installation. Supported by ACE and the HLF.

5th November- 5th February 2017
**St Mary’s Heritage Year, 2016**
St Mary’s Church, Newchurch in Pendle concludes its heritage year with an exhibition of work by pupils from Roughlee and St Mary’s primary school based on the renowned local artist Noel H Leaver, who is buried in the churchyard. The children’s work complements a selection of Leaver’s work from the collection at Towneley. Supported by the HLF.
**February**

**Feb 14th**

**Wedding Fair**  
by Little White Wedding Books  
FREE entry to the hall and fair. Bridal gown shows in the stunning art gallery in the afternoon. 12-4.30pm

**Feb 20th**

**Origami Paper Folding Workshop**  
FREE fun for all the family, 1-4pm.

**March 6th**

**Mothers’ Day Tea Room**  
Treat your mum to afternoon tea in the historic setting of the servants’ dining room at Towneley Hall and then have a look around the period rooms and galleries. 12-4.30pm.

**25th–28th March**

**Easter Weekend**  
During the Easter weekend the friends of Towneley Park are planning an Easter Egg trail and hunt in the grounds of the park. Call 01282 432423 for details.

**March 28th, Easter Monday**

**Origami Paper Folding Workshop**  
FREE fun for all the family, 1-4pm

**March the 31st 2016**

**An Evening with Actress Alice Barry**  
Charity fundraiser for the Christie hospital and Towneley Hall Society. A light hearted look at the world of actress Alice Barry, star of the TV programme Shameless. £10pp incl tea and coffee. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. To book call 01282 477130.

**April 25th**

**The Towneley Hall Society celebrate HM the Queen’s 90th Birthday**  
Afternoon tea event in the Regency rooms at Towneley. For details and tickets please ring 01282 426063 - limited availability.

**May 1st & 2nd**

**May Day Funfair & Festival**  
plus origami paper folding workshop and tea rooms at the hall. Ring Andy Buck for details on 07971 033239.

**May 14th**

**Museums at Night**  
FREE pre-booked evening tour of Towneley Hall. Starts at 6pm. Call 01282 477130 to book. Limited availability.

**May 30th**

**Origami Paper Folding Workshop**  
FREE fun for all the family, 1-4pm
June 12th
Annual Band Concert
Featuring the award winning Stacksteads band. Enjoy an afternoon of music in the open air at Towneley Park. A free event for all the family.

June 26th
Towneley Park Classic Car Show
Organised by the Rotary Club of Burnley and Burnley Council. For details call 01282 477130 or visit: burnleyclassicvehicleshow.org

September 9th,10th & 11th
Heritage Weekend
FREE entry into the hall noon until 5pm. FREE tours of the hall at regular intervals throughout the afternoon with costumed staff and tea rooms. To book places on the tours please ring 01282 477130.

September 11th
Heritage & Woodland Festival Day
A great free day out for all the family. Exhibitions, displays, workshops, guided walks, re-enactments and costumed staff, tea rooms and craft and charity stalls. Noon–5pm, look out for posters or visit burnley.co.uk/events

October 2nd
Wedding Fair by Little White Wedding Books
FREE entry to the hall and fair. Bridal gown shows in the stunning art gallery in the afternoon. 12-4.30pm

October 24th–29th & 31st
Halloween Event/Attraction
TBC but please ring for details 01282 477130.

November 27th
Annual Christmas Craft Fair
Over 30 stalls selling handmade/crafted goods, with costumed staff, tea rooms and festive origami paper folding workshop. FREE entry into the hall and craft fair. A great afternoon for all the family.

December 11th
Santa Comes to Towneley
Organised by the Friends of the Park, follow the trail through the hall until you find Santa’s grotto. Pre-booked places only – a small charge will be made to cover the cost of the present. Call 01282 432423 for details.

December 13th
NSPCC Christmas Event
Details available in November. Call 01282 477130.

December 14th
Annual Christmas Carol Concert & Supper
Doors open 6.30pm. Concert starts 7pm, followed by festive supper. £18pp. To book call 01282 477130.
The society was formed in 1965 to help stimulate interest in the hall and to protect, preserve and enhance the amenities of the hall and gardens.

The society’s aims are just as important now as they were then.

The society meets monthly at the hall, from September to May, for a programme of lectures and films. Visits are arranged to other places of interest during the summer.

The programme also includes social events that help raise money to provide amenities and works of art for the hall.

New members are welcome along with volunteers and donations.

We also encourage and welcome volunteers to help support Towneley Park through the Friends of the Park group. Contact 01282 432423 for more details.
Join the Towneley Hall Society

Please return to either the shop desk at Towneley Hall or post to:

Rita Walsh (Hon) Secretary
The Towneley Hall Society
26 Langwyth Road
Burnley
BB10 3JX

To: The Towneley Hall Society

Please accept £15.00 per person for annual membership subscription for the year:
April 1st, _____ to March 31st, _____

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