

What's On

APRIL	
4,5,11,12	Pre-booked tours of the Hall – between 1pm & 4pm.
6,14,15	Meet the Cook & Housekeeper. Visit the Victorian Kitchen and learn about life belowstairs! 1pm – 4pm.
8	Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Hat Parade 1pm – 3.30pm. All children and families welcome.
MAY	
7	May Day Festival - please come and visit FOTP stall.
7	Walk & iPod Tour of the Grounds, 2pm – 4pm, meet outside the Hall shop. Ring 01282 432423 for details.
20	Race for Life – for further details ring 0871 641 1111.
JUNE	
	Himalayan Balsam Picking – Pick up a Project leaflet and see how you can help.
5	Towneley Hall Society, Queen's Diamond Jubilee Afternoon Tea Party, Fund Raising Event. Ring to book.
?	Welsh Pony Show – to be confirmed.
10	Small Holdings Nature Trail Walk with the Park Ranger 2pm – 4pm, meet at the Rotunda.
17	Brass Band Concert (Stacksteads Band) 2pm – 4pm.
JULY	
1	Classic Car Show – from 12 noon.
15	Walk & iPod Tour of the grounds, 2pm – 4pm, meet outside the Hall shop.
25	Pre booked tours of the Hall – between 1pm & 4pm.
AUGUST	
1, 8, 29	Pre booked tours of the Hall, between 1pm & 4pm.
4	Silk Painting Workshop 1pm – 4pm – Pre-book.
12	Walk & iPod Tour of the grounds 2pm – 4pm, meet outside the Hall shop.
	Origami and Illuminated Calligraphy Workshops on various dates, ring for details.

For Information & Bookings please ring Towneley Hall 01282 477130.

Where to Find Us

Towneley, Towneley Holmes, Burnley, BB11 3RQ

Friends of Towneley Park Meetings

Mon 26th March 1.30pm
 Thurs 17th May 10am
 Mon 23 July 10am
 Sat 13th October 2pm (AGM)



Useful Information

- **Friends of Towneley Park** contact
 Maureen Frankland on 01282 432423,
 Pat Colbran on 01282 426449
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www.fotp.btck.co.uk
- **Hall events or tickets** Many events are held in the Hall itself, leaflets can be picked up at the Hall's gift shop. Tel. 01282 477130
- **Springwood Nurseries** on 01282 832271
- **Towneley Garden Centre** on 01282 424162 or visit www.towneleygardencentre.co.uk
- **Offshoots** on 01282 450270 or visit www.offshoots.org.uk for more information.
- **Stephen Hastings** for sporting events on 01282 477232
- **Andy Buck** for park events & management on 01282 425011 or email abuck@burnley.gov.uk
- **The Rangers**, Graham Gavaghan 01282 831053
- **Keith Wilson** at the Forest of Burnley 01282 477432

For general information and leaflet downloads please visit www.towneley.org.uk

Hall Opening Times

Monday to Thursday:
12 noon – 5pm
 Fridays: **CLOSED**
 Saturday and Sunday:
12 noon – 5pm
FREE admission for Burnley residents
12mth Pass – £4 for non-Burnley residents

The Stables Cafe

Open from 10am daily.
 Call 01282 430111 for more information and for bookings.

The Rotunda refreshments

In Riverside car park, open every weekend, bank holiday and school holidays

STOP PRESS

Friends of Towneley Park are now a registered Charity, No.1144988

Enjoyed the spring flowers in the Italian Garden? The bulbs will be for sale after flowering, May/June keep a lookout for the poster giving the date and times.

Towneley Producers Fair – 2nd Sunday in the month 10am – 4pm

Congratulations to **Offshoots** on winning a Bronze Award for the 'Best Green Educational and Sustainability Awareness Project', do visit them.

Permaculture Design Certificate Course – contact Offshoots for information.

Towneley Live – September – to be confirmed.

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**Fitness For All
 Black Bees at Offshoots
 Bulbs in Bloom
 Ways to Enjoy the Park**



Thanks to Councillors, Brindle, Summer and Briggs who have sponsored our last three issues of Towneley news.

BLACK BEES AT OFFSHOOTS

Groundwork Pennine Lancashire's Permaculture Project, Offshoots, based at Towneley has secured funding of £100,000 by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the John Paul Getty Foundation to train 120 new apiarists to help protect a threatened species of bee. The Black Honey Bee is an indigenous honey bee species which was rendered virtually extinct a century ago by the Acarine mite, the outbreak being called the 'Isle of Wight disease'.

Following this outbreak, beekeepers replaced their empty hives with Italian or Carniolan honey bees which are less aggressive and more adaptive, but are ill-suited to the British weather.

Groundwork Pennine Lancashire intends to help remedy this locally, and establish new Black Honey Bee colonies in Burnley, a town they identified as being geographically ideal for the task. Burnley is situated in a valley with

high moorland edges which the drones and queens will not go beyond, so the populations can be effectively contained.

FOTP Gardening Club are working with Offshoots to help plant species of shrubs which will help these colonies develop. If you would like to be part of this project and would like to know more about the free beekeeping courses, please contact Lisa Griffin on 01282 450270 or lisa.griffin@groundwork.org.uk or visit the Offshoots site at www.offshoots.org.uk.



Opening of Woodgrove



Fitness equipment being used by Avenir trainees

FITNESS FOR ALL

Money obtained by The Friends of Towneley Park from the Big Lottery's "Awards for All" Fund has enabled a new Outdoor Fitness Area to be created in the new 'Woodgrove'.

The broad range of fitness equipment items are suitable for use by teenagers, families, fitness enthusiasts, and up to and over 60's, of all abilities and fitness. The equipment is specifically designed to tone, stretch and strengthen, to help the muscles and joints become flexible and to give a general feeling of well-being.

The equipment has also been designed for outdoor use as it is recognised that even small amounts of exercise taken in the fresh air are beneficial to peoples' health. Hopefully, it will encourage more of us to want a fitter and healthier lifestyle.

With being in the park, the equipment is easily accessible and is available during daylight hours, making it convenient for those who have limited time available.

The equipment is easy to use, but for those who have not used fitness equipment previously, there are instruction labels on each item.

We would like to say thank you to the Big Lottery for their support and funding, in allowing this new and innovative activity to become a reality, and to the staff of Green Spaces and Amenities for their assistance with the installation of the equipment.



BULBS IN BLOOM

For the fourth consecutive year, the Friends of Towneley Park (FOTP) have worked with local schools to plant bulbs in the park. In the springtime you should see the difference these have made.

Last year we managed to secure £500 funding from the Skipton Building Society to purchase 6000 bulbs. At the Heritage and Woodland Festival in September, we helped children to plant crocus and take them home as a treat. The FOTP Gardening Club then planted 2000 snowdrops and children from Brunshaw, Springfield, and St. Stephens School together with Unity and Sir John Thursby Colleges planted 4000 daffodil, crocus and bluebell bulbs in October.

The children had a great time, and Roger Leach (FOTP Vice Chair) made a video of the youngsters in action. They watched the worms wriggle, discovered the strength of roots, saw a frog camouflaged in the autumn grass and interviewed each other all while digging, planting, and returning the ground to its previous condition. We worked in pouring rain and sunshine, walked to and from the planting sites, wore gloves and used trowels, forks and spades. Everyone had a good time while working hard in the fresh air.

We hope you will visit the Smallholdings Trail to see the bulbs in bloom around each of the posts from March onwards. Lime Avenue should begin to have a white carpet of snowdrops in January/February in future years, Riverside car park should bloom with crocus in February, and daffodils from March onwards.

Thank you to FOTP, all the children and their teachers who took part, and the Park staff who also helped prepare the ground. We trust the children will remember the experience and be proud of Towneley Park as they grow into mature young people.



12 WAYS TO ENJOY THE PARK

1. Visit the Hall
2. Use the IPOD tour to hear about the history of the park
3. Have a go on the Fitness Equipment at Woodgrove
4. Be refreshed at the Stables Cafe or Rotunda
5. Borrow a free mobility scooter if you have walking difficulties
6. Let children enjoy the Riverside playground
7. Visit 'Towneley' or 'Springwood' Garden Centres
8. Learn all about Offshoots Permaculture Centre
9. Bring your lunch and sit at one of the many picnic tables
10. Walk round the Sculpture Trail, Smallholdings Trail, or through Thanet Lee Woods and don't miss the Italian Garden
11. Look out for wild life and a variety of flowers at different times of the year
12. Sport for all: Golf, football, tennis, cricket, bowling, cycling, horse riding, etc.

6 WAYS TO HELP IN THE PARK

1. Pick up any litter you see
2. Buy or sponsor a shrub in the gardens to commemorate a special event
3. Feed seed, not bread, to the ducks, and also the birds at Riverside
4. Keep dogs on a lead when on the golden gravel round the Hall area
5. Offer to help with the mobility scooters
6. Join the Friends of Towneley Park



FREE Mobility Scooters Available

Daily (except Friday)
Ring 01282 477130 to check availability or call at the shop for details.

