



# Chorley & Leyland News

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## Chorley Family History Research Centre's Work with Schools



Sheila Gibbons, the Centre Manager, along with a number of other volunteers, helped Year 6 children at Chorley St. Peter's C. E. Primary School to research soldiers from that parish killed in WW1. Volunteers are always needed for the Centre and its activities.

## Are you a Facebook or Twitter User?

So are Chorley Branch and the Chorley Family History Research Centre.  
See Chorley Branch on Twitter at @LFHHSChorley and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/lfhhschorleybranch>  
Chorley Family History Research Centre on Twitter at @LfhhsCfhr and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Chorley-Family-History-Research-Centre/569880976450064?ref=ts>  
Please like and follow us!!!

## Pedigrees

Pedigrees are now on the Society website and may be searched by Society members. Log into the Members Area, then to the Members Area Welcome Page. Any questions about submission or updating Pedigrees to David Bretherton, Pedigrees Coordinator at [pedigrees@lfhhs.org.uk](mailto:pedigrees@lfhhs.org.uk)

## Genuki

(From a post by Phil Stringer on the LFHHS Members' Forum)  
*The Genuki service is 20 years old, and is moving on to use DRUPAL, a widely-used Content Management System This should ease the task of the current GENUKI maintainers, and make for easier recruitment of additional people, e.g. those who have a knowledge of family history, but who have little experience of web page creation. The GENUKI site will be converted in stages. The main page now has a login facility - this is just for use by the maintainers. Access to GENUKI is, and will remain, as open and free as ever.*

## Blackpool Memories?

Blackpool Council is developing a museum that will tell the story of Blackpool as the first working class seaside holiday resort in the world.

From the Project Team:  
*'As well as telling the big stories about the Tower, Illuminations and its many theatres we would like to feature people's stories about growing up in and coming to Blackpool on their holidays. Have you ridden a rollercoaster, danced on the piers, eaten fish and chips on the promenade? The Museum project team want to collect your memories to help bring these stories to life and begin an archive of holidaymakers' memories.*

*How did you travel there?  
Where did you stay?  
What did you do?  
We are interested in hearing from people who have visited Blackpool up until the 1990s, whether you visited every year or have only been once.*

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## Opening Times:

Mon, Wed and Fri  
10.00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday  
12 noon  
Closed at 4.00 p.m. on all above days.  
Last appointment  
3.00 p.m.  
Booking advisable

**LFHHS Resource & Research Centre, 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle BB5 3LU**

**01254 239919**

**Open every Thurs and 1<sup>st</sup> Sat in each month, 1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

## What's On

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June & each Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday until June 28<sup>th</sup>**, Chorley Schools History Network Festubert Exhibition, 12 noon – 3.30 p.m. Gallery & Chorley Family History Research Centre, Astley Hall Farmhouse.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June until end of August**, Chorley and WW1 Exhibition, 12 noon – 3.30 p.m. Chorley Heritage Centre, Upper Room, Astley Hall Farmhouse.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June**, York Family History Fair, 10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m., Knavesmire Exhibition Centre, York Racecourse YO23 1EX

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**, Community Archives and Heritage Group's National Conference. Dept. of Information Studies, Roberts' Building, Bloomsbury Campus, University College, London. Speaker Michael Wood, University of Manchester. For more info, and to book a free place:

[www.communityarchives.org.uk](http://www.communityarchives.org.uk)

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August**, Branch out visit to Horwich Heritage Centre – details to follow, but please note date.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.**, Society Lunch at Waddow Hall, Clitheroe. Hosted by Ribble Valley Branch. Day includes lunch, speaker, tour of hall, bar, lounge, riverside garden walk and Girl Guide heritage display.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September/Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September** (preliminary notice) Meet the Experts at Astley Hall Farmhouse Gallery/Astley Hall Coach House.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September** – LFHHS Family History Fair, King George's Hall, Blackburn.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Irish Conference at Oswaldtwistle.

## What's New

### **New resources on findmypast include:**

Dublin workhouse registers and Board of Guardians' minute books

Additional Nottinghamshire baptisms and burials

British and Irish newspaper articles

Australian Northern Territory BMD indexes

Merchant Navy crew lists

### **Snippets from Steve Williams:**

#### **Would you like to know at which church your ancestors married?**

If your ancestors were married in a Church, the Lancashire BMD results page tells you which church. See if the marriage register images or transcriptions are available by: -

Checking the holdings at LFHHS Family History Research Centres at Chorley or Oswaldtwistle or go to Ancestry, FamilySearch, and local Online Parish Clerks, FreeREG or other genealogical websites.

#### **Jewish Research**

Because Judaism has been described as a religion, race, culture and nation, the Jewish people are like one big, extended family — making Jewish genealogy quite popular. Due to the large number of people who are studying their Jewish ancestry, there are many fantastic Jewish genealogy resources available on and offline to help you fill in your family tree with some newly discovered family stories.

<http://crestleaf.com/blog/jewish-genealogy-100-resources-jewish-ancestry-research>

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### **Tonight's branch meeting**

We welcome this evening's speaker, Jim Burns, and look forward to hearing about Whit Walks in and around Manchester.

Next month, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30 p.m., please note that we are not meeting at Chorley Library, but at Astley Hall Coach House where we shall have our traditional "glass of wine and strawberries and cream" evening. Our speaker Adrian Worrall makes a return visit to the branch with "Pirates – Who were they and how did they live?"