



Chorley & Leyland News

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Return Visit



Recent visitors to the LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre were father and daughter, Craig and Kylie Harrison, from New South Wales, Australia. On their previous trip in July 2015, Craig and Kylie visited the Centre. On that occasion, they were researching the Briggs family who had farmed on the Brinscall moors. By dint of volunteers' local knowledge and contacts, Craig and Kylie met distant cousins in Brinscall. This was an emotional experience for all of them, and an opportunity to share family stories from the present and the past. The visit was so successful that the Harrisons "couldn't stay away". This time they visited their Brinscall relatives and met yet another cousin. Once again, Craig and Kylie appreciated the help of the volunteers who were on duty, and spent a morning in discussion at the Centre. There is more local research to be done, and we hope that our friends at the Blackburn and Darwen branch will be able to help the Harrisons with research related to Lower Darwen.

Could you offer your help to the Society at family history fairs? To find out more contact Stephen Ward
Tel: 01204-650348 (evenings) or
Email :
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Branch Meetings

This evening's meeting is a little different, and we look forward to having short family history talks provided by some of our members. Thank you to all who have volunteered to share their stories with us this evening.

Next month, on Tuesday 15th November, John Dalton will be with us to talk about The Parish Register Society. The Society was formed in 1898, and has many registers that can be used for research.

Scotlandspeople Website

The Scotlandspeople website, www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk, has been redesigned. In the past, there have been complaints that the site was not always user friendly. Hopefully, the revamp has addressed some of these issues.

Previous searches, preferences, account details etc. are all drawn together in "My Account". Prices have increased a little, with, for instance, 30 credits now costing £7.50, and the viewing of images requiring 6 credits rather than 5.

The data available on line is constantly being upgraded, and for anyone researching Scottish ancestors, the website is an essential tool.

"First Steps" Course

Do you know someone who has always meant to find out more about their family history? Members and non members can sign up for Chorley branch's courses. Our 10 evening "First Steps" family history course begins on Friday 27th January and costs only £40. Already, places are filling. Tel: 07730793990 to book a place.

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Opening Times:

Mon, Wed and Fri

10.00 a.m.

2nd and 3rd Saturday

12 noon

Closed at 4.00 p.m. on

all above days.

Last appointment

3.00 p.m.

To avoid a wasted journey, please book an appointment.

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Research Centre,

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Oswaldtwistle

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Open every Thurs and

1st Sat in each month,

1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

What's On

From Wednesday 19th October, 12 noon – 3.30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays – “The History of Chorley in Lancashire”. Chorley Heritage Centre, Upper Gallery, Astley Hall Farmhouse.

Sunday 30th and Monday 31st October, 5.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. “Ghastly Astley Night Tours” of Astley Hall. £5 per head, with booking essential. Email: Astley.hall@chorley.gov.uk

Monday 31st October, 12 noon – 4.00 p.m., “Ghastly Astley Hallowe’en Fun” at Astley Hall. Free admission. Come to Astley Hall in Hallowe’en costume and meet some creepy characters from the Hall’s past.

Saturday 5th November - Fylde History Network Conference on Tudor Lancashire – “Disputes and Debates”. United Reform Church Hall, St George’s Rd St Anne’s FY8 2AE. Cost £21

Saturday 12th November - Huddersfield and District Family History Society Family and Local History Fair, Cathedral House, St. Thomas Road, Huddersfield HD1 3LG. 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. Admission £2.50. Accompanied children under 16 free.

Saturday 12th November, 11.00 a.m. – 3 p.m., Catholic FHS (NW Region) Meeting, Fulwood Methodist Church, Watling Street Road, Preston PR2 8BA. Cost £20. Details from D. Heneghan, 15 Maveen Court, Edmonton Rd., Woodsmoor, Stockport, SK2 7BG Tel: 0161 483 7372 Email: dmheneghan@gmail.com

Sunday 27th November, 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. – come and celebrate Lancashire Day at Astley Hall, its Coach House and Farmhouse. Organised by representatives from Astley Hall, Chorley Family Research Centre and Chorley Heritage Centre, the day will include all things Lancastrian – food, dialect poetry, song, dance, exhibitions, book sales, Lancashire records, perhaps even a witch or two! Admission is free.

Friday 2nd December at 7.00 p.m. – “A Lancashire Christmas”, a talk by Alan Crosby, at Lancashire Archives, £10 including buffet. Places are limited and booking is essential.

Email record.office@lancashire.gov.uk, or telephone 01772 533039, or ask in person at Lancashire Archives. Once a place has been reserved payment must be made no later than 25th November by BACS (see below for details) or by cheque (payable to Friends of Lancashire Archives and sent to Family History Workshop, Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, PRESTON PR1 2RE). For BACS payments please use the following details:

Sort Code: 16-28-33 Account number 11771886. Please ensure that you give your surname as reference.

Notices

The last day to visit the LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre before Christmas is Friday 16th December. The Centre re-opens after the holiday on Monday 16th January.

LFHHS subscriptions are due by January 2017. Details are available in the Journal or on the Society website. Please encourage any relatives or friends who are interested in family history to join. Subscriptions range from £12 for Pensioners to £16 for Overseas members – a modest price to pay for an annual subscription.

During October, the Certificate Service at Lancashire Archives is closed on Mondays. If you are planning a visit, it’s probably wise to check when the service is available.

The photographing of gravestones in Chorley Cemetery continues to be done by Chorley branch volunteers. If you’d like to know more, please have a word with Sheila Gibbons who is co-ordinating the project.